



# The Weekly Pellet

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### KINDERGARTEN NEWS

What a wonderful Kindergarten family we have this year! On Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, our class and our parents came together to create the most fabulous feast ever. We had so much fun being with one another and of course, eating! The students sang songs and told the parents what they were thankful for. The parents prepared food, decorated, and joined us for a very special time of fellowship. The students were so excited to see Mr. Dye, Mr. Rogers, and Tripp who joined us for the feast. Thank you to each and every one of the Kindergarten parents. You have already made this year very special!

### THIRD GRADE NEWS

The third graders went on a field trip to Clayton State College to see the Capitol City Opera Company perform an adaptation of Hansel & Gretel. This was a great introduction to opera for the students. When we returned to our campus, we made Venn diagrams comparing the performance to the classic book version by Humperdinck. The student's comparisons can be seen hanging in the hallway by our classroom door. Next Thursday the third and fourth graders will be taking a field trip to the Alliance Theatre for a performance of, "A Christmas Carol."

### FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Mrs. Howell's fourth grade students celebrated the end of their early Native American study with a festive powwow! Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, each Eastminster grade level participated with fourth grade in teepee painting, sand painting, origin story sharing, fish and blood soup, wasna (beef jerky), fry bread sampling, and wood games. Held in the commons area, the fourth grade students conducted different activities of the powwow and led Eastminster students through various rituals and traditions of the Navajo, Nez Perce, Inuit, Maya, Sioux, Seminole, Tlingit, and Maidu tribes. The powwow was an excellent way to honor Native Americans and their heritage and to culminate months of study by the fourth grade students.

## JUNIOR GREAT BOOKS

Junior Great Books is moving into the holidays with some wonderful stories. Kindergarteners are reading a Haitian folktale called “Bouki Cuts Woods.” Bouki thinks he is dead and we are trying to find a way to tell him he is not. First Graders walked in Monday morning to party hats in the hallway. We think Pooh, from the Hundred Acre Wood, dropped them off. Apparently, Eeyore is very upset that everyone forgot it was his birthday and Pooh is putting a party together. The Second Graders finally met the Blue Moose. He is the maitre’ d at Mr. Breton’s restaurant and has impeccable manners. Third and Fourth Graders are reading an interesting story called, “The Monster Who Grew Small.” Some of the names the Monster answers to are Famine, Pestilence, and What-Might Happen. We will be drawing our own interpretations of what this Monster might look like and will be hanging them up outside our classroom. How would you draw Pestilence?

## RECYCLING NEWS

Please remember to bring in your old athletic shoes for recycling. We currently have received 4 pairs. All shoes will be ground into materials that are used to make athletic courts in impoverished communities by Nike’s “Re-Use-A-Shoe” Program. (Shoes do not need to be Nike Brand.) The storage box is located in the lower school cafeteria. Our shoe drive ends in December. Middle School students can also earn a point for the Blue or Gold team for each pair donated.

## SHARING AND CARING PROJECT

*Do you have winter clothing that your family members do not wear anymore?* If you do, families at Pine Street Elementary School in Old Town Conyers need them. Pine Street School has the highest percentage of free and reduced lunches in the county, which means these children and their families are in great need of our donated outerwear.

To share a little warmth this winter, please bring your donations of *gently used* jackets, mittens and hats, sweaters, or any warm clothing to the Eastminster School office by Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. All sizes are needed.

Sharing God’s love this way is sure to warm everyone’s heart!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

The Middle School is thankful for having had a week off from school. We are even more thankful to have such a wonderful school to come back to. We are very excited to be getting prepared for our field trip to General Mills on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Please check your email from Mrs. Stahnke about the details of the trip. Grains, measurement, business, consumer awareness and product development, plant operations and safety and production will all be investigated. The projects that our students develop will be displayed at General Mills over the next couple of weeks. Our maize/khaki field trip uniform will be changed into after chapel.

The Middle School is continuing to contribute to the Heifer project. Thank you for donations of canned goods for the local food pantry. Ms. Brandi Watson is providing CiCi's Pizza to our Middle School students in appreciation for the letters that they wrote to some of our Soldiers overseas. Progress reports will go home today. Please sign and return the black/white copy.

Continue to check your child's agenda and homework for completion as this is an important part of our study skills program.

We are excited about the Christmas Musical on December 13<sup>th</sup> at Haven Fellowship Church. Our students have been working overtime on their dance routine. Thank you parents for making the extra effort to adjust your pickup schedules.

Reinforcing good hygiene during this cold/flu season is always a good idea. Donations of Clorox wipes, hand sanitizer, Kleenex and paper towels would be appreciated for us to be able to help keep our environment clean.

We are so happy to be back and with our family during this blessed time of year.

## PICTURES WITH SANTA CLAUS AT DEPOT IN OLDE TOWNE CONYERS

Be sure to join the fun in Olde Town Conyers on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. when Santa will arrive and Photographer, Danny Lee, will be taking photos at the Depot at 901 Railroad Street. Come sit on Santa's lap and let him know you have been good boys and girls this year!! You will receive your photos that day.

Also, there will be a Secret Santa Workshop in the Warehouse of the Depot taking place at the same time. If you have not started your holiday shopping feel free to stop in and purchase gifts at reasonable prices. There will be gifts for all ages. Children age range is 5 years and up. Find that special gift for members of your family at the Depot.

There will also be free Carriage Rides on Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to try out ice skating also.

Shops in Olde Towne are open late on the 7<sup>th</sup> as well.

### ***Important Dates***

*Parade Float Build  
December 3,4,5,6  
3-5pm (School)*

*Middle School Field  
Trip  
December 5*

*Olde Towne Holiday  
Shopping & Festivities  
December 7  
5-8 p.m.*

*Hometown Holiday  
Parade  
December 8 4:30*

*Christmas Musical  
December 13  
7:00pm(Haven  
Fellowship)*

*Sharing and Caring  
Project (Clothing due)  
December 14*

*Christmas  
Holidays  
December 24-January 2*

## **A TIDBIT FROM CHARLOTTE**

The Rockdale County Historical Society is proud to announce the Re-Opening of the Olde Jail Museum on Milstead Avenue next to the Courthouse. You are invited to a public viewing on Saturday, December 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This is a momentous occasion for the Historical Society. This project has been a two year production. Be sure to stop by the museum for a grand tour. You will get a taste of Rockdale County's Heritage that is now preserved for generations to come. Also, Pilot Club Tour of Homes is scheduled for Sunday, December 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the Olde Jail on Sunday. Including the Olde Jail being on the tour are five homes in the Olde Towne area. Come join the fun!!

## **HOMETOWN HOLIDAY PARADE**

Eastminster School will have a float in the Hometown Holiday Parade in Olde Town Conyers on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The fun begins at 4:30 p.m. The Parade starts from Rockdale County High School. We have to have adults on the truck for supervision and safety regulations, as well. We can have an estimated 20 people on the truck. Please sign up with Mrs. Jones up front if you are interested in participating!! Help promote our wonderful school by showing some school spirit!!! December 8<sup>th</sup>:

If you or your child are interested in riding on the float please carpool if possible and arrive at the Visitors Gravel Parking Lot on Pine Log Road no later than 3:00p.m. Parking is very limited in Olde Town Conyers. Mrs. Jones will meet you there at 3:00p.m. and escort you up to the Parking Lot located in the Main Staging Area. The truck will arrive at 3:00 p.m. We are #68 in the Parade. The Parade Route goes up Pine Log Road, right on Main Street, right at light onto Milstead Avenue and ends at Pine Street Road. The children will be brought back to the Main Staging Area for pick up. Don't forget about the Christmas Tree Lighting that follows the conclusion of the Parade at the Courthouse Parking Lot.

**Staff, Parents, Students** (after school in open barn by cottages)

The designated days to build the float are:

Monday, December 3	3:00-5:00pm
Tuesday, December 4	3:00-5:00pm
Wednesday, December 5	3:00-5:00pm
Saturday, December 8	Finishing touches if needed

If you are interested in donating items, we are in need of the following materials: Aluminum Foil, cardboard, chicken wire, quilt batting, heavy duty staple guns, spray paint (holiday colors), and rolled sheeting of snow.

Children riding on the float will be informed of their attire next week.

## 2007-2008 CALENDAR

### December Events

Ci Ci's Pizza	12/3/2007	All Day
Parade Float Build	12/3-4-5-6	3:00pm-5:00pm
Coffee Talk Wednesday	Each Wednesday	7:30am - 8:00am
Chapel	Each Wednesday	8:00am-8:30am
Hometown Holiday Parade	12/8/2007	4:30 PM
EPTF Meeting	12/11/2007	6:30 - 7:30
EPTF Board Meeting	12/12/2007	7:30
Christmas Musical	12/15/07	7:00pm(Haven Fellowship)
Scripts Order Due	12/14/2007	All Day
Secret Santa Workshop	12/18/07 & 12/19/07	All Day
Christmas Holidays	12/24/07 -1/2/08	School closed

### 2008 Event

### January Events

	Date	Time
Teacher Workday	1/2/2008	All Day
Students Back to School	1/3/2008	All Day
CiCi's Pizza	1/7/2008	All Day
EPTF Meeting	1/8/2008	6:30 - 7:30
EPTF Board Meeting	1/9/2008	7:30
Coffee Talk Wednesday	Each Wednesday	7:30am - 8:00am
Chapel	Each Wednesday	8:00am-8:30am
Scripts Order Due	1/18/2008	All Day
MLK Holiday	1/21/2008	School Closed