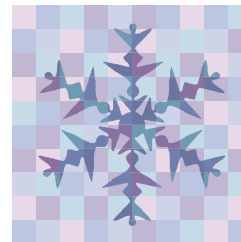


# Horace Mann Elementary School

PTA Newsletter—January 2012



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## A Note From Our Principal

Dear Mann Families,

I hope you had a wonderful Winter Break with your friends and family. It is so nice to have this time to visit, rest, and relax.

A big THANK YOU to our PTA for the cookie exchange and hot chocolate that they provided for the staff on the last day before the break. We are so lucky to have such a supportive PTA. Thank you for all you do for us each and every day! Also, a big THANK YOU to our Mann community for all of the food, clothes, and presents that were sent for our families we adopted this year for Christmas.

On another note, we will be starting our Middle of the Year testing for our students on our return back to school. We are excited to see how much growth each of them has made. The staff and students have been working very hard this first semester and we look forward to a great second semester as well!

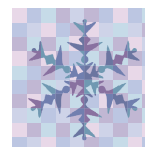
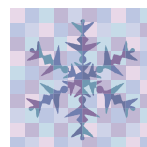
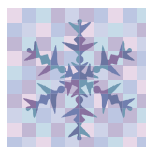
Hopefully, the weather will stay mild this winter and we will not miss school because of ice or snow. However, if we do, the TV and Radio stations will list the school districts that are closed. An ALERTNOW will be sent from the district as well. If you are not receiving ALERTNOW messages, please call Mann's office so we can get your number entered in the system.

Thank you again for your support of Mann. We appreciate having such an amazing community to work with. Have a wonderful January!

Ms. Peterson  
Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Monday, January 9: Celebration Assembly**  
**Tuesday, January 10: Star Luncheon**  
**Wednesday, January 11: Domino's Pizza Night**  
**Thursday, January 12: PTA Meeting, Library Classroom, 6:00 (childcare available)**  
**Friday, January 13: No School**  
**Monday, January 16: No School**  
**Tuesday, January 17: 3rd Quarter Begins**  
**Wednesday, January 18: Spirit Day (Multiplicity)**  
**Monday, January 30: Monday Morning Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 31: Texas Roadhouse Night**  
**Wednesday, February 1: Ice Cream Sandwich Sales (bring \$.50 or 5 Box Tops to buy one during lunch)**



## A Word of Thanks From Juli Manis, PTA President

Thank you to all who have supported Mann PTA. Whether you have donated time or money, everything that we do would not be possible without you. Also, thank you to all that turned in items for the Christmas basket. Each and every item is appreciated. T-shirts will be going on sale in January, so be looking for order forms to be coming home.

**What's Happening in Specials?** On the recent parent survey, you expressed interest in what your student is doing in these special classes, so here's some information from each 'special' teacher.

**From Our Librarian, Ms. Squibb:** Students will be introduced to Coretta Scott King Award books and be able to locate them in the Library.

**From Our Computer Lab, Ms. Maxwell:** Kindergarten – working on math program “Millie’s Math House”; practice keyboarding their name in “Kid Pix”; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – working on time and geography in “Trudy’s Time & Place”; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – playing graph game and making graphs in “Graph Club”; working on their My Favorite Animal in the World project; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – working on their Missouri Animals project; Performance Series testing; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade – working on their Show Me Missouri project; Performance Series testing; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade—keyboard practice in “Type to Learn”; working on Federal Government project; Performance Series testing

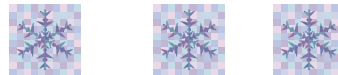
**From Our Music Room, Mrs. Martin:** In Music, we have spent 2nd quarter working on rhythms. All grades should be able to read, clap, and echo simple rhythms. 3rd quarter, we will be working on singing with more accuracy, listening to how longer songs are put together, and writing simple melodies on the staff.

**PTA Reflections**

Thank you to all of the students who participated in the Reflections Art Show. We had an amazing turn out from talented students at Mann! The following were chosen to go on to the Showcase January 8th at the Battlefield Mall. Their art will be displayed and then judged again to decide who will be going on to the state wide competition. The chosen entries were from: Loren Broaddus, Hailey Fearing, Whitney Fearing, Ashlyn Menkel, Lee Ann Cantrell, Madison Hines, Gracie Holt, and Addison Holt. Congratulations!

**From P.E., Coach Sweet:** In P.E. we will be working on fitness, upper and lower body strength, as well as cardiovascular endurance.

**From Our Art Room, Mrs. Stewart:** This month, Kindergartners are painting with watercolors and using a crayon resist method. First grade is using chalk to make landscapes. Second grade is going from making 2-D snow globes to making 3-D snow globes. Third grade is learning about positive and negatives shapes. Fourth grade is learning about optical illusions. Fifth grade is learning about artist, Robert Indiana, and graphic arts.

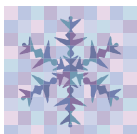


**—STEP CLUB NEWS—**

Congratulations to Horace Mann Step Club for walking a total of 6800 minutes in the month of November! That's approximately 351.3 miles! Way to go Coach Debra Maxwell! Coach Maxwell and her steppers will again be receiving the traveling trophy for this month and a November tag for their charm collection!

**~Spirit Day~**

Wednesday, January 18 is Multiplicity Day. Come dressed as twins, triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, or any other multiple you can come up with! Cost to participate is \$1.00 for each student (sorry, no Box Tops). Proceeds benefit Mann technology.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE DECEMBER  
CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABEL WINNERS:  
Mrs. Timson's Class and Mrs. Montgomery's Class**

