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# Shooting Star Scoop

## December 2012



*The monthly newsletter for Nikiski North Star Elementary*

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### Important Dates

**December 3**

Site Council  
4 pm - Lounge

**December 4**

K-2 Holiday Concert Practice  
NMHS

**December 4**

K-2 Holiday Concert  
NMHS - 6:30pm  
(Performers - 6:10pm\*)  
\* change from previous time

**December 10**

CCI SOM Pizza with Ms. Callahan  
Library - Noon

**December 10 - 14**

Holiday Shoppe  
NNS Library

**December 11**

PTA Reflections Entries Due

**December 21**

Teacher Inservice Day  
NO SCHOOL

**December 24 - January 4**

Christmas Break  
NO SCHOOL



### Principal Points

Happy Holidays!

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. It feels like our winter weather has definitely arrived. Hopefully a little snow will soon head our way so we can bring our snow sculpture contests during recess! Please have a talk with your child about how they should behave around moose and be watchful as you are taking your child to their bus stop. Some good tips to mention in particular are that it is dangerous to approach moose and that one child deciding to throw rocks at a moose at a bus stop puts all children standing there in danger.

We work with the Alaska State Troopers regarding moose that suddenly decide to graze on school property during the school day and to ensure the moose graze outside school property so our children can play outside safely. Some days you may see me dealing with it, other days it may be a state trooper. It generally depends on the time and who is available. By the way, if you are joining us new this year from the lower 48 states and are learning about moose for the first time, please feel free to contact any of our school staff for additional information. I understand how this may appear to be an unusual topic for a school newsletter! ☺

Please be sure your child has their first and last name written on each of their snow gear items. For their snow gear, the students need to have winter coats, mittens/gloves, hats, snowboots, and snowpants when they come to school. Thank you to everyone who is building those few extra minutes into your busy morning routine to make sure the children leave your house with these items. We know it takes extra effort every day in the winter and we truly do appreciate all you do to make sure your children are dressed for our Alaska winters!



*Doesn't Ms. Callahan look excited? She is getting ready to "Kiss a Pig" as part of the fundraiser celebration last month.*

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## Points continued

We are very excited about our students here at NNS! We're seeing some amazing skills in art, music, math, writing, and science experiments. Every child in our school is important and valued. We look forward to seeing every single child in grades PreK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade perform in our Winter Concert on December 4 at the Nikiski Middle/Senior High School Auditorium. They have been practicing hard and are ready to put on a great show!

There are MANY opportunities for parents to volunteer this month in our school. Please check with our PTA and your child's classroom teacher to find out how you can get involved this month.

There is no school on December 21 so the last day for students will be Thursday, December 20. Teachers the following day will be participating in teacher workshops and working on report cards.

We wish each of you and your families a very happy holiday!

Lisa



## HEA Energy Writing Contest

Congratulations to Savannah Ley (4<sup>th</sup> grade) who earned 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the HEA Energy - Writing Contest (North Service Area). Out of many entries from the peninsula, Savannah's energy limericks earned her 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the grade 3-4 division! Savannah shared her writing at the HEA Energy Fair in Kenai! Awesome job Savannah!

## November Character Counts! Students of the Month

Destiny Richie	Shelby Edgar
Vanessa Lopez	Jakobee Anderson
Sam Smith	Bryce Dederick
Ethan Ellis	Conner Cook
Patrick Anderson	Kameron Bird
Hunter Fraley	Kellee Martin
TJ Fallon	Zoey Ellis
Braeden Porter	Tyler VanSky
Charlie Chamberlain	Shannon Pitt



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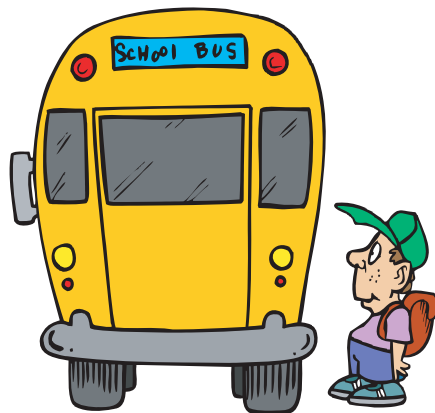
# Winter Concert Extravaganza

Come one; come all to the Winter Concert Extravaganza! Join the Pre-Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students as they sing the season in with traditional Christmas carols! They will be performing on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Nikiski Middle/High School. We hope to see you there!



## REMINDER:

The bus lane is for buses and emergency vehicles only. All other vehicles should be parked in the parking lot area.



Please make sure your child has a hat, gloves, boots & snowpants.

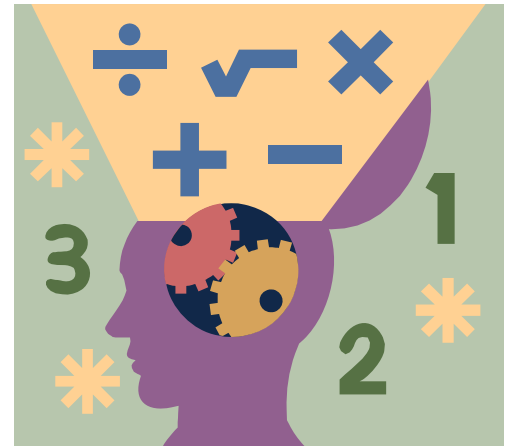


# American Math Challenge

Last month, Nikiski North Star students participated in the American Math Challenge. The top 6 students from NNS - students who scored 2,000 points or higher - were:

Emilee Braun	4,333 points (Highest in school and 17 <sup>th</sup> in Alaska!)
Trista Apted	4,316 points (18 <sup>th</sup> in AK!)
Sam Smith	4,256 points (20 <sup>th</sup> in AK!)
Brenden Boehme	3,003 points
Savannah Ley	2,799 points
Faith Burleson	2,651 points

**\*TOP SCORING CLASS** on the 'American Math Challenge' - **Mr. Boyle's Class** with 27,682 total points! (2<sup>nd</sup> highest class in state!)



*Dale Lawyer and his search and rescue dog, Ares, came to Mrs. Armstrong's class last week. The students participated in the Lost in the Woods Program. They learned about outdoor safety.*