



From the Principal's Desk...

The Christmas season is upon us with all the hustle and bustle of activity. Holiday art work is already starting to find its way to the hallways and everyone is getting in the spirit of this special time of year. In this month's newsletter, you will find information about our upcoming Christmas programs, which will be held on December 12th (Pre-K), 13th (K-2nd grades) and 15th (3rd-4th grades). Prior to the Tuesday and Thursday programs, the Midland Elementary PTO will be selling baked goodies, starting at 6 pm. Mmmmm! The Book Fair will also be open in the library all three nights. At the conclusion of the K-4 programs, our music teacher, Stephanie Oltman will lead everyone, including audience members, in a couple of Christmas carols, which are sure to put everyone in the holiday mood! We look forward to seeing everyone here!

As is tradition at MES, we will be helping our less fortunate members of our community. During the month of December, we will hold a "loose change collection." We'll encourage students to drop their pennies and loose change into collection envelopes in each classroom. On Friday, Dec. 16th, we'll count all of our change and make a donation to the Lacon Home Journal Red Stocking Fund. We think this will be a simple, but effective way for our students to learn how they can serve their community and give to others during the Christmas season.

We had our first real taste of cold outside weather...and I'm sure snowy weather is not too far behind. Please be sure to read in the newsletter about procedures for closing school and dismissing school early due to the weather. Your help with these procedures is greatly appreciated.

We have so much to celebrate this Christmastime, but we also have those in the Midland School community that need to be remembered and supported. Many of our families find themselves in great need this holiday season. Others remain in search of employment as the new year begins. I hope that during this season of giving, you find it in your heart to help and support our friends...no matter how small or great their need is.

And we have others with sons, daughters, parents and other family members serving in our armed forces overseas. Especially during this season we think of them, of their families, hope for their safety and wish for peace on Earth. My wish for each of you is a joyful and wonderful Christmas season!

Julie Albers, Principal