

Grand Prairie Gazette

December 4, 2009

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At A Glance

December 2009

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| 6 th | Market Day Orders due on-line |
| 10 th | Market Day pick-up |
| 9 – 11 th | Holiday Gift Shop – During School |
| 11 th | Holiday Gift Shop 3:30-6:30 p.m. |
| 14 th – 16 th | Jewel Shop & Share |
| 17 th | Family Night Out – Pottery Lounge 4-9 p.m. |
| 18 th | Classroom Winter Parties 2:15 – 3:15 p.m. |
| 18 th | Last Day of Classes before Winter Break |
| 28 th | Family Night Out – International Ice Arena 1-3 p.m. |

January 2010

4th Classes Resume



Caring is the
next piece of the
Character Counts Puzzle

During the months of November and December, Grand Prairie students are learning what it means to be caring. They have learned that caring people are kind, helpful, generous, considerate and unselfish. I challenge you and your children to care about our environment. Throwing away items that could be recycled diminishes energy, water and natural resources that could be saved by recycling. Did you know that for every ton of paper that is recycled, the following is saved: 7,000 gallons of water; 380 gallons of oil; and enough electricity to power an average house for six months. What does your family do to recycle?





NEWS

Holiday Gift Shop

All students will be given the opportunity to shop at this year's Holiday Gift Shop. Every item costs \$1.50 each and will be "wrapped" and tagged for easy gift giving. If your child is unable to attend Gift Shop with their class, we will be open during lunch time on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday as well as Thursday evening from 3:30-6:30.

The following is the schedule for the classrooms to shop

- Tuesday, Dec. 8th - Watkins, Palmer, Dewitt, Elmusa, Matheis, Waller, Sloan, Staszak, Krupa, D'Atri
- Wednesday, Dec. 9th - Woodin a.m., Peterman, Krippelz, Toohey, Ryan, Jones, Lindner, Badertscher, Miller
- Thursday, Dec. 10th - Crowhurst, Cox, Acup, Vargocko a.m. and p.m., Liggett, Ray, Woodin p.m., Williams, Eskridge, Leipart

Market Day orders are due to school by Friday, December 4th or can be placed online at www.marketday.com (account number 3119) until Midnight, Sunday December 6th.

This month is the Cookie Dough bonus. For every box of cookie dough sold we earn a minimum of \$2.20. The cookies are pre-shaped for easy baking and are very tasty!!!!
Additionally, for every order that exceeds \$40.00 pre-tax, you will receive a free Unos Pizza with your delivery.

Finally, for December, 50% of our profit will be donated to the Grand Prairie Student Council for the GP Needy Family Fund. Additionally, 10% of every order is tax deductible.

Pick up is on Thursday, December 10th from 4:45-5:30 in the school gym.

Thank you for your support,
The Market Day Committee

Winter Parties

Classroom Winter Parties will take place on December 18th from 2:15-3:15 pm.

Parents who are leading the parties may pick-up your party folders in the office.

Classroom party parents should plan on arriving at 2:00 pm.

Mark your calendars! Its Family Nights Out

Pottery Lounge: December 17th from 4pm-9pm located on Essington by Friaco's Restaurant
International Ice Arena: December 28th from 1pm-3pm

Shop & Share

Shop & Share fund-raising days are December 14th -16th at Jewel-Osco. Shop at any Jewel-Osco on Dec 14th -16th and we will earn 5% of your purchase. Identification slips are being sent home with your child. Slips must be signed and redeemed at checkout register at the time of purchase to qualify. Tell your family and friends! Additional slips will be available in the office.

School News

Art Room News

Coming Soon:

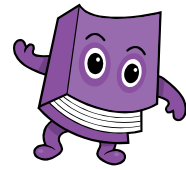
The Grand Prairie Multicultural Fair will take place in May. We are looking for families who would like to donate any ethnic food. Also, if you have any costumes, dances, or crafts from your culture, we would love to display them that night. Contact Mrs. Boggs if you are interested.

Barnes and Noble Night:

Monday, December 7th is the kickoff event for the Great Read at Barnes and Noble in Joliet. Acclaimed author Luis Urrea will discuss, read, and sign his book *Into the Beautiful North*. There will be 2nd and 5th grade artwork on display for the night. Please come meet the author and check out the Grand Prairie artwork beginning at 6 p.m.



Building Readers



How families can help children become better readers

Reading the newspaper encourages critical thinking

Reading is one thing. *Thinking about* reading is another.

When kids read, they benefit from thinking critically about the material. Here's an easy way to practice. Pull out a newspaper at least once a week. Then:

- Look through it before discussing it with your child. What did you especially enjoy? The comics? A theater review? An exciting photo? Choose something age-appropriate and talk about it with your child. Does she find your choice interesting? Why or why not?

- Scan the paper together. See what appeals to your child. Guide her to possibilities, such as sports or fashion stories. Talk about what she reads. How does it relate to her life? • Start a scrapbook of favorite clippings. Perhaps you laughed about a headline or debated a certain topic. Make a weekly habit of adding clips to your collection.

Source: Sherrye Dee Garrett, "Developing Comprehension and Research Skills with the Newspaper,"

Reading Rockets, www.readingrockets.org/articles/30136.

Notes from the Office

- Morning Car Riders – Please be sure and drop off students between the white poles only.
- If you are sending your student to school with any money, please put the money in a sealed envelope marked with the following: your child's name, the teacher's name, the purpose for the money and the amount of \$\$ money enclosed.

These are the dates for the 2009-2010 Grand Prairie Gazette. All information should be submitted by the deadline in-order to be included in the publication. The Gazette will be available on the Grand-Prairie website under the For Parents section on the publication date or soon after.

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