



“Sparkling Minds, Sparkling Attitudes, and Sparkling Futures”

December 4, 2008

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break. It was great to see the students Monday morning during the assembly. We had enough time for the Texas Tech fans to heal and the OU fans to curb their excitement. If you missed the happenings at school before the break the TT fans and OU fans had a little friendly rivalry at assembly and throughout the day. I think the adult fans are back in focus and everyone is friends again. So far, the UT fans have been civil to the OU fans and I hope this continues.

The Sparks' choir, made up of 125 fourth and fifth graders will perform at Merry Main Street, Saturday, December 6 on the Snowflake Stage at 8:20 p.m. Merry Main Street is a community event which takes place at Frisco Square on Main Street. If you are interested in a nice family evening this will be the place to be.

The past couple years Positive Proof has visited our campus and will return again this month on December 9. This is an optional service you are invited to investigate if you choose to do so, there is no obligation. More information will be sent home in the Thursday Folders. This service provides photographs and data for emergency situations.

Our Winter Holiday parties will be Friday, December 19, with K-2 celebrating from 1:00-1:45 and grades 3-5 will celebrate from 2:00-2:45. We hold these parties at different times for a number of reasons but most of all so parents can find a place to park closer than Teel. **Please remember that each adult attending the party must have a volunteer background check completed and reported.** If you have not completed this process please do this immediately. You can find the information on the FriscoISD website. Younger students (grade K-2) may leave after their party only with their parent and if they are leaving the building. They are not to attend third-fifth grade parties.

We understand that some parents may have small children and they must bring them in order to attend the party. Future Sparks' students are welcome but please adhere to the following guidelines:

- Parents must realize that the party is intended for the school aged child.
- Discipline must be maintained by the parent. It is not the teacher's responsibility to discipline small children. The teacher will be responsible for his/her students and should not be needed to watch future students.
- Little ones should not be allowed to play with instructional materials or items within the classroom. Many items, in the past, have been broken or destroyed and some items are the teacher's personal property.
- Food is provided for the school-aged children. Parents may bring a separate snack and drink for small children.
- Room parents and the teachers have coordinated an activity for the students so if little ones attend the party please bring something they can play with, read or work with.

In the folders today and on the Frisco website are the proposed zoning changes for Allen Elementary which is being built on Legacy Dr. The School Board trustees will take a final vote in January. Frisco ISD strives to be consistent with instructional expectations at each school so the transition to the new elementary is expected to be a smooth one.

The overwhelming generosity of the Sparks Families is amazing. I have the advantage and pleasure to recognize and observe the support of our students and parents. I have stated this before but I am always proud to share with other principals the contributions made by all of you volunteering, sharing talents, monetary donations, gifts for Angels or families in need. You are always “there” when needed. Thank you for modeling these positive character traits and life lessons for your children. You are an amazing community and I am thankful and honored to spend my days with you and your children. Our fall fundraiser was a major success and the funds collected will be spent on outside learning programs to perform and teach our students. Thank you for your support! The Angel Gift donations continue to increase each year and it is an awesome sight to watch all the gifts, wrapping paper, bows and cards loaded on the truck for It's a Small World. Thank you, again! Bless each of you!

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