



S.S. Dixon Intermediate School

December 2018

Mrs. Gooch's Good News

Well, the happiest and busiest time of the year is upon us. I love this time of the year as we are reminded to be thankful and can consider giving to others. If you took a bell from the Christmas tree (or if you didn't and would like to purchase a gift), please return your gift by December 5th. We appreciate the support our families show to others. December will be a month filled with holiday activities. Please be sure to check the calendar so you or your child won't miss anything. Candy Cane Lane (Santa Shop) will be open Dec. 3rd-10th. PTSO sent home information about this shopping experience for your child. Our talented 5th grade chorus will present their Christmas program on Tuesday, December 4th. I can hardly wait to see the presentation! Jingle Bell Trail will be held on the early release day, Dec. 20th.

Thank you to all who donated items for Blountstown Elementary. The school was very appreciative of the items given to them. We took a U Haul trailer to carry all of the items!



We had a great turnout for our Veterans recognition. We appreciate our Veterans and the service each provides(d). Thank you to our students who participated in the Kids Heart Challenge (formerly known as Jump Rope for Heart). We don't have a total yet, but we are very close to \$12,000.00!

We have a new member of the SSDI family. Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Latisia Craig as a new 4th grade teacher. In case you haven't heard, we will be saying Farewell to our AWESOME art teacher, Mr. Randy New. He will retire when we go home for Christmas break. A replacement will be hired soon.

PARENT DROP OFF—we hope to have a special treat for you on either Dec. 18 or 19. We ask for your patience that morning as drop off may take a little longer than usual. 😊

January 7th will be an early release day for students instead of a planning day. This is to make up time lost due to Hurricane Michael. We realize this is a change in our original schedule and want our families to know that if you have plans to be out of town, you may contact us now, so it will be an approved absence.

I want to wish each family a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Please share with us ideas, concerns or areas in which you believe we could improve. For more information about SSDI, please visit our school's website <https://www.santarosa.k12.fl.us/schools/dis.html>.

Mrs. Hendricks' Happenings

This is the time of year when the leaves change color and the weather begins to cool down. Please make sure your child dresses for cooler weather and they have a jacket with them daily. Don't forget to put your child's name in his/her jacket. Also, remind students to double check our lost and found items if their jacket, or any other items go missing.

Please remember, if you come through the parent pick-up line, all cars **must** display a pick-up tag indicating the child's name. If you do not have a pick-up tag you will be asked to park, so that you can come into the front office to show your id before your child is released to you. Additional tags can be purchased for \$1.00 in the front office.

Congratulations to the following people for being chosen as SSDI's volunteers of the year.

Youth-Alyssa Andrews, **Adult**-Tracey Glass, and **Senior**-Jeanne Jones. We appreciate your help! It's hard to believe that we are now in the month of December and our semester ends in just a few weeks!! Thank you for all that you do to support DIS and I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday!!

NEWS FROM P.E.

Greetings and Happy Holidays! Kids Heart Challenge was a HUGE success! Dixon students really enjoyed performing their jump rope routines and a great time was had by all. This month we will continue with a week of Track and Field focusing on running the 440 relay. Our Flag Football unit will be December 10-19. Jingle Bell Trail will be held on Thursday, December 20. Students may wear bells and/or their elf attire to run/walk the Country Mile. Families are welcome to join their student! **Jingle Bell Trail times are as follows:** 3rd grade 9:15-10:00, 5th grade 10:10-10:55, and 4th grade 11:10-11:55. Running club will be running on December 7th and 14th weather permitting. Students who are participating should wear closed toed shoes. Parents may come out during their child's PE time and run with them. Lost and found is located in the cafeteria. Please have your student check this area before we take the lost items to Goodwill. When the students return on January 7, we will start our Fishing unit. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Coach Williams or Coach Keller. We hope that everyone has a fantastic holiday season! Coach Keller, Coach Williams and Coach Ward

PBIS

Our students continue to earn Patriot Bucks for exhibiting good behavior. We will have 2 opportunities for students to use the bucks. Both will occur on December 18—Wacky Tacky Dress Up (\$5) and Dance Party (end of 2nd nine weeks \$15). Keep demonstrating positive behavior!

POP TABS

Students may bring in pop tabs and place them in a container that is weighed each month. The pop tabs are donated to the Ronald McDonald House of NWFL and they use the money to pay their utility bills. September totals were: 3rd grade-19 lbs, 4th grade-35 lbs, and 5th grade 17 lbs. Please continue to send pop tabs to school with the students.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be held on January 9, 2019. Those serving on our council have shared some great ideas. Our school improvement plan is posted on our school's website. The document is a working document and can be updated during the year. You are welcome to join us on January 9th or send in suggestions at any time. Our annual school report card and SPAR report are available on our website and in the Title 1 parent binder.

TITLE ONE

Our parent resource center has many resources that may be of interest to parents. There are books, videos, and other information about a variety of subjects. There is a computer available for parents' use. The resource center is located in the area of Mrs. Whitney Bennett's office. We hope you will visit the resource center and share ideas of items that may be of assistance for parents. As a reminder, parents may request information about the qualifications of their child's teacher and/or paraprofessionals. All documents relating to Title 1 are placed on our website as well as in a binder in the resource center. Please contact the school with questions.

VOLUNTEERS

Please be reminded that if you plan to attend a field trip you must have an approved volunteer or field trip attendance form. Please do not wait until the day before a field trip to request a form to complete. It must go through an approval process before you can attend the field trip. If you haven't completed your volunteer/field trip application, you may do so at any time during the year. The form is available on our website or by requesting one from your child's teacher.

WEBSITES

CLASSLINK allows your child to access websites for computer programs they use in the classrooms, access their textbooks, and view grades. Parents may also put money online in their child's lunch account and check SafeStop bus tracker. If you need your child's user name or password please contact your child's teacher. For information about the Florida Standards Assessment, please visit our school's website. To locate Florida standards visit:

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5390/urlt/0081014-lafs.pdf>

<http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5390/urlt/0081015-mathfs.pdf>

Science Fair Winners

Congratulations to the following 4th and 5th grade students

| <i>5th grade</i> | Physical Science | Life Science |
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| 1 st Place | Reese Angeron (Wheelus) | Grant Elzweig (Holley) |
| 2 nd Place | Andrew Wells (Teschel) | Rylee Henley (Robbins) |
| 3 rd Place | Audrey Barba (Teschel) | Adam Penrod (Schultz) |
| Honorable Mention | Nick Jones (Schulte) | Cole Cadwell (White) |
| <i>4th grade</i> | | |
| 1 st Place | Adri Pike (Dixon) | Sara Smiga (Wilchar) |
| 2 nd Place | Breanna Hensley (Nagle) | Bailey Hensley (Nagle) |
| 3 rd Place | Anniston Walker (Dixon) | Avery Albritton (Faust) |
| Honorable Mention | Paige Loeffler (Dunn) | Isabella Woodcock (Dixon) |



SSDI December Calendar of Events



- 3-10 Candy Cane Lane (Santa Shop)
- 4 Chorus Performance @ 6 pm
- 7 Bus drivers recognition from SGA
- 10 5th grade Spelling Bee
- 11 SSDI Chorus visits SSDP
- 12 4th grade field trip—Carmichael, Klein, and Craig to Arcadia Mills
- 14 4th grade field trip—Dunn, Ellis, and Martin to Arcadia Mills
- 18 PBIS dress up-Christmas Wacky Tacky (\$5 Patriot Bucks) and End of
Nine Weeks Dance Party (\$15 Patriot Bucks)
- 18 or 19 Special Treat for Parent Drop Off
- 20 Jingle Bell Trail; EARLY RELEASE @12:10 PM
- 21-Jan 6 Christmas Break
- Jan 7, 2019 STUDENTS RETURN with Early Release @ 12:10 pm