



Olympia South Elementary School Newsletter

December - 2006

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DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 4 PTO MEETING – LIBRARY, 6:30 PM
- 13 OHS Chamber Choir, 10:15, Gymnasium
- 16 Market Day Pick-up, 9 to 10 am, Cafeteria
- 21 6th Grade Band Performance, 9:00 – 9:20am, Gym
- 22 Olympia South Sing Along, 10:00am, Gymnasium
- 23 Start of Winter Break

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- 7 End of Winter Break
- 8 School Resumes

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PROGRAMS – Jane Richter, the elementary music teacher and Marty Abbott will direct the students for two in-school Christmas Music Programs. The 6th grade band will perform a 20-minute concert on Thursday, December 21 at 9:00 am, and on Friday, December 22 at 10:00 am, Mrs. Richter will lead the students in singing holiday songs to ring in the Christmas Season. Families, grandparents and community members are invited to attend either or both of these joyous seasonal programs.



RACING INTO READING (ILLINOIS FAMILY READING NIGHT)

Two local racecar drivers, Jason Feger and Donny Walden, raced into Olympia South on Thursday night to share their racing experiences. What a wonderful night all about racing and reading that was kicked off with students meeting reading goals and earning paper racecars. These cars were put on the wall to create a racetrack beginning at the start line and finishing with the checkered flag. What an accomplishment! The racecar drivers talked with over eighty people about crashes, their uniforms, and their racing dreams. They made it special by giving everyone their autographed driver cards.



The next lap continued down the track to pit stops one and two. The fans were entertained with books written by Craig Elliott called “Racing Buddies.” These books drove home the excitement of racing and reading to the families present.



The last lap came with one final pit stop to fuel up with food and a good book to take across the finish line. Thank you to all the families that helped make the night so special. By participating you all crossed the finish line and entered VICTORY LANE!

Planned and directed by: Jamie O’Grady & Rosemary Rizzolo



Market Day - First we want to THANK those who helped with Market Day pickup in November.

- ❖ (Mark Nicholas, Jared Nicholas, Michelle Maris, Penny King, Erica King, Laura O’Donnell, Becky Schmidt, Logan Byrd, Calvin Byrd)
 - Remember.... A \$10 Market Day gift certificate will be awarded to anyone who works 4 Market Day events during the 2006-2007 school year.
- ❖ The McLean Methodist Church Sunday School Group earned \$50 for helping with Market Day Pickup. Thanks Linda Hawker, Mike Hawker, Logan Hawker, Rachel Hawker, Angie Davis, Sheila Adams, Lynn Adams, Penny Darnall, Zach Darnall
 - Any non-profit group with 5 members who assist with Market Day pickup will receive \$50 for helping. (Minimum 3 adults)

November Sales were \$5,950.61 with a profit of \$1198.26. Way to go and a big THANK YOU to everyone who ordered pies and Market Day!!!!

November Winners (Congratulations!!!)

- ❖ (Market Day Pot Roast, Corn & Cookie Dough)
 - Regina Hinch
- ❖ Oly South Staff - Meatballs, chili sauce & grape jelly
 - LaRae Beach

Classroom Winners for Pie Sales

- Preschool & Early Childhood- Nolen Meridith
- *Kindergarten- Blake Lawson
- 1st grade – Dylan Maris
- 2nd grade – Calvin Byrd
- 3rd grade – Rebekah Bauersfeld
- 4th grade- tie John Quirim, Zach Darnall
- 5th grade – Jared Nicholas
- 6th grade – Erica King

* Highest pie sales – Winners of pizza party!!!

We have 9 extra pies which will be sold at the December pickup, 3 pumpkin, 3 cheesecake, 1 French silk, 1 apple cranberry, 1 chocolate mint.

December Pickup is Saturday, December 16th from 9:00-10:00 am. **Order cut-off date is December 12th (Noon--internet and turning into the school).** There are four chances to win in December - **3** – meatballs, grape jelly & chili sauce and **1** breakfast (gourmet cinnamon rolls, blueberry muffins, breakfast casserole).

Thanks

Market Day Committee

Kelly Byrd, Kathy Nicholas, Shirley Howie

Questions, call Kelly 217-648-5393.

OLYMPIA PLANS FOR THE FUTURE ON A NEW DATE

Olympia C.U.S.D. No. 16 has announced that the Citizens' Facilities Planning Committee meeting scheduled for last Thursday, November 30 to present final options for a new facility/renovations has been postponed due to inclement weather. This meeting has been tentatively rescheduled for Thursday, December 7, 7:00 p.m. at the Olympia Middle School cafeteria.

Olympia apologizes for any inconvenience this has caused and would like to encourage everyone to please mark this new date on your calendars.

This will be your last opportunity to state your preference for an option before it is presented to the Board of Education on December 11.

MISS KILEY'S SECOND GRADE DRESSES MR. SEXTON

We read the Principals New Clothes by Hans Christian Andersen. The story's main character is Mr. Bundy, a sharply dressed elementary-school principal. Moe and Ivy, two trickster tailors, arrive and offer to make an amazing suit invisible to anyone who is not good at their job. Mr. Bundy wears his invisible new clothes to the school assembly. He then enters the auditorium in his underwear. All the kids and teachers pass clothes up to the stage, and Mr. Bundy has a new suit. However the school decides that he is a great principal, and "still the sharpest dresser."

After reading the story we made our own book for Mr. Sexton. Each student drew Mr. Sexton in his own special suit. He was wearing everything from goggles, Chicago Bears jersey, Chicago Cubs hat, and Cardinals attire! We still think that Mr. Sexton is still the sharpest dresser in town.



SOCIAL STUDIES COLONIAL AMERICA POSTER

"Come live in the Southern Colonies where it is warm!" That is just one of several quotes that Mrs. Baner's fifth grade class used to persuade people to live in the American Colonies. The students did research on the New England colonies, Southern colonies, and Middle colonies. For each colony, they found out information about geography, climate, religion, government, economy, immigrants, daily life, natural resources and Native American tribes. The students did an excellent job!



INCLEMENT WEATHER (POSTED ON THE OLYMPIA WEBPAGE – www.olympia.org)

Winter and inclement weather is upon us. During the next few months tune in your radio or television to hear if schools will be closing or starting late. Late starts and early dismissal will be posted on the stations as soon as a decision is reached. On early dismissal days the elementary town students will be dismissed at 1:05 p.m. and buses will leave at 1:20 p.m. Afternoon programs for Kindergarten, Pre-Kindergarten and Early Childhood attendance will be decided by 10:00 a.m. and will be posted on the radio and T.V. stations. Listen to the following stations:

WJBC – 1230AM; WGLT – 89.1FM; WBNQ – 101.5FM; WBWN – 104.1FM and WEEK (TV) – CHANNEL 25.

Olympia Website – www.olympia.org

EVERYONE WANTS A TURN AT *HOMWORKOPOLY!*

Mrs. Baner's fifth grade is having a blast playing Homeworkopoly (homework version of Monopoly). When students return their homework, they are rewarded with a turn in Homeworkopoly. Students land on various spots around the board. For example, the most looked forward to square is Chance or Community Lunchbox. The students get to draw a card that has various rewards on them. Kids can be first to eat, bring a visitor to school, chew sugar free gum, only do ½ of an assignment, or allowed to get a drink whenever they want! This has been a very successful game with our class. The students actually look forward to turning in homework.

