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Dear Platte River Families,

I trust that you enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving with your family. We all have so much for which to be thankful. November was a very busy month with many extra-curricular activities such as basketball, Odyssey of the Mind, Good News Club, and Cub Scouts all in full swing.

With the holidays right around the corner, we scheduled a formal holiday meal here at school at lunchtime on December 21st. This will be a fun and rewarding time for our staff and students to all come together to celebrate. Every student will be offered this meal free of charge. Winter vacation will begin Thursday afternoon on December 22. December 22 is a half day of school, with 6th grade students being dismissed at 10:20 and K-5 students being dismissed at 11:50. Students are scheduled to return on Tuesday, January 3, 2017.

It is beginning to get very COLD outside! Please send your child to school with the appropriate winter gear: Elementary students will not be allowed to go outside at recess if they do not have the following items: coat, hat, mittens/gloves, and when there is snow – snowpants and boots. This is for their safety. Please put your child’s name on each of their winter clothing items, so we will know who to return them to if they are misplaced. You wouldn’t believe the large number of hats, mittens, sweatshirts and even coats in our lost and found that are never claimed.

It is my pleasure to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful and warm holiday season! I hope it is a great time of peace for your family. Please take care!

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PLATTE RIVER TEAMS AND CLUBS

6th Grade Girls Basketball Teams: Monday and Friday 4:00-5:30 – Coach Peltier

3rd/4th Boys Basketball: Tue+Thu 5:00-6:30

1st-5th Grade Cub Scouts Wednesdays 6:30-7:30

3rd/4th Grade Girls Basketball: Fridays 5:30-7:00 at Platte River (other practices at Betsie Valley too)

3rd-5th Grade Odyssey of the Mind Team: Coach Jass has distributed both schedules to the teams

5th grade Girls Basketball: Mondays and Wednesdays 5:30-7:00

Some important dates in the month of December:

- December 13 6:30pm (Supt. Olson attending)**
- December 15 7:00pm 2nd-5th Musical at HS**
- December 21 Holiday Luncheon**
- December 22 Half Day – No Lunch Served**
- January 3 – School Resumes**

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

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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 November was Appreciative. The following students showed appreciation throughout the month and were recognized at Character Café Friday, Dec. 2:

Mrs. Fought's Kindergarten Class: **Weston Converse**

Mrs. Noffsinger's First Grade Class: **Lelen Denune**

Mrs. Rosa's Second Grade Class: **Kallee Kappler**

Mrs. Jass's Third Grade Class: **Malachi Wittig**

Mrs. Burch's Fourth Grade Class: **Teegan Bair**

Mrs. Vanderlinde's Fifth Grade Class: **Xiola Weidner**

Mrs. Micinski's Sixth Grade Class: **Christopher White**

Ms. Wynkoop's Sixth Grade Class: **Noah Murphy**

Mr. Grimes Sixth Grade Class: **Izabelle Voice**

Mrs. Roeske's Sixth Grade Class: **Jessica Decker**

FOODCORPS CORNER



We have held two taste tests in the cafeteria in November. Keeping in mind the harvest of the month was winter squash, we tried Rhonda's recipe for butternut squash soup on Nov 20th. 119 kids tried the squash, and 51% of them said they either liked or loved it. On Nov 29th, we tried oven-roasted acorn squash. This wasn't just any acorn squash, however, it was organic, hand-grown acorn squash that was graciously donated by our very own custodian Barrie Kreiner from his garden. 66% of the kids who tried the acorn squash nuggets said they loved it!

The PTO at Platte River is excited to get going with another year of events and fundraisers.

Please feel free to attend the first meeting on December 13th at 6:30pm.



If there are any busses parked in the circle drive in front of the school at the time you are dropping off 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!



Holiday Party & Craft Workshop **Saturday, Dec. 10, 2016**



Benzonia Public Library

(Mills Community House-upper level), 891 Michigan Ave (US-31)

Schedule of activities

11:00-11:30 am Stories and carols.

11:30-12:00 pm **Hilarious Puppet Show!**

12:00-1:00 pm Ornament-Craft Workshop Photo Booth!

12:00-1:00 pm **Special gift making & wrapping workshop**

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Refreshments served throughout event.

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