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# Frost Elementary PTA Newsletter

## PTA Update

The Frost Elementary PTA had a busy holiday season and would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped with the Holiday Store. I hope you all got something real nice this year! The Holiday Store was a huge success earning \$2,253.15 for the PTA budget. Thank you to all our shoppers and volunteers for always supporting our PTA. We would like for everyone to join us for our February Mid-Year General Membership Meeting on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The PTA will be discussing upcoming activities for the remainder of the school year, including the Easter Eggs, Fun Fair, Variety Show and the Science Fair. We have much to discuss and plan. Hope to see you then!

Due to unpredictable winter weather the PTA does not have a lot of activities in January or February. A movie night is possibly in the works when we get more information on it, we will send it home in the Wednesday folders.

## Winter Weather Reminder

As we have more winter weather just a reminder that the Allegany County Public School System is using the Blackboard system to notify parents of important issues relating to the county and to Frost Elementary School. Parents will be notified about early dismissals, school closings and delays and about program cancellations. Parents will be contacted in the manner in which they have requested. Parents need to keep their contact information updated to assure that they are contacted with important information. If you have any questions please call the office at 301-689-5168.

## Upcoming Events

Jan 2	2-hr Delay, School Reopens
Jan 17	End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> marking period End of 1 <sup>st</sup> semester
Jan 20	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Schools Closed
Jan 21	Schools Closed- Teacher Work Time/Staff Development
Jan 28	Report Cards will be posted

## From the Desk of Mrs. Smith

Happy New Year to all! This school year is going by quickly but we hope everyone enjoyed their long holiday break this year. We would like to thank you for your continued support of our school and its programs. Parents are a vital part of a child's education and we appreciate your participation and support.

We enjoyed having many parents and family members visit our school to hear our Kindergarten, first grade and second grade students sing holiday songs at our Christmas music program. We also enjoyed our band and orchestra holiday program. We also had our Pre-K students enjoy a fun time singing and participating in some holiday fun with their families. A big thanks goes out to Mrs. Saavedra-Dunn, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Lohnas for their hard work preparing and conducting their programs. We were happy to have a full house at each of these programs. We have a lot of talent in our school and our students did a great job in front of appreciative audiences! Thanks to everyone that participated.

Our annual Holiday Shopping workshop was a fun time for our students! December brought many exciting occasions for our school. Many thanks to our volunteers for organizing and working at our Holiday Shopping workshop, providing students their holiday craft and providing the teachers and staff a holiday treats. They are special activities which are appreciated and make the season fun for our students and staff. Thank you.

Our Caring Tree was covered with a variety of hats, scarves, mittens and gloves which were donated to the Frostburg Pantry. We appreciate those who donated items to support the children in Frostburg. Thank you for your kindness.

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## BOX TOPS

Make clipping and scanning Box Tops a New Year's Resolution for 2020! Continue to clip those Box Tops and send them into school either in small baggies or on the Box Tops collection sheets. Also, don't forget to download the new Box Top app and just take a picture of your receipts. No clipping needed. We will be doing another submission in February. We will need all box tops turned in by February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Don't forget Box Tops can be found on Ziploc Bags, Cereal, Granola and many other popular foods. Those little Box Tops do add up and they help fund many of activities for students! This is a free easy way to help out our PTA. So, keep clipping and scanning them!



## PTA Officers Needed!

The Frost Elementary PTA will have elections for PTA Board of Directors for the 2020-2021 school year in May. Becky Vitak and Daniell Shertzer are leaving their positions as President and Vice President. There is also a Treasurer position held by Hester Harbert that will be open. We are looking for people to fill all three of these positions. Currently we have no one interested in filling these vacancies. If we cannot get these seats filled the PTA will fold after this year. Please consider stepping in to continue this long-standing parent group with in your the school. If you have questions about what the responsibilities will entail please feel free to contact Becky Vitak at 301-697-0305 or Daniell Shertzer at 301-697-9195 or come to the February general membership meeting. We would be happy to answer all your questions and help with a smooth transition.



## Counselor's Corner

Mrs. Kelli Clark

Students were busy in guidance lessons during the month of December, as they focused on how to be more caring all month. Students learned the meaning of giving, and all students thought of gifts they could give that don't cost any money. Students practiced using kind words and giving compliments and warm fuzzies. They also learned the importance of filling people's buckets with kindness, love, compliments, and good things, rather than dipping into buckets and causing hurt feelings.

The character trait for the month of January is Fairness. Guidance lessons for January will focus on how to be fair to each other by sharing, playing by the rules, cooperating, taking turns, avoiding placing blame on others, and listening to each other. Please discuss with your child/children how they can be fair to others at school so they have the opportunity to earn their ticket for fairness for the month of January. Winners for the month of December for Caring were Thomas Bittner, Lincoln Carter, Isaac Wilson, Olivia Gevedon, Bentlee Skidmore, Macey Keister, Izabella Lancaster, Braylin Lewis, Jacob Gostomski, and Kelson High.

## P.B.I.S. NEWS

### How to Improve Your Child's Attendance

1. Explain why being in school is important. Explain that it's the law.
2. Have a bedtime and morning routine on school days.
3. Be firm, not emotional. Don't allow your child to stay home for minor physical symptoms or crying fits. (Missing school for this will make the problem worse!)
4. Empower your child with encouragement when he/she expresses worries. ("I know you think you can't handle this, but I know you can.")
5. Don't allow staying home as a special treat, a bribe or a reward.
6. Trust your child's school. Faculty and staff are professionals who care about the well-being of all students. If your child has a concern, talk to his/her teacher, the school counselor, the nurse or an administrator.