



# Wapakoneta Elementary News January 2017

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**Happy New Year!** We hope you and your family enjoyed the winter break. We are looking forward to sharing the rest of the school year with your child and hope you are proud of their progress. One way a child succeeds in life is by having a positive self-image. As parents, you are in the best position to help your child obtain this goal. Below are some suggestions for helping children develop a positive attitude about themselves:

1. Avoid comparing your child with others.
2. Share lots of care and love in the family.
3. Accept your child as he or she is.
4. Make a special effort to listen to your child.
5. Try new things and encourage your child to do so as well.
6. Try to praise your child regularly.
7. Talk with your child; encourage him or her to share both happy and sad parts of the day.
8. Read on a regular basis and read to your child regularly, too.
9. Plan time each day when you and your child can play together.
10. Respect your child as a valuable member of your family.



## **Together we will work on making your child the best he or she can be!**

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**CHRISTMAS CHEER PROGRAM** - We are proud to announce during the Christmas Cheer Program, students brought in a total of 1,533 food items. Mrs. Yinger/Mrs. Sudman and Mrs. Unterbrink/Mrs. Law's classes won a free pizza party for bringing in the most food items! We would like to thank our families for helping other families by donating to the Christmas Cheer Program. It is coordinated by the Wapakoneta, Buckland, Uniopolis and St. Johns Fire Departments.



**SECOND GRADE PROGRAM** - Our second grade students successfully performed "A Holiday Concert." Even though the weather was chilly, their voices warmed our hearts so much so, that they received a standing ovation after their performance. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Margaret Roeth, our music director, as well as the second grade teachers, staff members and parents who assisted in putting this outstanding show together.

**WINTER PARTIES** - We would like to thank all of our parents and volunteers who were involved in making our winter parties a success. The children enjoyed the opportunity to socialize and have a few treats before our long winter break.

**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** - Students will not attend school on Friday, January 13 due to a teacher in-service. We will also not have school for everyone on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** - With the beginning of the new semester, your child may need to have school supplies replenished. Please check to see if your child has all necessary pencils, crayons, erasers, scissors, glue, folders and tissues. Contact your child's teacher for any additional item(s) that may be needed.

**STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE** - It is *extremely important* to keep information on the student's school emergency form current. If you have moved, have a new phone number or new employer, we *must* have that information on file in the event your child becomes ill or has an injury. Likewise, if any individuals who may be called for an illness or emergency have changed, we will need that information as well.

**YEARBOOK SALE** - Orders for the Wapakoneta Elementary School yearbooks will be taken from January 4th through January 25th. The cost of a yearbook this year will be \$14.50. If you would like to order both a yearbook and a DVD, the cost will be \$21.50. The order form will go home January 4, 2017.