Pipestone School

December Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Hello Pipestone Families,

As we approach the festive season we have much to look forward to at Pipestone. Students are happily practicing for the annual Christmas Concert on Dec. 17th, the Parent Council has been busy organizing fun events for the students including a sleigh ride and a field trip to the Thorsby Rec Center. We will even have a visit from Santa! Our leadership group is planning additional theme days and activities for—all to enjoy. These will be updated on our school <u>calendar</u> as they come up with some email reminders along the way. I look forward to joining the Pipestone School community celebrations this Christmas Season!

Tanya McFarland Principal, Pipestone School

Pipestone News

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 6

• PLC Day - no school for students

Dec. 10

• Parent Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Dec. 12

- Sleigh Ride and hot chocolate
- Pajama day

Dec. 17

• Christmas Concert and Pie Raffle 1:00 pm and 6:00 pm

Dec. 18

- Grade 6 students at PLRS for Christmas Dinner in the afternoon
- Santa will be visiting Pipestone in the afternoon

Dec. 20

- Fun times at Artic Spa Rec Center in Thorsby 9:15 -1:30
- Last day before Christmas Break

Christmas Concert and Pie Auction



Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 1:00 pm and again at 6:00 pm
Bring your family and friends!





Staff Spotlight



I am incredibly grateful to be a part of the Pipestone School community as the Grade 3/4 teacher. As someone new to the school, I have been warmly welcomed by both staff and students, and I am so thankful for the supportive environment that has made my transition smooth and enjoyable.

I love my role as the Grade 3/4 teacher! It has been such a rewarding experience watching my students grow in confidence and skill across all subjects thus far this year. I am particularly passionate about implementing small group instruction, which has proven to be a powerful tool in helping my students become more capable and confident readers, writers, and mathematicians. By working closely with students in small groups, I can offer personalized support, address individual needs, and celebrate each student's unique progress.

In addition to my teaching role in the classroom, I am also the Grade 5/6 P.E. teacher. I am excited to bring my passion for physical education to all students at Pipestone. This year, I've introduced lunchtime intramurals, creating fun and engaging opportunities for students to stay active and develop teamwork skills. I also had the privilege of taking students to a tournament in Winfield and participating in the Rod Drebert cross-country event. These experiences were not only about athletic development but also about fostering school spirit, resilience, and a sense of accomplishment.

I look forward to continuing to contribute to the growth and development of all students at Pipestone, both academically and physically. Being part of such a wonderful school is truly inspiring, and I am excited for all the learning and growth that lies ahead for our students this year.

<u>Pipestone Gear</u>

If you are interested in purchasing Pipestone gear, please click the link above!

