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# Shooting Star Scoop

## December 2011

*The monthly newsletter for Nikiski North Star Elementary*

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

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### Important Dates

**December 1**

PTA Meeting  
3:45 pm - Lounge

**December 5 - 9**

Holiday Young Shoppers Club  
NNS Library

**December 5**

K-2 Holiday Concert Practice  
NMHS - 10am

**December 6**

K-2 Holiday Concert  
NMHS - 7pm  
(Performers - 6:45pm)

**December 9**

CCI SOM Pizza with Ms. Callahan  
Library - Noon

**December 12**

Site Council  
4 pm - Lounge

**December 13**

Good News Club  
3:30-4:45 pm - Rm 3

**December 15**

Dancing with the Nikiski  
North Stars  
2 pm - Gym

**December 16**

Teacher Inservice Day  
NO SCHOOL

**December 19 - January 2**

Christmas Break  
NO SCHOOL



### Principal Points

Tis the Season!

I hope you had a fun-filled Thanksgiving holiday! December has our school abuzz with activities. Our Pillar of Character for the month of December is Caring and our student council has begun a food drive for our community. Families are invited to send in dry food items this next week. Our students will soon be writing letters to troops and making ornaments and cards for senior citizens in our community. We are asking for donations of plain tree ornament balls that could be decorated by our students.

The Holiday Young Shopper's Club begins on Monday, December 5 and is sponsored by the NNS PTA. This event offers children the opportunity to purchase small gifts for family members. If your income can't support this expense at this time, please contact me directly and I can help your child make some purchases. PTA and NNS hold the firm belief that EVERY child should be able to participate in this event (if their parents' permit). For this reason PTA has set up an account for me to use for families that make a request. Many volunteers are still needed for this event!

Thank you for helping your children each day to come to school wearing their mittens, hats, and winter coats. We've had some below zero temperatures already this winter so these items are necessities! Our school nurse has some hats and gloves for students to borrow but there are currently not enough of these items for every child who needs them each day.



Author David Greenberg knows how to get students excited about poetry.

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## Points continued

Students in the intermediate wing are enjoying using the online collaborative tool Edmodo as they work on language arts assignments in their classrooms and students throughout the school are still talking about stories, poems, and the books they read with guest author David Greenberg. Students also recently earned their first schoolwide celebration to celebrate their achievement in demonstrating schoolwide expectations and the Pillars of Character.

There is no school on Friday, December 16. Teachers will be working on report cards and participating in teacher workshops that day. We wish all our Nikiski North Star students and families the happiest of holidays!

Lisa



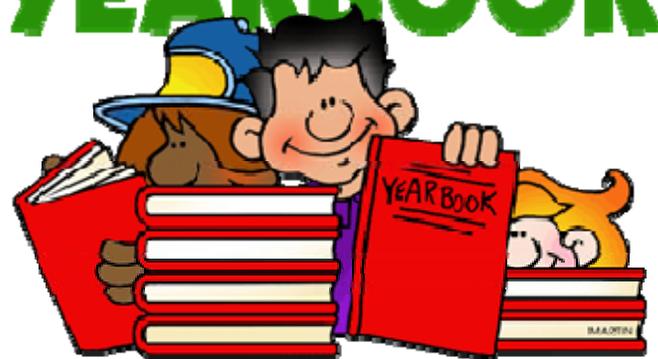
## REMINDER:

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



**ALL  
STUDENTS  
NEED  
GLOVES,  
HATS,  
BOOTS &  
SNOWPANTS!**

## 2011/2012 YEARBOOK



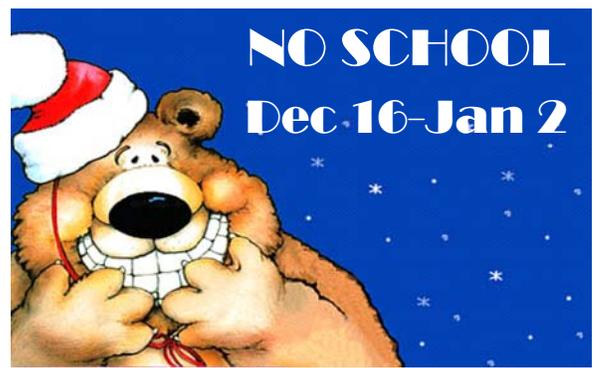
### "To Be or Not To Be"?

The PTA is in need of a coordinator and parent volunteers to form a yearbook team. If a team cannot be formed by December 12th, unfortunately, there will not be a yearbook. Please contact Sasha Fallon by phone or email at 776-7629 or [sashafallon@alaska.net](mailto:sashafallon@alaska.net) if you are interested in being a part of the yearbook team!



## Our Christmas Customs

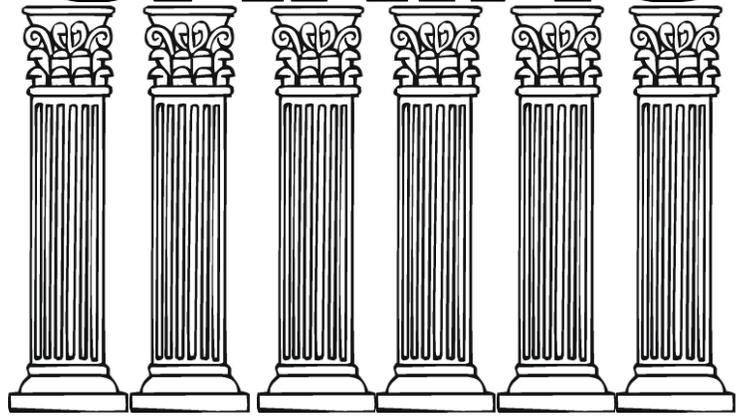
The Nikiski North Star Holiday Show to be held at the Nikiski HS auditorium will be Tues, Dec 6 at 7:00 p.m. This show's theme is "Our Christmas Customs" and features the students in Mrs. Pala's class, Mrs. Trammell, Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Thye, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Tauriainen, Mrs. Mayberry, Mrs. Erwin, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Settlemyer and Mrs. Armstrong's classes. The advanced band quartet will perform prelude music.



## November Character Counts! Students of the Month

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| Patrick Henry     | Ashley Pope    |
| William Sickel    | Nikole Emerson |
| Clayton McCormick | TJ Fallen      |
| Liam O'Brien      | Lynn Deever    |
| Herman Cleveland  | Lilly Anderson |
| Martin Cox        | Giaseena Nicks |
| Caileb Payne      | Audrey Johnson |
| Dianne Nasibog    | Brenden Boehme |
| Shaylyn Stroman   | Wynter Yeager  |

## THE PILLAR FOR DECEMBER IS... **CARING**



# 1 *Get 1 hour or more of physical activity each day.* CONTINUED

**House Music.** *There's no better way to get active than to dance! It doesn't have to be perfect—sometimes it's more fun to be silly! Just turn up the music and move to the beat.*

**Two Steps:** Teach your kids to dance while they talk on the phone, watch TV, brush their teeth or clean their rooms!

**New Moves:** Have your child invent his or her own dance steps. They can be cool—or just wacky.

**Dance-a-thon:** Try to hop on one foot with your kids all the way through their favorite song.

**Jumping Jack Flash:** Start with a shorter song, and see if your child can do jumping jacks all the way through it. Work your way up to longer songs.

### **Video Workouts**

**Check It Out:** Libraries and video stores have tons of workout videos for all kinds of tastes. Find your child's style and take it to the house!

**Stretch Your Mind:** What about a yoga video? Yoga is a great way for kids to start the day—it loosens muscles and even helps focus the mind.

**Double Time:** When watching TV at home, do jumping jacks, pushups, or crunches during commercial breaks.

### **Chores and More**

**Get the House in Shape:** Not only will they score points with you, but cleaning their rooms, vacuuming, or doing the dishes can also get your kids' hearts pumping.

### **Get Out There**

**Go Green (Thumb):** When the weather is nice, mowing the grass or gardening are great forms of activity.

**Team Up:** Organize the kids on your block to play a huge game of "Capture the Flag."

**Made for Walking:** Teach your kids to use their feet every chance they get. Let them walk to a friend's house, to the store, around the mall or wherever it's safe to walk. While they're at it, they can walk your dog (or a neighbor's dog).

**How They Roll:** Encourage your kids to put their muscles to work on their bikes, skates or scooters. Don't forget the helmets and pads.

**A Dash of Speed:** See how fast you and your kids can run for one block.

**Home Teams:** Your children don't need to play organized sports to enjoy team activities. They can meet up with a few friends to shoot hoops, kick a soccer ball, play street hockey or throw a football or baseball. Check out your neighborhood recreation center for open gym times—and for other activities like tennis or swimming.

**Give Them the Ball:** Teach your kids how to get everyone moving. When they're baby-sitting or playing with younger brothers or sisters, show them how to invent games and get everyone involved. Young kids love games like hopscotch, tag, hide-and-seek, Hula-Hoops, jumping rope, squirt guns, T-ball, kickball or flying a kite—especially when they're doing it with a "cool" older kid.