

# Intermediate Insights



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## A Note from the Principals... DECEMBER, 2006



Hold on to your stocking caps! The month of December is here, and with it comes a flurry of events and activities. In order to keep up with all of the concerts, after school activities, and holiday fun, hang the December calendar (opposite side) on the refrigerator, and check out our website at [www.dist50.net](http://www.dist50.net) where you'll find links to our up-to-date calendar and the new feature called Special Delivery (see "Surfin' the Web" below).

This time of year also reminds us of the amazing talents that our students possess. We just completed a wonderfully successful Fall Play Production of "Twinderella" that boasted the involvement of over sixty cast and crew members who played to two full audiences during evening performances on November 16 and 17. We also look forward to our upcoming winter choir and band concerts when our fourth and fifth graders will take the stage to share the gift of music with family and friends.

Generous spirits also prevail at Woodland Intermediate during the holidays. Thanks to our Family-School Partnership and monetary donations from parents, our staff enjoyed a hearty Conference Night Dinner during their busy schedule on November 21. In addition, we are currently collecting items for the annual PTA Holiday Food Drive. Fourth (desserts, after-school snacks) and fifth (baking supplies/mixes) grade students and their families may donate items to this worthy project through December 8.

From our school to your homes, we wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season. Look for our next edition on January 12 in the New Year!



With Thanks,

Dr. Kent Ashton & Mrs. Melissa K. Passehl

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THESE IMPORTANT TESTING DATES AND, AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S GOOD ATTENDANCE.

- ✓ JAN. 29 – FEB. 2: MID-YEAR MAP TESTING (READING)
- ✓ MARCH 12 – 16: ISAT TESTING
- ✓ APRIL 9 – 13: SPRING MAP TESTING (MATH)
- ✓ APRIL 16 – 20: SPRING MAP TESTING (READING)



**FOR THE "TO DO" LIST!** IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY...

- ✓ SCHEDULE A PHYSICAL FOR YOUR 4TH GRADER IN ANTICIPATION OF THE REQUIREMENT THAT ALL INCOMING 5TH GRADERS MUST HAVE CURRENT IMMUNIZATIONS AND A PHYSICAL ON FILE WITH OUR HEALTH OFFICE WHEN THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS.

**Brrr...** Recess is an important part of our students' day, providing them with time to move and play. Unless the WIND CHILL dips below ZERO, or it is extremely wet, we will generally go outside. Please make sure your child comes to school dressed for the weather, and be sure to label hats, gloves, and scarves.



## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

A positive climate and culture for staff and students continues to be an area of focus for our ongoing school improvement efforts. At the staff level, professional development and staff relations take center stage. The Professional Development Committee recently conducted an online needs assessment survey. The data collected will guide our planning for upcoming Teacher Institute and SIP days, and based on staff input, will focus our activities on various topics related to student discipline, literacy, technology, and assessment, to name a few. Not only does this "learning for a lifetime" benefit our overall school climate, but so too does promoting positive staff relationships. Our long-standing Social Committee sponsors various activities that allow staff to recognize their colleagues' contributions to our learning community, personal and professional accomplishments, and the events that impact our extended families. Beyond our own walls, the Social Committee also sponsors an annual holiday community service project. This year, the "Have a Heart, Help a Child" Giving Tree project will collect items for the Lake County Bobs' and Girls' Club.

## Surfin' the Web



Woodland's **SPECIAL DELIVERY** is now operational! Parents and community members are invited to register for Special Delivery by visiting that link at our website ([www.dist50.net](http://www.dist50.net)). By doing so, you'll receive important email bulletins about school closings, district/school events, and other Woodland news. We look forward to using this as a convenient communication tool for our learning community.