

# The Hornet's Buzz

## Jackson Township Elementary

### A Note from the Principal

### December 2018

Dear Parents,

Our Christmas Program was a huge success! Mrs. Thompson selected fun and challenging music for the students to perform. In addition, our fifth grade students prepared a play called A Charlie Brown Christmas. Preparing and performing a show such as this is an excellent experience for the students as it helps to reinforce teamwork, responsibility, speaking skills, etc. I am very proud of our students, and I am hopeful that you found this year's show to be very entertaining.

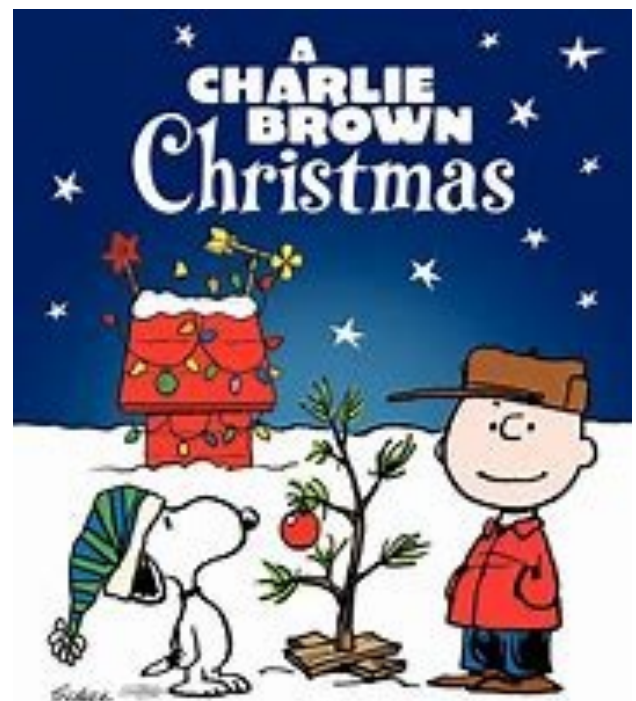
As a parent, I know how much excitement children bring to the holiday season. As I watch my own daughter grow-up much too quickly, I can only encourage you to cherish these precious times together and cling to the memories that will be made this Holiday Season. I also invite you to read the *Parenting Practicalities* section of this newsletter.

On behalf of the JTE Staff, I want to wish you and your family a very blessed Christmas and a safe, happy, and prosperous New Year!

Merry Christmas!

Brad Ennen

JTE Principal



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## CHARACTER CORNER

Each week, your child will be introduced to a **Character Quality**, which is part of the **JTE Character Education Program**. *Parents are encouraged to discuss these qualities at home and suggest ways your child can model these qualities.* The qualities for January are:

Helpfulness: Helpfulness means to be useful in helping others.

Cooperation: Cooperation means working together for a common purpose.

Compassion: Compassion means showing concern or sympathy for others.

Honesty: Honesty means to be truthful and fair.

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## Parenting Practicalities

*From the Principal's Desk*

The **Parenting Practicalities** section is designed to provide you with common-sense tips on your most important role, that of being a **PARENT**.

The following bullet points were taken from the article written by Dr. Marie Hartwell-Walker, a licensed psychologist and marriage and family counselor. These are good reminders for us, our children's parents.

- Holidays are not an "extra". They are essential markers in the rhythm of life.
- Embrace holidays. There are never enough reasons to celebrate life.
- If you don't like the commercialism that has come to surround some holidays, make up your own traditions.
- Be thoughtful about the values and traditions that you want to pass on to your children through your holiday activities.
- Include your children in the planning, creating, cooking, storytelling, gifting, visiting, etc. Kids who are part of it all will know how to carry it on when it is their turn.

# December Birthdays

Leah Archer	Avery Kirkpatrick
Hess Beasley	Malakhi Lane
Ashton Boyd	Regan Li
Case Brown	Tatom Lookebill
Cloe Butcher	Maci Marietta
Karder Caughlan	Brayden Monteith
Charlotte Coffey	Abigail Nevins
Kaspar Dickison	Gracelynn Powell
Ryker Garrison	Liam Reed
Nathan Goebel	Mason Riley
	Elsie Schopmeyer

## Schedule of Events

Dec. 13	Christmas Program
Dec. 19	Christmas Break begins after school
Jan. 3	Students return from Christmas Break
Jan. 4	Report Cards sent home
Feb. 4-8	Book Fair

## December Enrollment

Kindergarten	49
First Grade	40
Second Grade	50
Third Grade	37
Fourth Grade	48
Fifth Grade	<u>47</u>
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