

MRS. MAGUIRE'S MONTHLY MESSAGE

Country Elementary School

DECEMBER 2021



Country School CARES

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTO:

The Country CARES Cookie Collaboration will take place this year on Thursday, December 23rd. We're asking families interested in contributing to make two (2) dozen cookies or treats (you can also send in more than one kind if you can't choose your favorite). Please note that all cookies must be peanut/tree-nut-free and individually wrapped (per covid guidelines). This can mean cellophane bags (or plastic wrap. Please include a list of ingredients with your cookies. If you'd like to contribute, please complete our [Sign Up Genius](#).

Thank you for your continued support of Country School and the PTO!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- *Early Release: Wednesday, December 1st*
- *Funky Friday (Spirit Day): Friday, December 3rd*
- *Share Something Special (Spirit Day): Friday, December 10th*
- *School Council: Monday, December 13th*
- *Parent Forum: Wednesday, December 15th, 8:30-9:30am*
- *Color Day (Spirit Day): Friday, December 17th*
- *Pajama Day (Spirit Day)*
- *December Break: Friday-Friday, December 24th-31st*

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By Principal Erin Maguire

It is hard to believe that we have already completed 3 months of the school year and are entering into our last month of 2021!

Our schoolwide theme this month focuses on the **A** in **CARES**. Throughout the month, classes will be emphasizing **Adventure** and **Assertion**. As we have done for October and November, we will focus on these values during Morning Meetings and our December All School Meeting. Throughout the month we will highlight ways in which we use **Adventure** and **Assertion** to take care of ourselves, each other, our community, and our LEARNING! Ask your child(ren) how they use adventure and assertion in their learning. The standards addressed through this particular focus include:

- I can feel good about myself without being mean or making other people feel bad.
- I can express strong emotions and opinions effectively.
- I can take risks in my learning.
- I know that making mistakes is part of learning.
- I can show openness and honesty.

In addition to our **CARES** themes that we are focusing on, we are working on other creative ways to strengthen our bond as a school community. Having fun at school and sharing in community-building activities is a key component of a healthy and happy Elementary School experience. Our current 3rd graders have planned a themed school spirit day for each Friday in December. We are excited for these spirit days and to bring a little extra excitement to CS this month! Here are the themes for each week:

- **FUNKY FRIDAY:** Friday, December 3rd
 - Wear a crazy outfit, do a funky hairstyle, or interpret the theme in your own unique way!
- **SOMETHING SPECIAL:** Friday, December 10th
 - Bring or be prepared to talk/share about something special during your Morning Meeting
- **COLOR DAY:** Friday, December 17th
 - Each grade level will be assigned a color to dress in. Stay tuned for grade-specific details!
- **PAJAMA/COMFY CLOTHES DAY:** Thursday, December 23rd (No School Friday)
 - Wear your coziest (appropriate) pajamas or comfiest clothes!

As we navigate our way through the Holiday Season, I wish you all happiness and joy. I look forward to connecting with many of you at our upcoming Parent Forum.