Issue #5

The Widcat Dec/Jan 2019-20

Weston Elementary School

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Upcoming Events

- 12/4 School Site Council Meeting, 2:30pm
- 12/5 Taiko Drum Assembly, 1:15pm
- 12/6 Evening with Santa, 4:30-6:30pm; Santagram sales begin!
- 12/9-12/11 Girls Basketball Tournament
- 12/11 Chipotle Night Fundraiser in Manteca, 4-8pm
- 12/13 Ugly Sweater Dress Up Day

12/16 Monday-This is NOT a minimum Day

- 12/18 Star Student Assembly, 8:30am; Band Concert @ PV
- 12/19 Band Concert @ PV

12/20 Friday Minimum Day before Winter Break

- 12/23-1/6/20 Winter Break; Students return to school on Tuesday, January 7, 2020
- 1/10/20 8th grade Choices/Consequences presentation at Park View
- 1/17 6th grade Walk Through the Ancient World
- 1/20 No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday
- 1/27 100th Day of School; Culture Celebration Day
- 1/29 Star Student Assembly, 8:30am

The holiday season is always so much fun at school! Teachers do their best to keep students excited about coming to school and it shows with our attendance record. Weston students are doing a great job of keeping us on track to meet our goal of meeting or exceeding 97% attendance rate. Communication between home and school is important. Please report any absences to the school office by either calling and leaving a message with staff or sending an email to Mrs. Cockerham at jucockerham@riponusd.net.

Our current 6th graders will be attending Science Camp the week of March 23-27, 2020. **Science camp forms** must be completed by February 12, 2020. Sixth graders can also sell Raffle Tickets to offset the cost as well. Raffle tickets will be sold from Jan.7, 2020-Feb. 4, 2020. Kristin Baker will be our Raffle Ticket coordinator. All students will be issued a book of tickets to sell. If you would like to sell more than 10 tickets, please email Kristin Baker with the number of tickets books you would like in advance at kbaker@riponusd.net. We will need to



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know this information by 12/13/19. You can always order over the amount you need and return any unsold tickets.

We will be looking for 5th grade parents to take over as Recycling Coordinators for our next recycling months of February and August, 2020. Contact the school office if you would like to help out our students and earn credit for science camp.

We are having restaurant fundraisers in an effort to support our local businesses and provide for school programs. For the month of December, Weston is partnering with **Chipotle** in Manteca from 4-8pm for 33% of profits earned during that time frame. Our fundraising efforts this year are focused upon the replacement of 35 computers for our computer lab. In addition, we are creating a new garden area located on the south side of the K-3 classroom building B. This new garden area has optimal exposure to grow a variety of foods. The garden project is a partnership with Ripon's Garden Club and our Parent Faculty Association. If you are interested in working on the Garden planning team, please contact Mrs. Fereria at lefteria@riponusd.net.

PE make up days for students in grades 4-8 are now offered on Wednesday PE days from 2:00-2:40pm. Mr. Manrique is on site these days for PE and will hold make-up sessions for those students wanting to improve their PE grade due to absences. For the month of December & January PE make up days will be Dec. 4, Jan. 8 &15.

Spirit Days at Weston are on Fridays so students should wear their Jog A Thon shirts or any green shirt. We continue to sell Ice Cream on Fridays for \$1.

How can you support our school everyday? When shopping through Amazon, use **Smile.Amazon.com** and select Weston Parent Faculty Association so that 5% of your purchases come back to Weston.

https://smile.amazon.com/

Shutterfly is also a supporter of schools! When you use the Weston Elementary Storefront, http://westonwildcat.shutterflystorefront.com/ to make purchases Weston earns a commission on all purchases. This is a great way to shop



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for gifts and support our school at the same time.

Student Spotlight: Congratulations to *Ryker Christensen* for winning the San Joaquin County Hospice Tree of Lights Art contest. Ryker's art has been selected as the program cover. He will be recognized at the Ripon Tree Lighting ceremony on Dec. 2, 2019 @ 6:00pm at Ripon's Veteran's Memorial Wall.

Congratulations to *Caitlin Mooney* for winning the District Spelling Bee competition. She will be one of the four Ripon contestants to compete at the County Spelling Bee on Dec. 2, 2019. Good Luck Caitlyn!



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Our next school wide fundraising event will be Evening with Santa on Friday, Dec. 6, 2019 from 4:30-6:30pm. During this event families can take pictures with Santa, children can make crafts along with games, food and our classroom stocking prizes are always awesome.

Our next restaurant fundraiser: Chipotle in Manteca on 12/11/19 from 4-8pm with a 33% return on all sales coming back to Weston.

Join us at the PFA meeting on Tues. Dec. 10, 2019 @ 7pm in the school library.

Join the Box Top Competition!

Each month we collect Box Tops from each classroom. The top classrooms with the most Box Tops win a variety of prizes like: Pajama Day in the classroom, Free Recess or Popcorn parties! Just clip those Box Tops and send them in!

