

# Principal's Corner

Dear Parents and Guardians,

December is here and with it comes a Michigan winter! We are entering into the snowy and cold time of year. As an important reminder to bring winter gear, as our students learn skills in the classroom and develop and practice their skills socially and emotionally through playing with peers outside. Be sure your child comes to school each day with a hat, gloves, jacket, snowpants, and boots.

Students are certainly getting excited about the holidays, snow, time with friends and family over vacation, and just the pure joy that comes with this time of year. These can be challenging weeks for our learners as they are focused on many other things. We work hard at school to teach and learn right up to the final day before winter break. Sometimes (myself included) we “go go go” and forget to stop and appreciate all that is happening around us. I hope you all have a wonderful time with your family and that you make great memories!

As we enter the holiday season, I again want you to all know how grateful we are that you send us your children each day. We take very seriously the responsibility we have in shaping their lives. The world is such a complex place, but we are excited that kids from Crystal Lake Elementary School are the future of this world who will no-doubt continue to do amazing things.

As always, my door is open and I welcome you to stop by, email, or call anytime that you have questions, comments, or concerns. Thank you again for what you do to help make your child's school such a special place! Take care and happy holidays to you and your families!

Steve Graetz  
Principal

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

12/9 MOVIE NIGHT  
4-7 pm (Pajama day  
at school!)

12/13-12/16 Christ-  
mas Shoppe

12/20 K-5 Christmas  
Music Program, 6pm  
@ BCCS Auditorium

12/21 Early Dismissal  
@ 11:50

12/22—1/3 Holiday  
Break

1/4 School Resumes,  
Welcome Back

Activities currently avail-  
able for your student:

Youth Wrestling Camp (1  
day, 12/12, see next page).

Boys Basketball starts  
after the holiday break.  
Email [mrszickert@gmail.com](mailto:mrszickert@gmail.com)  
for more information

## Youth Wrestling Opportunity

Monday, Dec 12, from 6-8 pm

- Husky Wrestling Room (above the BCHS Gym)
- Cost– FREE FREE FREE
- Camp Agenda– Meet the Coaches, Play Game, Introduction to the Husky Wrestling Club, Expose our youth to wrestling, and HAVE FUN!
- No Sign Up Required
- No Experience Required
- Ages 5-14
- Questions? Call Coach VanDonklear-231-383-3406 or Coach Lovendusky-231-640-0046

## DISMISSAL INFO:

Students are dismissed to the busses from their classroom.

Parents who are picking up their students should use the car line when possible.

We strive to create a dismissal process that is safe, secure, and calm. Please help us focus on dismissal by limiting last minute end of day changes. All changes should be called in to the office no later than 3pm. We also request that you do not pick up your student just prior to dismissal unless it is an emergency, in order for staff to focus on dismissal.

**Elves wanted...** Click on the link

below to volunteer to help!

[Movie Night Volunteer Sign Up](#)

[Christmas Shoppe Volunteer Sign Up](#)

The Christmas Shoppe could use TAPE donations!



## HUSKY HELPERS PTO

Please consider joining our current Husky Helpers PTO to provide a fun and activity filled year! If you are interested, please reach out to : huskyhelperspto@gmail.com or Facebook@huskyhelperspto.

Husky Helpers will met in the library at 4:15 on the following dates:

Jan. 17                      Feb. 21    Mar. 21                      Apr. 18

May 16

Activities, year at a Glance:

Snack Cart– every full Friday

Christmas Shoppe-12/13-12/16

Movie Night/Date Night– 12/9

Daddy Daughter Dance-3/10

Teacher Appreciation Week– 5/1-5/5

Penny War/Ice Cream Contest– Date TND

\*Dates and times may change



RETURN FORM BY DEC. 1.

Crystal Lake will have a **CHRISTMAS CONCERT** on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, AT 6 P.M.**

Students will wear a festive shirt (green, red, Christmas theme) with a nice pair of pants. Students may wear Santa hats.

Families: arrive between 5:30-5:45 P.M. at the BCCS auditorium. Help your student find their class in the auditorium and sit with them. Participation in the concert is not mandatory, but is encouraged. The concert will last about 30 minutes.

Please email roppb@benzieschools.net if you have any questions.

# HUSKY SHOUT OUTS

Shout out to **Caleb Wallington** for helping Mrs. Miller when she dropped some papers in the hallway the other day.  
Mrs. Lamkey

Abram Slagal for helping another student find their things to get on the bus.

Mrs. Dodge

Shout out to Kiki and Ellyssa who come to school each day ready to learn with a great positive attitude. Keep up the good work.  
Mr. Ross

**Raelynn** in Mr. Grimes class for helping with the car line yesterday. You are always eager to help where it is needed and that is so very appreciated!!

Mrs. Knox

Thank you to Cecila Olsen for her help delivering bus notes daily.

Mrs. Bishop

Shout out to Jaxsen C. for being the paper snowflake ninja!  
Mr. Grimes

Many thank you's to **Tyler** and **Eagon** who unstack chairs for the art room in the morning:))))

Mrs. Travis

