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Dear Platte River Families,

Welcome to 2017 at Platte River Elementary. We all look forward to serving you in the new year. In January, we have many extra-curricular activities starting, including 6th grade boys basketball and the Crystal Mountain after-school ski program, the continuation of Odyssey of the Mind, as well as Good News Club and Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts.

The most interesting thing to me about elementary school-aged children is their excitement. They seem to always be excited about something: one day it's a toy, the next it's an assembly, a birthday, a field trip... Not too long ago, it was Halloween, then Thanksgiving, Christmas, Winter Break, and now it's the snow falling outside! Please be sure to send your child to school each day with a **winter jacket, snow pants, gloves, boots, and a hat.**



I cannot believe that the school year is almost half over. The end of the first semester is Friday, January 20th. This will be a ½ day of school with 6th grade students being dismissed at 10:20, and K-5th grade students being dismissed at 11:55. No lunch will be served on January 20th. Please make a note and address any childcare issues that you may have. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 27th.

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PLATTE RIVER TEAMS AND CLUBS

- Coach Henry 6th grade Boys Basketball: Mon 5:30-7:00
- All 5th and 6th grade Boys Basketball: Tue 5:30-7:00
- 1st-5th Grade Boys Cub and Boy Scouts Tuesdays 6:30-7:30
- Crystal Mountain Ski Program Wednesdays 3:30-8:00pm; Lessons @ 4:30, 5:30, 6:30
- Good News Club Tuesdays 4:00-5:00
- Coach Childers Boys Basketball: Wed 3:00-5:00
- Coach Chandler Boys Basketball Thu 5:30-7:00
- Coach Barron and Coach Jones Basketball Fri 5:30-7:00

Some important dates in the month of January:

- January 3rd School Resumes**
- January 10th PTO Meeting 6:30pm**
- January 20th Half Day of School**
 6th Grade released at 10:20
 K-5 Grade released at 11:50
- January 13th Movie Night 6:30-8:00pm**

You can follow what's happening at Platte River Elementary by going online to benzieschools.net Click 'calendars' then click 'Platte River Elementary.'

2016 2017

Platte River Elementary

Mission Statement:

The school community of Platte River will provide opportunities in a responsible, respectful, and safe environment to empower students to learn and succeed in today's society.

The Character Trait of December was Respectful. The following students showed Respectful behavior throughout the month and are being recognized at Character Café on Friday, 1/6/17:

- Mrs. Fought's Kindergarten Class: **Ellery Graetz**
- Mrs. Noffsinger's First Grade Class: **Hank Hautala**
- Mrs. Rosa's Second Grade Class: **Gregory Stover**
- Mrs. Jass's Third Grade Class: **Leah McRae**
- Mrs. Burch's Fourth Grade Class: **Grayson Converse**
- Mrs. Vanderlinde's Fourth/Fifth Grade Class: **Kara Johnson**
- Mrs. Micinski's Sixth Grade Class: **Wyatt Noffsinger**
- Ms. Wynkoop's Sixth Grade Class: **Dorian Olson**
- Mr. Grimes Sixth Grade Class: **Colton Downs**
- Mrs. Roeske's Sixth Grade Class: **Rylee Lane**

Maker Day
Saturday, January 28, 2017
1-3 pm



@ **Benzonia Public Library**
Mills Community House-Upper Level
891 Michigan Ave., Benzonia
231-882-4111 www.benzonialibrary.org

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**Maker Stations and
Open Exploration**

**LEGOs, Robots,
3-D printer, littlebits,
Makey Makey, ozobots,
virtual reality goggles,
"tool box" and more!**

Join us for an afternoon of fun and discovery!
We will be joined by our friends from the
University of Michigan School of Information
to present a multitude of Maker Stations where
anyone can engage in open play & creation.

**FAMILY
FRIENDLY**



Top 5 Classes as of January 3, 2017

1. Fought 1972
2. Burch 731
3. Noffsinger 594
4. Grimes 383
5. Rosa 292



School Breakfast and Lunch menus are available online and through the NutriSlice App.



Student meal balances are available through MealpayPlus online and paper copies are sent home at the beginning of the week as well.



You are encouraged to attend meetings and help plan upcoming events with the PTO at Platte River. The next meeting is on January 10th at 6:30pm, in the school library.



FREE PRESCHOOL

NMCAA Head Start & BCCS GSRP Preschool Programs are now taking applications for the **2017-18** school year. These are **FREE** quality preschool programs in your area promoting school readiness.

Children who will be **3 and 4 years-old on or before 9/01/17** are eligible to apply.

Call now for an appointment:
1-231-346-2116 or 1-800-632-7334

Apply Now!

VISITING SCHOOL

The staff and students very much appreciate and welcome visitors. For the safety of your children, we are asking all visitors to go directly to the office upon arriving at the school. You will be asked to sign in and to wear a visitor badge.

If there are any busses parked in the circle drive in front of the school at the time you are dropping off or picking up your child, do not drive into the circle drive. Rather, drop off at the east end of the circle drive close to the basketball court. Thank you!