

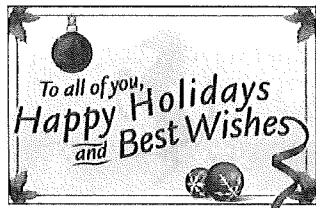
SAGE PAGE UPDATE

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December 2013

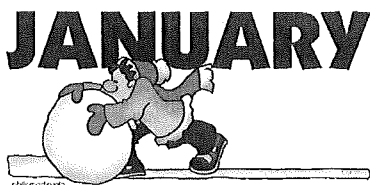
- 9 PTA Polar Express with Choir 6:30 pm
- 11-13 Fifth Grade Clear Creek
- 16 Holiday Sing In for Parents 9:30 am in gym
- 16 PTA Mtg. 9:30
- 20 Last day of school
- 23 Winter Break Begins

Jan. 6, 2014 School Begins



January Upcoming Events

- 6 School Resumes
- 8 SCC Mtg. 4:00 pm
- 13 PTA Meeting 9:30
- 20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL



Principal's Message

Dear Parents & students,

This is my favorite holiday season! I take more time to reflect upon my life, blessings, and family. I really enjoyed my Thanksgiving Break. I hope you did as well.

This season reminds us of giving and sharing. Might we all show kindness to those we meet, forgive others, and be nice to ourselves. I recently heard a speaker say, "We are all really good at beating ourselves up, so why do we need to help others out?" We are all trying to navigate this life the best we know how.

This season also reminds me of loved ones. We long to spend another Christmas with loved ones who have passed away. Take the time to enjoy family and friends. Life is short.

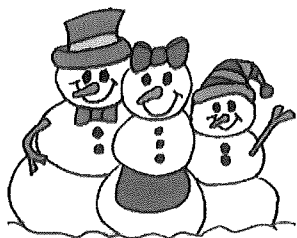
We have had a lot of new students enroll at our school. This means all of you have new neighbors. Take the time to get to know your neighbors. This is a great community, please welcome the new members.

I challenge each of you to take the time to reflect upon the season and what you love and enjoy during the holiday season.

~Mrs. Holbrook

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**Holiday Break
Begins December 23rd
School resumes January 6th**



**Holiday Sing-in
for parents
Dec. 16th at 9:30
in the gym.**



**Saratoga Springs Fire
Department**

Saratoga Springs Fire Department has adopted Sage Hills Elementary to help our students learn safety throughout the year. They have donated prizes for students who practice safety and can answer questions. There is a bulletin board in the gym supporting their theme.

December's theme is: "Poisoning Prevention"

Students will learn:

- ⚡ All medicines should be stored in a locked cabinet. Never take any medicines without your parent's supervision.
- ⚡ Always store poisons in their containers. The reason is so that people will not mistake the poison for something else and drink or eat it.
- ⚡ Know the Poison Control Phone number and have it posted by the telephone.
- ⚡ Some sources of accidental poisonings in the home are caused by eating or drinking medicines, household plants, and hazardous materials and by breathing carbon monoxide.

PLANNING AHEAD

**Kindergarten Registration for
Fall 2014**

We are letting you know that Kindergarten Registration for next Fall 2014 will be Wednesday, February 4th. More information will be sent out in January.



Toys for Tots

We have collection boxes at the school if you would like to donate a new, unwrapped toy that costs less than \$30.00 for Toys for Tots. Toys for Tots helped several of our families last year ☺

Annual Food Drive

Food Drive will run from
December 2nd - 17th

We appreciate your generous support. We use the food collected to help families in our school boundaries who are in need.



Character Connection

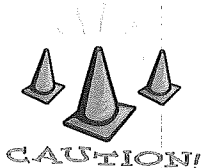
We are using the Lindon Character Connection format this year.

In December our students will be learning and setting goals about Friendship.

The motto for the month is: "A friend is a person who knows me and still likes me."

"A friend hears the song in my heart and sings it to me when my memory fails."

~ Readers Digest



Parking Lot Safety They are all of our Children



With the onset of cold weather, parents are driving their children to school.

This means three things:

1. There are MORE children to watch out for.
2. Courtesy at ALL times in our parking lot.
3. Plan your timeline with minutes incorporated in for SAFETY. We recognize the value of each child. Please plan ahead so you can take the time to ensure that ALL students are safe

Parking Lot Reminders:

Parents are to pick up students in the South parking lot. Please do not use the bus lanes, North parking lot, or North delivery driveway.

We are asking patrons again to please be aware of a few parking lot items.

1. Every child's safety is important to us. The parking lot rules apply to all.
2. A **RED ZONE/Bus Zone** is a **RED ZONE** during ALL school hours. If for any reason your child is late, do not drive into the red/bus zone to drop them off. Please use the drop off/pick up area. The bus zone is the North entrance and patron area is the South entrance.
3. Do not pull into the North faculty parking lot or bus zone to drop off any students at any time during the day.
4. **DROP OFF ZONE:**
 - a. Please pull all the way forward to alleviate cars from backing up. Students being picked up are exiting the building via the South doors. Students who are walking are exiting the North doors. Students riding the bus are to exit the center/main doors.
 - b. Please do not leave your vehicle unattended in the Drop off/ Pick up area. This is extremely frustrating to all parents, staff on duty, and children.

SLOW DOWN: We are in a small area where speeds should not exceed 5 mph. Remember: Safety for all children. Plan ahead if you have somewhere else to be in a hurry. A child's life is not worth the speed some are driving.



Landtrust 2013-14

The School Community Council would like to inform patrons of our school plan for 2013-14:

- Money was allocated for kindergarten teachers to implement pre-teach and re-teach one extra hour per school day Tuesday-Friday (Double-dosing)
- Money was allocated for teachers to have a 1 day substitute to administer the DRA to grades 2-6.
- Money was allocated towards a para-educator to facilitate the Take Home Library.
- Money was allocated for para-educators to give additional exposure to curriculum through double dosing in a small group setting under the direction of the classroom teacher.
- Money is being used for science and the arts. We are able to purchase equipment for each grade level and specialty teachers, and bring in science assemblies.

** The members of SCC who were voted in to this position by Sage Hills patrons allocate all money. All financial matters regarding Landtrust are transparent and patrons are welcome to view these at <http://www.schoollandtrust.org>. We always follow the plan and money as allocated. Nothing is ever done without SCC approval, District approval, and State approval. If you have any questions regarding SCC, feel free to contact Mindy Greene, SCC Co-chair, Joy Bennett, Co-Chair or Mrs. Holbrook, Principal. Please take time to review our Stakeholders' Report.



PTA Makes Our Thunderhawks Sweeter!

Come one, come all to our annual POLAR EXPRESS NIGHT AND CHOIR CONCERT!!!

December 9th at 6:30pm

In the school Gym

A great activity for the whole family!!!

Storyteller

Choir Concert

Dedication to Military personnel

And while you are there take advantage of all of the opportunities to give in the school, and community:

Toys for Tots

Food drive

The Giving Tree (Look to the right for details)



The Giving Tree



Who among us doesn't enjoy showing our appreciation for all that our magnificent teachers do?

This Holiday season, get your child's teacher something they really NEED!!!

On the night of Polar Express (December 9th) each grade will have a "Giving tree" set up. This tree will be made out of little green hands- on each little green hand will be an item that the teachers really need. All you have to do is grab a hand from the tree (all gifts will be less than \$10) take it home, buy that item as a gift for your special teacher, wrap it up, and bring it back to school to give to your teacher. Easy, right?

If you aren't planning on attending Polar Express, no worries- the Giving Trees will be set up until winter break, so you will have plenty of time. We do ask that only parents take a hand from the tree, not students.

So let's all get in the Holiday spirit, and **GIVE GIVE GIVE!!!**

Choir Message:

Do you love to sing and want to join the school choir?

You can!

Any student 2nd grade-6th grade is welcome to join us in the new year. Practices will start again on **January 6th. Practices are every Monday from 2:30-4:00.** For those who would like to join, just come that day and Miss Tawnya will have sign-ups. **The cost for the rest of the year is \$10 and will include a t-shirt.**

The PTA is looking for a new choir director

Miss Tawnya will no longer be with us ☹️ Now is the time for a new director to learn the ropes by watching and helping at practice while Miss Tawnya is still here. If we are to continue to offer this wonderful after-school program, a new director is needed. Come see Miss Tawnya or any member of the PTA for more information.



**Next PTA Meeting:
December 16th at 9:30am
In the school library
EVERYONE is invited!!!**