



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Smart-E-Pants, Inc.

December

2009

School Happenings

With only 14 school days, December is going to be a very busy month. Here are a few of the dates you will need to remember.

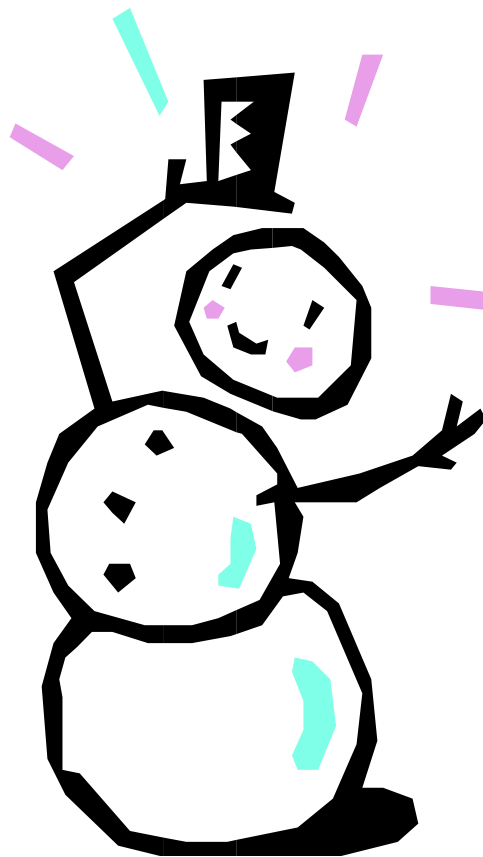
Wednesday, Dec. 9: Ben Stenn, Isis' dad and owner of Celilo, will be helping us with our Hanukkah project. We'll be making Latkes and learning more about this holiday.

Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 14-16: Parent/Teacher conferences. Please sign up for a time on the sheet by the computer. If you are unable to make one of the available times, please let me know, so that we can reschedule.

Tuesday, Dec. 15: Caroling at Hawks Ridge. We will leave Smart-E-Pants at 11:30 pm. After caroling, we will be staying to enjoy lunch at Hawks' Ridge.

Wednesday, Dec. 16: Caroling at Down Manor. We will leave Smart-E-Pants at 12:00 pm. We will be serving lunch at 11:30, before we leave. Please have your child wear red, black, or white if possible on both days. As always, we would very much like all the kids to

attend the caroling at both places. They are working very hard at learning the songs, and this is their chance to shine. Grandmas and grandpas are also invited to come along.



Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

If you can help out with transportation on either of these days, please let me know.

Thursday, December 17: Smart-E-Pants Christmas party. We will be hosting our Christmas party at **10:30 am**, instead of in the evening. We have several families with other holiday obligations, and with so many families this year, and our limited space, we felt this would be a better option. We would still very much like for all of our kids, and those parents who can attend, to join us for the fun. Santa will be making a special appearance at 11:00 am so bring your cameras! We are also asking each parent to bring a **new, unwrapped book** for either a boy or a girl. Santa will be passing the books out to each of the kids. This is supposed to be a surprise, so please don't have your child help with this assignment. We would like all books by **Monday, December 14th.**

Holiday Break: Dec. 21-Jan. 1! School starts back Monday, Jan. 4th! Happy New Year!

School Snow Closures

As a reminder, Smart-E-Pants **DOES NOT** follow the HR County snow closure schedule. In the event that we are on a delay or closed, we will try and reach parents by phone and a message will be left on the Smart-E-Pants answering machine (541-308-0900), and posted on KHR 105.5. You may also call Amber at home (541-386-7173) in the event you can not get through to either of the above numbers.

Kiva

Our Kiva donation jar is now available. This is a great opportunity to have your money put to great use.

Kiva lets us connect with and loan money to unique small businesses in the developing world. By choosing a business on Kiva.org, we can "sponsor a business" and help the world's working poor make great strides towards economic independence. Throughout the course of the loan (usually 6-12 months), we will receive email journal updates from the business we've sponsored. As loans are repaid, we get our loan money back.

At the end of December, the donations will be tallied and then matched, by Smart-E-Pants.

Find out more information at www.Kiva.org.

Cooper Camp

Wondering what you're going to do with your children over the Christmas break? Check out Cooper Spur Ski Team's, Cooper Camp. It's a 5 day ski camp for kids of all abilities, ages 5 and older, Dec. 27-31. Check out www.cooperspurraceteam.org for more information.

Happy Birthday

Thorsen Welch will be 4 on the 4th
Grace Willis will be 5 on Dec. 20th
Finn Mikkelsen will be 4 on the 23rd

Feature Children

Olivia Kardol and Rose Hopkins

Thematic Units

Suitcase of Senses/ Hanukkah/ Christmas

Taking a trip? Please let us know so that we can adjust schedules if needed.