



Tuesday Topics Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar!

Friday, Dec. 18

11:30 a.m. Dismissal
Christmas Break begins

Tuesday, January 5

School resumes

Service in the Community

Just yesterday, students James Shaughnessy and Micaela Simms took a check for \$1383 to Northside Neighborhood House, representing the proceeds from the recent fifth-grade rummage sale. Thanks to the heads-up leadership of our students and parents, Bright School was able to fill a need for local families in our neighborhood who needed a little help at Christmastime. As usual, our fifth-graders served marvelously well!

Actually, it's easy to find generous acts of service at all of our grade levels. For instance, the third grade this year coordinated school-wide participation in helping the McKamey Animal Shelter. Our second graders, as

they have in the past, took their play on the road to Alexian Village this fall. And everyone helped a variety of local organizations during our Bonanza week by donating jackets, gloves, mittens, scarves, canned goods, batteries, bathing suits, DVDs, and diapers. Others have participated in various fundraising events like the Komen Run for the Cure, where Bright School again had a team taking part in all the festivities.



Later this year, we will be collecting books for Room in the Inn, a local shelter for women and children, and others will be supplying the homeless with tents. You'll also hear about further requests to support our local animal shelters, which is always a favorite among our children.

Our coordinator for community service activities is Nicole Smith, our school counselor. Although we can't possibly meet all the requests for donations the come through the school, we have attempted to bring some order to our activities so that we can choose to provide opportunities for service most beneficial to the community and to our children. After all, we are hoping that through their service here at school they will choose to live lives of service in the future.

One part of our mission states clearly that we aim to develop "a strong sense of responsibility for one's self, one's community, and the natural world." This is truly a noble goal for an elementary school, and I want to thank everyone who has chosen to help us lead children in this direction. I'd love for Bright School graduates to look back at their years here with a sense of gratitude for those who helped give them a deep appreciation for the value in living a life of service to others.

I hope everyone has a safe, fun, and relaxing time with families during the holidays!

We'll see you back on January 5!



Coming Soon.... Red Day with Red Grammer!

One of the premier entertainers for children and families in the world is coming to Bright School! Grammy nominee Red Grammer will visit on Thursday, January 28, and Bright School is declaring the day “RED DAY” in his honor.

www.redgrammer.com

International Passport



Bright School students have demonstrated a keen interest in other languages and cultures. Many of our students have gone above and beyond classroom activities and Bright School would like to acknowledge their efforts. Claire Kyzer (German and ELL) and Laura Goetz (Spanish) have created the International Passport program to recognize and encourage our students' interest in the world around them. Students in grades 2 -5 can earn the title of “World Traveler” by completing activities focused on learning about other languages and cultures. For more information, please visit the “Cultivating Citizens of the World” documents found in the KEC section of the website.

Chattanooga Dining Adventure Guides



\$30

Shop early for holiday gifts! The Bright School Bookstore is selling Chattanooga Adventure Dining Guides for \$30. The book is full of 1/2 price dining options all around town. Books are available in the office - see Kim Brown or Sabrina McAllister.