



## K-8 Weekly Newsletter - December 16, 2022

### Principal's Note

December has been such a quick month here at Addenbrooke. Since this is the final Pony Express of 2022, I would like to start with a few words about gratitude. First, thank you to the PACS and the community for all the hard work and special 12 days of Christmas that celebrated our amazing faculty. It has really helped us get through the final weeks of the semester, especially the concert week and MAPS testing. The teachers really did feel appreciated and it made a huge difference in their spirits as they dedicated their evenings and countless hours in finishing up the first report cards. That is a reminder for you that report cards will be sent home with the K-2 students today, however you will have to look on Campus for the final semester grades for grades 3-8.

Next, a few special thank yous - to the Dad PACK for helping to cover the four way stop. This added measure of safety has really made a difference in how the car-line has felt in that area. To the parent volunteers who come in and stuff folders, read with students, monitor or create centers and just help the teachers we say thank you. To Joyce Wamboldt for her four years of service at Addenbrooke. Joyce became everyone's grandma here at school and it has truly been amazing to have her work with students. She has decided to officially retire and while she may come in and help her granddaughter (Mrs. Clary) from time to time and has loved working with the students she will not be returning for the second semester. To the music teachers (Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Lee, Ms. Hight and Ms. Kochaver for the fabulous concerts. It was truly magical to see our kids perform and have our whole community shine under their direction. I would be remiss to not mention again, how grateful I am to my staff as they are such dedicated individuals who always put kids first. A special thanks to Mrs. Mazurek and Mrs. Tripp and the front office support staff (Mrs. Caldwell, Mrs. Shortis, Mrs. Leyva and Mrs. Steiner) for helping "run the school", they are the true heroes that keep this place going. Mr. Netzer and our Board of Directors for their support and vision for ACA. Finally, Mr. Spencer for his work on safety and facilities, I know how much passion and love you dedicate to this place and rarely do I hear you complain as you get called to clean up our messes, manage the cameras and the car-line and plow snow in the early hours. You answer our calls when we have our many but small emergencies and you make many of us laugh and smile everyday. Thank you. I have the greatest job and couldn't do it without all of you.

Today, we continued and expanded our tradition of service during this season. Every student who came today participated in a service project either here on campus or in our community. Mr. Netzer always talks about how we are a community of families and these acts of service help our kids give little pieces of themselves back. From the health-care and first responders

breakfast to the blessing packs for the homeless and hats that are knitted by our second graders for the babies born in the next few months; our K-5 students participated in projects here on campus that will be donated to organizations. The Middle School Students went to a variety of elderly homes to sing and make ornaments, closed down an urban farm for the winter and laid wreaths at Fort Morgan cemetery. We all learned about giving time and back to others. What a lesson for all of us to remember and go into the holidays with this joy in our hearts. Thank you to all of you who helped make this day such a success.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, we can't wait to see you all January 5, **2023.**

## Upcoming Events

<b>Students return from Christmas Break</b>	<b>January 5</b>
<b>Dress out of Uniform Day for \$1 (Western Theme Day)</b>	<b>January 6</b>
<b>K-8 Assembly</b>	<b>January 6</b> 8:15 am, Gym
<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>January 10</b> 6:00 - 8:30 pm, 3rd floor HS building
<b>Dad's Book Club</b>	<b>January 11</b> 8:00 am - 8:30 am, Library
<b>PACS Meeting</b>	<b>January 13</b> 8:00 am, Elementary Commons
<b>Holiday-MLK Day</b>	<b>January 16</b>
<b>Kindergarten Cap &amp; Gown Pictures</b>	<b>January 19</b>
<b>Skate City</b>	<b>January 19</b> 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
<b>MS Fall Honor Roll Trip</b>	<b>January 20</b>
<b>Mom's Math Club</b>	<b>January 25</b> 7:45 am - 8:15 am, Grammar Commons
<b>Middle School Cup Order Challenge Hour</b>	<b>January 27</b> 2:00 pm
<b>Handwriting Contest (Entries due by 2/4/23)</b>	<b>January 30-February 10</b>
<b>Young Ameritowne (5th Grade)</b>	<b>January 31</b>

# PACS NEWS



## **PACS Meeting - January 13th**

Want to learn more about Addenbrooke events and the variety of ways you can get involved? Join us for our next Parents of Addenbrooke Classical Students (PACS) meeting at 8:00 am in the Elementary Commons. Everyone is welcome - Everyone is a PACS parent. We hope to see you there!



**Did you know?** If you shop at Amazon, King Soopers or American Furniture, a portion of your purchases can be donated to PACS! Learn more at: <https://addenbrookepacs.org/events>

PACS has our own website now! If you haven't seen it yet, you can visit <https://addenbrookepacs.org/> or scan our QR Code. Here, you can find info on all our events, discover ways to get involved, download our PACS Google Calendar, and so much more!



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