

# An Attitude of Gratitude

November 2011

## Gratitude turns what we have into enough.

At times we strive for more and more and can often complain in the same ratio.

Our Board Chairman, Mr. G. Michael Finnigan, made a decision years ago to never complain. He said, "We need to recognize the incredible plenty that we have in our lives; to realize that we have moved so far beyond 'need' that we have largely lost perspective in our lives; and to acknowledge our Father's hand in our lives."

At this Thanksgiving Season let us recognize that what we have IS enough.

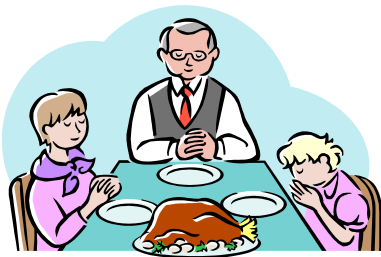


## Calendar

Nov 9	Picture Re-takes and Class Pictures
11	Veterans' Day
16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Assembly
18	Progress Reports
19-27	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 7	Drama Club Assembly
14	Music Talent Assembly
17-Jan 2	Christmas Vacation
Mar. 15	Art Fair

Habit: Begin With the End in Mind

Values: Gratitude, Tolerance, Forgiveness



## Week off at Thanksgiving

To facilitate families who leave for the week of Thanksgiving, we are taking that week off. In past years we have been unable to cover new material because of the number missing from class. We found that last year we all loved

having the week off and came back rejuvenated for the month of school until Christmas Break.

## Habits of Leadership

Last month we focused on being Proactive=taking responsibility for oneself. Students benefit from a reminder that they are in charge of certain areas of their lives.

In November we'll build on the proactive habit by presenting Begin With the End in Mind. If students are successful in completing tasks, having a plan makes all the difference. Parents can encourage from home. Working together, we'll develop students who can be examples to follow.

## Dress Uniforms

A few clarifications re dress uniforms on Wednesdays:

**GIRLS:** may wear black leggings with socks and dress shoes. Boots may not be worn in class on Wednesdays (girls may change into boots for recess).

**BOYS:** may wear shorts until Nov. 19, belts are not required on Wed. with vests; dress shoes may include sneakers **IF** they are solid black.

## Teacherease.com

For parents of students in 2<sup>nd</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> grades, our online grading program is invaluable. Grades are recorded and missing assignments are indicated.

Our disappointment is that some parents never access this information. We encourage you to take advantage of this service.

## Report Cards

Report cards will be sent home on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.



## Sundance Skiing is coming

Immediately after Christmas Break, we begin our ski program. Prices are as follows:

Cost is \$240 Includes 6 2-hour lessons and lift pass  
\$180 Lessons only (student has season pass)  
\$300 Semi-Private for 6 & 7 yr. olds

### **Sundance Rental Rates:**

Rentals	Discount applies to 6-week package
Skis	\$ 60
Snowboard	\$ 90

One-time rentals are available at regular rental rates.

### **Nyman's Ski & Snowboard Rental Rates**

**1313 E. 800 N., Orem, (mouth of Provo Canyon)**

**801-368-8639:**

Rentals	Discount applies to 6-week package
Skis	\$60
Snowboard	\$60

- For safety and liability reasons, participants need to be at least **6 years old to participate, 9 years old to snowboard.**
- Please make checks payable to Ivy Hall Academy.
- Lesson and Rental fees need to be paid to Ivy Hall in advance: **by December 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- *No refunds allowed once program has begun.*
- *No refunds for missed lessons, late arrival, late sign ups.*
- Students must have everything paid for in advance. No one will be allowed to participate until payment is received.
- Rental & Liability Release forms need to be turned into the office before students are allowed to participate.

### **Late Start With Snow**

In the event of a significant snow storm, there may be a late start for school. In the past, we've found that roads are usually safe an hour or so after the day begins. It has seldom been necessary to cancel school for the day; however, there are times when having school begin at 9:30 a.m. is a safer option.

If a late start is decided, you will receive an early call, email or text from Parent Link. **IF YOUR STUDENT NEEDS SCHOOL LUNCH, PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ON OUR VOICEMAIL.** If it is necessary (because of work schedules) to drop your student off at the regular time, we are willing to have them wait in the office until 9:30 a.m.

If your roads are not safe to drive on by 9:15 or so, bring your children when roads are clear.

### **Fund Raiser**

Each year we have 1 fund raiser for 2 purposes:

- Add \$100 to each classroom fund
- Provide a \$100 bonus for each teacher at Christmas

This year we sold Lehi Roller Mills mixes again. Thank you all for helping us reach our goals.

### **Warm Clothes for Recess**

Unless it is snowing or excessively cold, students will go outside every day for recess. Please have them wear coats, boots, mittens, and hats so they can enjoy their time outside and avoid sickness. If they are sick and need to stay inside, please send a note and they will be sent to the office during recess. Please put the child's name or initials inside the outer clothing.



### **Art Fair**

This year we have decided to replace our Geography Fair with an Art Fair. Projects will be completed at school with our art specialist, Mrs. Lee, or in class. More details will follow.

### **An Attitude of Gratitude**

The staff at Ivy Hall appreciates the wonderful parents of our students. There is always someone doing something—whether it's treats on Fridays, driving for field trips, supporting a fund raiser, and many more acts of service. You are a bright spot in our lives and we don't take you for granted. Thank you SO much!

