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November

The Boltze Bulletin



Dear Families,

The warm glow of the holiday buzz is all around us and we have many exciting events over the next few weeks! Please check the calendar to be sure you don't miss anything.

I would like to thank you for your participation in our Boosterthon fundraiser. We were able to raise close to \$18,000 for our school. The money collected will allow us to add valuable resources to our classrooms, which will benefit our students and staff. We appreciate our phenomenal PTO for overseeing this educational fundraiser.

Over the next few weeks, our students and staff will continue to focus on learning and growing. All grade levels will take part in end of quarter assessments beginning next Monday. In addition to the quarterly assessments, students will follow their regular schedule of learning until late into December. With this being said, there will also be plenty of time for holiday fun. Many of our grade levels are providing opportunities for students to learn about different cultures by investigating and celebrating holidays from around the world. We will also provide students the opportunity to celebrate the winter break with a class party and festive holiday movie on December 22. In short, our next two weeks will be filled with learning AND holiday cheer.

As we close out the first half of the school year, I want to thank you for continuing to support your child's learning at home. Helping with homework and reading nightly allows our students the opportunity to continue learning and growing even after leaving the classroom. In addition, remember to ask your children about their day, what they are working on, and most importantly, what are their successes.

From our Trinity Family to yours, we wish you a safe, happy, and relaxing holiday break filled with family and fun! We will see you in 2018!

Happy Holidays,

Ms. Boltze

OUR MISSION

WE, AS TRINITY ELEMENTARY TRAILBLAZERS, WILL PROVIDE A SAFE, POSITIVE, AND COLLABORATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH ALL STUDENTS WILL BE CHALLENGED THROUGH RESEARCH-BASED CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION TO REACH THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL.

CHILDREN WILL BE PROVIDED WITH INNOVATIVE EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES THAT WILL ENABLE THEM TO BECOME ACTIVE CITIZENS AND SEEKERS OF NEW IDEAS AND KNOWLEDGE IN OUR CHANGING WORLD.

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Mrs. Boltze



Mrs. Middleton

Stay Connected!

Receive Pasco School announcements via SMS text messaging to your mobile phone.

Text the word JOIN to the number 67587. The parent notification system the district has used for several years was purchased by another provider. Almost everything will remain the same but parents will have to opt-in again to receive SMS messages. You will receive a confirmation message from our messaging system. At any time, you can unsubscribe by texting the word **STOP** to **67587**.

Remember to create a contact on your phone with the name of the school and the phone number of 67587. *Message & data rates may apply.*

The Middleton Memo

Dear Families,

December is here! As we celebrate the holiday season and head towards 2017, I would like to once again express how thankful I am to you for your support of our great school!

Please remember that the upcoming weeks can become quite overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings, special travels, and perhaps some shopping outings in preparation for special traditions. As much as we'd all like to feel that we are organized and well-prepared for the upcoming weeks, each family deals with the stress of the holidays in different ways. Oftentimes, children fall victim to later bedtimes, hectic trips to the store for that last item, and sometimes the financial stress that comes during this time of the year. Routines often fall to the wayside along with daily reading practices, consistent homework support, and even family meals. Please remember to slow down, maintain your family's routines and enjoy your family time together.

Finally, remember that the holiday season is a great opportunity for families to give back to their communities while spending important quality time with each other. By helping others we teach our children that they are part of a bigger community and the role they play in it. Take a moment to investigate the numerous ways to spend important time together as a family while experiencing the true spirit of the holidays.

I want to thank everyone for a truly great year. We have a great staff of professionals, wonderful community support and great families. While my family and I look forward to celebrating Christmas this month, I hope your family and friends have the opportunity to enjoy your own customs and traditions, whatever they may be. As we ring in the promise of a new year, may you find joy in your homes and in your community.

Enjoy your holiday break, have fun, be safe...see you next year!

Mrs. Middleton



INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

Art News

Hello Trinity Art Families!

Thank you for your support of our Square 1 Art fundraiser! With your support, we are able to purchase the supplies we need to run our Art Program. Your support allows us opportunities to create things like our clay projects - which primary students will be starting when they return from Winter Break! The kids love creating clay projects and they make wonderful keepsakes that last a lifetime!



Congratulations to Mrs. Gray's and Ms. Pantages' classes, they were the lead classes for Square 1 Art orders and will have a popsicle party as their reward. Square 1 Art orders will arrive and go home with students the week prior to Winter Break. If you have questions about Square 1 Art, please email me at jlfenton@pasco.k12.fl.us.

I wish all of our Trinity families and artists a holiday season filled with wonder, joy and creativity. I look forward to seeing you all in 2018!

Mrs. Fenton
TES Art

Music News

Vocal Ensemble has their first performance on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 pm. The 'Winter Happiness' Concert will be performed here at Trinity Elementary School in the Cafeteria. We are so excited to show you what we have been rehearsing.



PTO News

The PTO elves are working overtime to make this a fun month for your families. The *Holiday Boutique* and *Holiday Under the Lights* are two events that we will be having again this year.

The **Holiday Boutique** is an opportunity for your child to pick out and purchase items that they would like to give as gifts. Items are priced from .50 to \$15.00 and gift-wrap is provided free of charge. The Holiday Boutique will be open [December 11th – 15th](#) during the school day and in the evening during Holidays Under the Lights.

Holiday Under the Lights is a great opportunity for you to share the spirit of the season with your family at our school. This event will be held [on Thursday, December 14th from 6:00- 8:00 pm](#). We will have hot cocoa and donuts from Disco Donuts for purchase, as well as Holiday Stories told by guest readers, snowy crafts, reindeer games and a train ride! Pictures with Santa will also be offered by Studio 33 Photography. Flyers will be going home with more information. If you are interested in helping out with either of these events, please contact our VPs of Volunteers Lisa Lutz and Eva Poekert at VolunteersTES@gmail.com. We will need many volunteers to make these activities fun and memorable for our children.

Our traditional Staff Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for [Wednesday, December 20th](#). This is a great way to say 'Thank You' to all of our TES staff with your donations of food, drinks or a grocery gift card for their lunch. A flyer with more information will go home with your student(s).

Our Boosterthon Fun Run was a great success, thanks to all of our families and their pledges! We are collecting all pledges and donations this first week of December so please send it in right away so we can complete this FUNdraiser!

On behalf of the entire PTO Board, we'd like to wish you and your family, a happy and healthy New Year!



INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

Security News

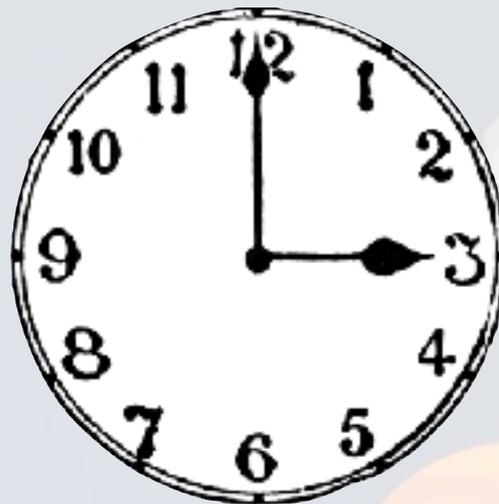
During the carline pickup, please hang your car tag from your rearview mirror **until your student is in your car.** If you are picking up your child at the Walker/Biker area, please have your car tag ready or we will need to see your driver's license.

Boosterthon News

Thank you to our families, PTO and the following Business Partners for making our Boosterthon a SUCCESS: Millian-Aire, Culver's Trinity, Excel Creative Learning Academy, McDonlad's, Marco's Pizza and Team Virgadamo-Keller Williams Reality. Continue to send in your Boosterthon collected pledges through the first week of December. We will let you know soon how much was raised by this event.

Earth Patrol News

Parents may drop off paper items that can be recycled on Monday mornings in our carline. Acceptable items are: newspapers, phonebooks, office paper, cardboard, cereal boxes, magazines, brown paper bags and construction paper. Please pull all the way up to the blue recycle bins to drop your items off. You can also drop off recycle items during the school day between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. The Green Fiber containers are located in the back of the visitor parking lot.



**DISMISSAL CHANGES AND EARLY
DISMISSALS MUST BE COMPLETED BY 3:00.**



Festive Feature

Friday, December 22nd will be a Festive Feature at Trinity Elementary School. Students and staff are invited to wear their pajamas to school this day (normal shoes are required, no slippers). Students will be viewing holiday movies in the cafeteria on the big screen. A pretzel snack will be provided. Students are invited to bring in a towel or small blanket to sit on while watching the movie. We will not have lunch visitors on this day.

THE COUNSELOR CORNER

Happy Holidays! During classroom lessons in December, students will continue to take part in Safer Smarter Kids lessons. The following topics will be covered this month:

- K - Trusted Triangle (Grown Up Buddies)
- 1 - Safety Stop Sign and I Mean Business Voice
- 2 - Safety Goggles (Awareness of Surroundings)
- 3 - Digital Citizenship and Internet Safety
- 4 - Kid's Bill of Rights (Voice - The Right to be Heard)
- 5 - Peer Pressure and Finding the Courage Within

All students will bring home a parent letter at the end of each lesson. This letter describes the topic that was taught and ways you can practice each skill at home with your child.

Character Word of the Month

Parents, speak with your child each month about our Character Word of the Month. This month Trinity Elementary School is focusing on:

Service

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Ways to show Service:

- Help others and you help yourself. You make friends AND a better community.
- Be than change you want to see in the world. Set an example to create a more positive, friendly world.
- Think about a time when someone did something nice for you. Try giving that same kindness back.
- Don't forget to serve yourself too! Help yourself by setting goals and working toward them. Serve yourself by asking for help when you need it.

Adrienne Zwijacz
School Counselor

IMPORTANT DATES

December 4-7
BOOSTERTHON FUNDS COLLECTION

December 7
VOCAL ENSEMBLE PERFORMANCE
7:00PM

December 11-15
HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

December 14
HOLIDAYS UNDER THE LIGHTS

December 15
SAC MEETING 8:30AM

December 20
PTO STAFF LUNCHEON

December 22
FESTIVE FEATURE

December 23-January 8
WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL



NEED MORE?

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& follow us...



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