

# To Excellence and Beyond

## Northstar, December 5, 2017

### Positive Office Referrals

To reinforce our school values, teachers and staff will be celebrating and recognizing students demonstrating one of our Guiding Lights (*Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Honesty and Perseverance*). If your child is given a Positive Office Referral, their name is placed in a grade level basket for a weekly drawing. One student from each grade level will be recognized as our Northstar of the Week. Students given a referral will also bring them home allowing families to celebrate them as well.

### Food for Friends

Please help us grow our Ross Food Pantry by participating in our Food Drive from December 4<sup>th</sup> through December 19<sup>th</sup>. The pantry supports our families at Ross. We are in need of items which include canned fruits and vegetables, tuna, canned chicken as well as pasta.

### Winter Concert

The Winter Concert will highlight our students in orchestra for grades four and five as well as our students in choir. The concert will begin at 6:30 pm on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>.

### New Club on the Horizon

In February, we are offering a new before school club called Rubik's Cubers. The club will be available for students in grades 3 through 5. Stay tuned for more information.

### Cold Weather is Coming

As we move into the cold weather, please be sure that students have coats and proper winter gear for outdoor recess.

### Next PTO Meeting

Our next PTO Meeting on February 20<sup>th</sup> will feature Mr. Carter Snow, our district Assessment Coordinator. Mr. Snow will review our Elementary Progress Report as well as answer parent questions.

### Important Dates

12/06 Late Start School Begins @ 11:05 am  
PTO Restaurant Night -Dave and Tony's  
Parkway Board Meeting 7:00 pm  
12/07 Chess Club 8:10-8:50 am  
12/11 Choir 8:00 am  
Winter Concert 6:30 pm  
12/13 Candid Yearbook Photos  
12/14 Chess Club 8:10-8:50 am  
12/18 Choir 8:00 am  
Parkway Board Meeting 7:00 pm  
12/21 Chess Club 8:10-8:50 am  
Winter Party 9:30 am  
Students are dismissed at 1:00

**12/22 thru 1/03 Winter Break**

**1/04 SCHOOL RESUMES**

### Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Mrs. Stacey Besand, our Ross Teacher of Year. Mrs. Besand is an incredible educator and we are lucky to have her at Ross!



### New School Pledge

Last year, we began gathering feedback from students through our student leaders in Character Council to revamp our Ross School Pledge. Our Character Education Leadership Team used the feedback from the students and the staff to revamp our pledge. We are currently taking a school-wide vote on three new versions of the pledge. Once our students vote, we will share the new pledge and begin using it in January.