



# DECEMBER NEWS

## John McMillan Preschool

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Dear John McMillan Preschool families,

As you look around and listen in the halls and classrooms, you know we are ready to celebrate one of our favorite times of the year at Preschool! Seeing Christmas through the eyes of a child is magical and always fills me with happiness and great hope. May you get to enjoy some quiet moments to reflect on this beautiful season of love and joy, and feel the true spirit of Christmas.

*We wish you and your family lots of warm and wonderful “together time” this Christmas, and a very blessed new year.*

### Many THANKS to all:

- ❖ Sales from the Usborne Book Fair totaled \$630! We were able to get \$315 worth of wonderful books for the Preschool - everything on the teacher's wish lists and more!
- ❖ The Rummage Sale raised \$2,790 because of your support and enthusiasm!
- ❖ Our Turkey was well fed! Together we helped our neighbors in need this Thanksgiving with a donation of 162 items – 151 pounds of food!
- ❖ The Preschool will receive over \$2,300 from the Sarris Christmas Candy Sale that was supported by JMPC members and Preschool families!
- ❖ Ten shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child were filled to overflowing by our preschoolers in their classrooms!
- ❖ Our Preschoolers made over 70 Thanksgiving cards for the senior residents of the Country Meadows Retirement Community in Bridgeville!

### Please take note:

- ✓ Sarris Candy Orders will be delivered to the Preschool on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ The Preschool is holding a new or gently used book, toy and baby item drive to benefit Duquesne Presbyterian Church from Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>-Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. Every year Duquesne collects toys, books and baby items for the holidays and gives them to the Duquesne Food Pantry and Shared Blessings Mission Store for people to have to give their children for Christmas. Please help us share the true spirit of Christmas and bring some cheer to a family in need. The collection box will be located outside the Preschool Office. Thank you!
- ✓ Time to start thinking about winter weather! When weather conditions are hazardous, John McMillan Preschool closes **ONLY** if Bethel Park Public Schools close. Announcements for Bethel Park school closings or delays are made on local TV news stations and at www.bpsd.org. **If the Bethel Park School District has a delay due to weather, morning preschool classes will be held from: 10:00am – noon. Afternoon enrichment classes will be held from noon – 2:30pm.** Preschool will not close due to cold temperatures. Please check your email before heading to preschool!
- ✓ **Christmas break:** Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>  
**No School:** Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Teacher Inservice Day  
**Classes Resume:** Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

