

DECEMBER



Dear Hillcrest Families,

Happy December! It is amazing to me that I am sending out the December parent letter – it feels like the first third of the year passed by so quickly! The warm glow of holiday buzz is all around us as the sights and sounds of the holiday season draw ever closer!

As winter approaches, please ensure that your contact information is as up-to-date as possible so that you will receive all calls about delayed openings or an emergency early closing. Remember to make sure that your child is appropriately dressed at all times for the weather. We go outside for recess during the winter months - weather permitting. Students need jackets, hats, scarves and gloves.

We have several activities to look forward to in December:

- December 5 – 9 Scholastic Book Fair
- December 8 – Hillcrest Winter Concert- 7:00 PM at PKMS
- December 14 - Hangin' @ Hillcrest Holiday Hangout (Holiday Sing-A-Long and a parent workshop on using technology with your child)
- December 23- Hillcrest Polar Express
- December 24- Jan 2 Winter Holiday Break (Classes resume on Jan. 3)

'Tis the season to think about gift giving! Why not consider literacy-based gifts this year! Here is a short shopping list of ideas to help build a culture of literacy for you and the readers among you!

- Magazine subscriptions: (National Geographic, American Girl, Sports Illustrated for Kids, Stone Soup)
- Games: Apples to Apples, Hedbanz, Scrabble Jr., Words With Friends
- Books: Wonder, I Am the Ice Worm, Baseball in April and other stories, Bread and Roses Too

Wishing you a Happy December, Joyful Holidays, and a pleasant Winter Break!

Warm regards,

Jacqueline Liburd

