

# Merryhill School of Castle Rock

December 2020

## Notes from the Office

We hope that you all had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving with loved ones. Our Thanksgiving Cookbook turned out so cute! Thank you to those families that participated.

As the winter holidays approach, we have many special activities planned for our students and look forward to spending the season with them. We've also enclosed several important winter and holiday reminders in this newsletter. Please read through it carefully and reach out if you have any questions or concerns. Happy holidays!

Kristen, Brittany and Michelle



## Letters to Santa

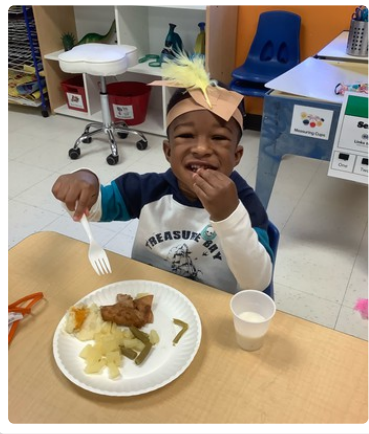
Each year we provide Letters to Santa Service. Your child can use the letter form sent via Tadpoles or make one of their own. Bring it in and put it in our special mailbox and you'll receive a letter back from the big man! So much fun! Mailbox will be available soon! Letters due no later than Friday, December 11th to allow for mail delivery.

## We are working hard on our Christmas Program!

Look for details coming soon.



**Highlights form last month: We gave thanks at Merryhill...**



**...for fun hats and food...**



**...for snow angels...**



**...for sweet smiles...**



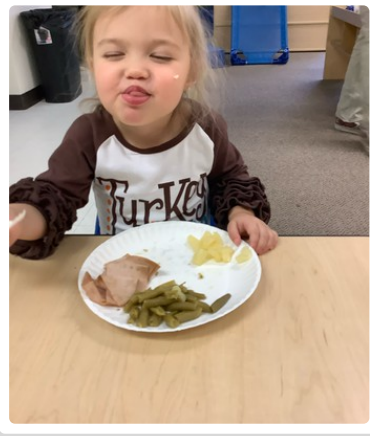
**...for growth and milestones being met...**



**...for sun and snow on my face...**



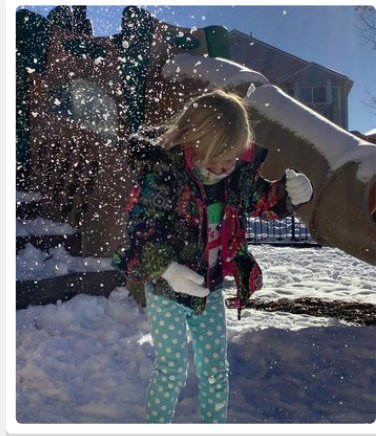
**..for teachers that provide opportunities to write a 'Thank you' note...**



**...for food and funny faces...**



**...for fingers that help me feed myself...**



**...for winter clothes that keep fingers warm!**

**Special "Thank You" to the Griffith's, Stanley's and Hanavan's for providing our staff with Bagel breakfasts, Donuts, Coffee and Pizza lunches!!!**



### **Annual Food Drive through December 18th**

We will be collecting **non-perishable items** and **Grocery Gift Cards** for our annual food drive.

We have chosen to serve with THE ROCK, here in Castle Rock.

They are requesting frozen and refrigerated foods, if you are able to deliver directly to them.

Also needed: canned goods, dry goods (such as pastas and cereals), toiletries, and other essentials.

They are also asking for gift cards to grocery stores and local restaurants.

**Get ready for the fun to come...**





## **Butter Braids!!!**

Butter Braids will be here on **Thursday, December 3rd!**

Please be prepared to pick them up on this day. We do not have the ability to store frozen braids.



## **Letters for Santa due.**

**Friday, December 11th**

Mail box will be in front of the school.

Use letter template sent through Links 2 Home or write your own.



## **Hannukah**

**December 10th-18th**



## **Classroom Holiday Celebrations—Friday, December 18th**

Through the month of December, our classes will be learning about different winter holidays and customs. On Friday, December 18th, our students will showcase their learning and the holiday décor they've created with a classroom celebration. Students will be celebrating with story time, crafts and a special snack. We will miss having parents attend this year's holiday celebrations and know that you all will enjoy the holiday crafts that your student brings home! **Snack Sign-Up Genius lists will come home soon.**



## Spirit Week

Monday, 12/21- Ugly  
Sweater  
Tuesday, 12/22-Festive  
Flannel  
Wednesday, 12/23-Holiday  
Friends  
Thursday, 12/24-Holiday PJ  
Friday, 12/25- CLOSED,  
MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Ugly Sweater

Monday, 12/21  
Wear it if you've got it!



## Festive Flannels

Tuesday, 12/22  
So many flannels, so little  
time



## Whacky Wednesday

Wednesday, December 23rd  
Dress as your favorite  
Holiday Friend...Jack Frost,  
Reindeer, Buddy the Elf, etc.



## Holiday PJ

Thursday, December 24th  
Wear your PJ's and get a  
head start on this evening's  
preparations.  
We will close Early @ 12.



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 25th  
CLOSED



## **Kwanzaa**

December 26th-January 1st



## **Noon/New Years Eve**

Thursday, December 31st  
We will celebrate NOON  
Year's Eve at school!  
We will close early @ 3.



## **HAPPY NEW YEARS!**

Friday, January 1st  
CLOSED

## **School Closure Reminders**

As a reminder, we *do not* follow the closure schedule of the local public schools. Our goal is to be open as many days as possible to support our working parents. If we must close for any reason, you will receive a notification via Links 2 Home as soon as the closure is announced. We also post notifications on our website.



## **Winter Clothing Reminder**

If you've not already done so, please check your child's cubby to ensure they have an extra set of weather appropriate clothes. Students also need to come to school each day with a jacket and dressed warmly enough to play outside for part of the day. We want everyone to be able to participate!



## **Love Our School? Review Us!**

In today's connected world, many families turn to online reviews to learn more about the reputation of schools. Just a reminder that you can find our school on Facebook, Google, Yelp and other online directories. We'd love more families like yours, so please consider spreading the word about our school.

## **Happy Birthday To You!**



12/13 Miss Sadee

12/30 Maddox M.

