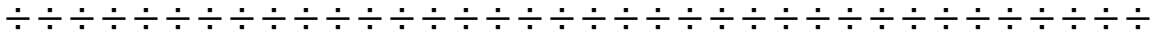


# Kittredge Konnection

December 6, 2011

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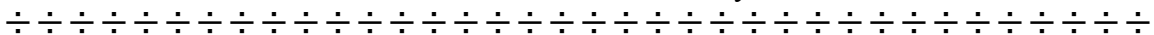


## Minimum Days and Parent Conferences are Tomorrow and Thursday

There will be a noon dismissal on Wednesday (tomorrow) and Thursday so that teachers are available to meet for conferences.

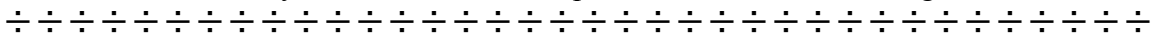
Thank you to everyone for figuring out the online dismissal form. It has worked perfectly for getting us the information we need to dismiss your children at noon.

If you still haven't "submitted" your dismissal form and need some help, please contact the office. We would like to make sure that we know where every student will be at noon dismissal.



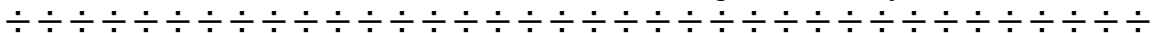
## Student Council Speeches are Next Thursday

All students interested in running for a classroom or school-wide office have been given a permission form to be signed and returned by next Monday. Our election for next term's officers will be held next Thursday. Student Council is open to students in 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades.



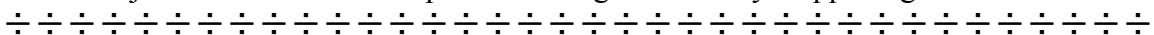
## Welcome Travis Evans

We are very happy to welcome Travis Evans to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade class. Travis is new to Kittredge, but his family is not. His brother Carter graduated last year and his sister Logan is in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. We feel fortunate to be able to include Travis in the Kittredge Community.



## Pink Day at Kittredge – Next Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> (Breast Cancer Awareness)

Student Council has decided to have a "pink day" at school to raise support for breast cancer research. Seventh graders will open their classroom to the whole school for donations during snack/recess next Wednesday. They will have cookies and treats available to those who come. The donation jar will be available to parents during the Holiday Happening.

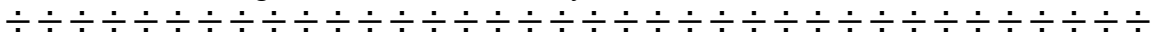


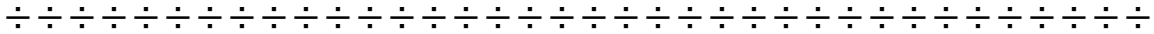
## Volunteers Needed for the Holiday Happening

The **Holiday Happening** is next week and in order to make this event successful, we need some enthusiastic parent volunteers. Thank you to those who have already stepped forward to volunteer.

The kids will have an hour to create their masterpieces and we need 4 volunteers from each classroom to work a short 30-minute shift. Don't worry if you aren't artistically inclined, the crafts are easy to make and there will be samples/directions to follow. A couple volunteers for set up and clean up would also be helpful. Please let Kristin Kiss ([kkiss@cordblood.com](mailto:kkiss@cordblood.com)) know if you are interested.

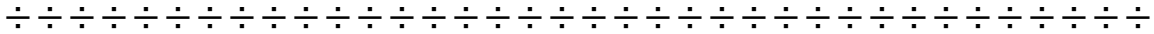
P.S. We are also looking for an inflatable holiday decoration for the front of the school.





**Let's Not Forget Others... Toys for Tots**

We will once again be collecting new, unwrapped toys and books for the *Toys For Tots* program at the Holiday Happening. The barrel is here now, and donations will be accepted. Thank you Frances for heading this important program.



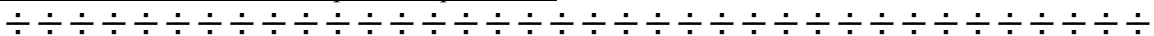
**Holiday Happening – December 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 8:15**

All families are invited to attend Kittredge School's annual Holiday Happening. Please mark your calendars now to make sure you don't miss this wonderful event.

- Please bring a finger food dessert to share.
- A sandwich snack/dinner is provided.
- There will be crafts and games for all.
- The puppet show starts at 7:30 and we'll close with a community sing-a-long.
- As always, a great time is expected!

Rumor has it that Santa will make an appearance.

**Important Note To All Parents:** During the Holiday Happening, teachers will be busy running the games and helping with the food so please don't rely on them to watch your children. Kittredge believes parents need to supervise their own children. There will be a lot of stimuli throughout the school and it can be overwhelming to some. Also, the party must stay inside the school building. Students will not be able to leave the school without parent supervision.



**No Study Hall Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

There will be NO Study Hall on December 15 so that we can begin setting up for the Holiday Happening. Extended Day is available as usual (and study hall students will be welcome there if you need day care).

Although Extended Day is open until 6pm, we recommend that children be picked up early enough to get ready at home for the Holiday Happening, which begins at 6:30.



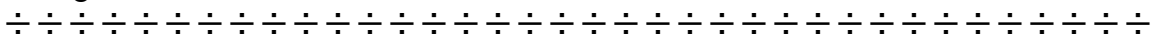
**Winter Break Begins at Noon on Friday, December 16**

**Extendo is Available on December 19 to 23**

**Please Register Online in Sycamore**

To make sure we have proper staffing, your child must be registered into Extendo whether you have a contract or not. There is no charge for those who have an Extended Day Contract, and there is a drop in fee for any one who comes per diem.

We will continue using Sycamore for the online forms. Tomorrow you will find the Winter Break Registration Form online.



As we continue to introduce Habits of Mind and the habit of Managing Impulsivity...

**Thought of the Week**

"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment." ~Benjamin Franklin