Wild News

Happy New Year, Fonwood Families!

December was fun-filled...

December was a FUN-filled month for our Fonwood Cubs and parents. A recap of the events for the month of December is featured in this issue of the Paw Print.

Fonwood’s Winter Musical

Our cubs delivered an outstanding performance during Fonwood’s 3rd Annual Winter Musical entitled “The Tale of the Gingerbread Man.” A huge turn-out of family members and friends proudly watched as their children performed and sang their parts so well. We would like to thank the Ancillary Team who directed the musical and to all parent volunteers for their assistance in making this year’s production yet another success!

“Paws” for These Upcoming Events

January 5th: Students return from Winter Break
January 7th: Head Start Parent Meeting / 2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. (Parents of Ms. Stewart, Ms. Martinez, Ms. Lope, Ms. Fields, Ms. Jackson, Ms. McKinney ONLY)
January 7th: Family Literacy Night/Paw Event 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
January 8th: Kindergarten Report Card and PK Progress Reports go home with students
January 12th: Field Trip to Scenic Woods Library (Green, Yellow, Gold Teams)
January 13th: Frozen Day at Fonwood / Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.
January 14th: Field Trip to Scenic Woods Library (Blue, Purple, Orange, Pink, Teal)
January 18th: Martin Luther King Day. No Classes
January 19th: Character Book Parade. Students can come dressed as their favorite storybook character.
January 20th: Head Start Family Connection Activity / 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Parents of Ms. Stewart, Ms. Martinez, Ms. Lope, Ms. Fields, Ms. Jackson, Ms. McKinney ONLY)
January 21st: Family Literacy Night / Paw Event 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
January 27th: Cookies with Mother Goose / Early Dismissal at 12:30 p.m.

Success with Daily Attendance...

Our attendance rate is currently 95% while our goal is 98%. Let’s work together as a community and watch our attendance rate increase.

What is an excused absence?

- Sickness (Doctor’s Excuse Needed)
- Death of a family member (Funeral Program or Death Notice Required)
- Required court appearance for the student
- What is not an excused absence?
- Child did not sleep well the night before
- Parent gets off late from work
- The bus was late
- The car was not running
- No uniform

Students who have perfect attendance for the entire week get to choose a prize from the school’s treasure chest every Friday!

Free groceries will continue to be given out to families of students with perfect attendance in January!
Family Literacy Night @ FONWOOD
On December 3, 2015, our Fonwood Cubs, together with their families, had fun listening to Ms. McKinney and Ms. Redman read an animated tale of a very familiar and mischievous character, the Gingerbread Man. An activity followed where students, with the help of their families, used their creativity to color and decorate a gingerbread man with various size shapes to take home. Also, students retold the story to their parents by using retelling cards. Parents were able to evaluate their child’s comprehension of the story and practiced using dictation. Overall, Family Literacy Night was truly a treat! We all look forward to enjoying the next event and bringing literacy to life for our students!

Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) Spaghetti Dinner
Parents who were in attendance for the Beginning-of-the-Year (BOY) APTT meetings were treated to a spaghetti dinner on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at the school cafeteria. The next APTT meeting which will be in February will cover Middle-of-the-Year (MOY) student data and academic goals. Please make plans to attend these APTT meeting which will be on February 9th and 11th, 2016. Let us continue working together to advance learning for all our students!

The Ensemble Theater Brings Holiday Happiness to Fonwood Cubs
Fonwood students enjoyed a day of entertainment and activities as guests to the Santa at the Ensemble Community Service Event held on December 13, 2015 at the Ensemble Theater. Students had their pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus and participated in a lot of activities that included an ornament making workshop, a festive airbrush face painting, a lesson on healthy choices for food and go-green initiatives, a special performance by The Ensemble Theatre’s Young Performers, and a special story time by FOX26 Anchor Melinda Spaulding. On top of this, every child received a bag of toys and books! We would like to thank The Ensemble Board Members and Donors for providing a memorable holiday season for our students!

Making Music Together at Fonwood’s Family Concert
Our PK-3 Fonwood Cubs and their families gathered together for a family concert held at the school cafeteria on December 3, 2015. The concert was performed by a quartet brought in by the Prelude Music Foundation as part of the Prelude music program for our three year-old Pre-Kindergarten students. The goal of this program is for children to experience, experiment, create, heal and learn from the power of music. Both children and adults had a fun time as they sang and danced to familiar classroom songs.

BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!
Thank you to everyone who participated in the Scholastic Book Fair held at Fonwood ECC on December 1-7, 2015. The book fair offered students the opportunity to buy books that they can take home and use to help them learn to read. Each classroom also had an opportunity to visit the library during this week as well as purchase books! A special thanks to all parents who volunteered.

CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR AT FONWOOD WITH STORIES AND NURSERY RHYMES!
In keeping with January’s theme of study on Stories and Rhymes, a line of fun and delightful activities await our Fonwood Cubs! FROZEN DAY will be held on Wednesday, January 13. Students may come dressed in their favorite Frozen costumes. A NURSERY RHYME/FAIRY TALE CHARACTER BOOK PARADE will take place on Tuesday, January 19. Students may come dressed in their favorite storybook character costumes. Finally, on Wednesday, January 27, students will be treated to COOKIES WITH MOTHER GOOSE.

DON’T LET YOUR CHILD MISS OUT ON ALL THE FUN!!

AT FONWOOD, PERFECT ATTENDANCE IS REWARDED....
On Thursday, December 17, 2015 students who had perfect attendance for the month of December were rewarded for all of their hard work. All students selected from a variety of toys and clothing, while parents received boxes of healthy groceries to take home and share with their families! Free groceries will continue to be given out to families of students with perfect attendance in January!