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December Newsletter:

Wow! It is December and a short academic month. The first week we will finish up benchmark assessments and lessons with grade books closing on Dec. 5, 2026. Parent conferences, Santa Secret Shop, Christmas Program, end of the quarter rewards, and awards assembly will finish up the second week of December. We begin our three week Christmas break Dec. 13 and will return on Jan. 5, 2026. Here are a few more details for the month.

Parent Conferences are scheduled for Dec. 10 and 11. We attempted to put families with multiple students in the same time frame. Please make every attempt to attend the conference as we strive to work as a team toward the education of your child(ren). If you would like to receive ideas on how to support your child during the break, please ask your child's teacher. Multiplication and addition tables are always very important for the success of math and phonics is a perfect go to for PreK-2nd grade.

Santa Secret Shop has many new items especially for family members. Some have asked if they may contribute to Santa Secret Shop. We are only accepting new items and multiple of the same item so that items can be offered to all students. If you would like to contribute, please contact the school office. If your child would like to purchase items, please send the money in an envelope with your child's name on it.(refer to Calendar of Events). We will collect the envelopes at the beginning of each day so that it is in safe keeping. The proceeds go toward giving back to the students through PTC activities.

This year's Christmas Program and deep pit dinner with all the fixings will be at Ed Oakley Hall. Please join us at 5:00 for the dinner, bake sale, and Christmas basket raffle, followed by the Christmas Program put on by the students. (Baked good donations are appreciated.)

Our kindergarten complex is in the trenching and septic tank phase. The building continues to go through changes on the inside with walls and bathrooms being constructed. It is a whirlwind of movement.

We are looking for a new **board member** to replace Jason Rankin. He has served on the Board of Trustees for 18 years and has decided to give an opportunity to another person. In this time he has seen many changes to Piute Mountain School and leaves it in a positive trajectory. We thank him for his dependable service and love for the youth in the community. Please consider filling this opening if you want to make a difference in the lives of the students that attend Piute Mountain School and live between the fire station and within the Walker Basin area.

PTC/DONATIONS

The PTC has two events coming up: Secret Santa Shop and the Christmas program. We're looking for volunteers to staff the SSS at school and help kids shop for gifts. We also need your help with the Christmas program on Thursday, December 11. We'll decorate Ed Oakley Hall and cook/serve dinner. Call the school office or email Jolyn Young at mrsjolynyoung@gmail.com if you'd like to help. It's our biggest event of the year and you can help make it amazing!

BIG SHOUT OUT TO TWIN OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH! They sponsored Thanksgiving baskets for many of our Piute families. They have also given jackets, shoes, and socks for many of our students.

PBIS

We had our first ever POP! Event before our Thanksgiving break which was a blast! Two students from each class were chosen for being the most responsible and they were able to decorate sugar cookies and our Piute turkey board. These events are random and only a few students will be chosen for them each time. It is a great opportunity to recognize the students who try their best everyday.

Families, please continue to encourage strong attendance and positive behavior—every day counts and every effort matters!

Eligibility for PBIS incentives will be described as below:

Quarter 2 has 44 total school days.

If students come to school, they earn **5 points (145 points at mid-quarter event, and 195 for the end of quarter field trip)**.

Students can earn additional points/earn back points lost due to undesired behavior by working during recesses for **1 point** each:

Examples of Community Service include but are not limited to:

- Working with Mr. McCay
- Working with their Teacher
- Working with the office staff

Undesired behaviors: Students will have **1 point** deducted for receiving a detention, **3 points** deducted for receiving a referral, and **4 points** deducted for receiving a suspension.

Ms. Natalie will keep track of all of this under "Piute Attendance" ClassDojo points. These points will not be spendable in the PBIS store, it is for tracking purposes only. We recommend that parents and

guardians get connected to our School Classdojo site in order to be better connected on school events and our point system at school. There is a website, as well as an app available for iOS and Android devices. Events will be posted to our school story, and parents can see what points their students are earning and directly message staff with any questions. If you have any difficulties getting connected to Classdojo, please contact Ms. Natalie at (661)867-2301

Students will also recover missing attendance points by attending clubs outside of regular school hours in order to still be eligible, should they miss too many school days. We have various clubs happening after school starting from 2:45 pm to 4:30 pm Mondays-Thursdays to give students the opportunity to make-up attendance. If a student attends one of the clubs for **3 days**, they are able to make-up for **1 day** of school missed (**5 points** back). In order for the recovery to be changed, students must be in attendance of a club for **1 full hour**. Students that leave earlier will not be able to count that time towards their attendance recovery.

Great job to all of our students for showing up, staying involved, and earning those rewards!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Watch for the flier for all of December's activities.

Dec. 4- Santa Secret Shop walk through

Dec. 5- 6th-8th Winter Social at Elk Hills, Santa Secret Shop open, Grade Books Closed

Dec. 8- Santa Secret Shop open 2-3:00 pm

Dec. 9- End of Quarter Reward Bakersfield Movie field trip

Dec. 10- Dress Rehearsal at Ed Oakley Hall 9:30-11:30, Santa Secret Shop open 1:00-3:00

Dec. 11- Christmas Program: Dinner 5:00 with program to start at 6:00 pm Ed Oakley Hall

Dec. 12- Rotating Awards Assembly - beginning at 10:15 Macias, 10:30 Penney, 10:45 Simmons, and 11:00 Alexander. Students may leave with parents following their class' awards assembly.

That's it for now. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Piute Mountain Team