





Another week is in the books! Can you believe that there is only one week left of school in the 2023 calendar year?! Coupled with lots of fun-filled activities, our students continue to march ahead with their academics. It's so rewarding to hear when a student who has been struggling with their sight words has made such gains that they have mastered them all! Another example of our learning is when second graders are able to differentiate between a digital and an analog clock and are learning to tell time on the analog version.

This week, our amazing PTA volunteers hosted the annual *holiday shop*. We wouldn't be able to offer all of the unique activities throughout the year were it not for their support. THANK YOU, PTA!

Also, don't forget that **tonight** (December 15) is the all-elementary winter concert at 7 PM at Palisades High School. Students performing tonight participated in a dress rehearsal yesterday, some seeing the stage for the very first time. As is always the case, I know that tonight's performance will be magical and full of excitement. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Enjoy the weekend!

## NOTES FOR FAMILIES

1. We are still in need of some helpers for our Tinicum After School Clubhouse on Wednesdays from January 10 - February 7, from 3:45 - 5:00 PM. Please email Mrs. Aduddell if you are interested: [starie.a.aduddell.civ@mail.mil](mailto:starie.a.aduddell.civ@mail.mil)
2. Here is [the menu](#) for school lunch through the end of December.
3. [December Wellness Challenge](#): Random Acts of Kindness. Keep track of one random act of kindness for each day of December until December 21. Turn in your form on December 22 to earn a prize to recognize your efforts!
4. As we are heading into the winter months, [here is a reminder](#) about weather delays and snow calls.
5. Visitors and volunteers are strongly encouraged! If you are interested in volunteering, please let us know. You will need clearances that are up-to-date. You can check with

Mrs. Doerr regarding your clearances. If you don't have them, but need to get them, please use [this link](#).

6. Please consider nominating your favorite Tincum teacher for a *Citadel Heart of Learning Award*. Nomination forms may be submitted by [clicking here](#).

## A PEEK INTO NEXT WEEK

|                        |       |   |
|------------------------|-------|---|
| Monday, December 18    | Day 1 | <b>Spirit Day: Ugly Holiday Sweater Day</b><br>Coding club at 3:30 PM       |
| Tuesday, December 19   | Day 2 | Gym club at 3:30 PM   |
| Wednesday, December 20 | Day 3 |   |
| Thursday, December 21  | Day 4 |   |
| Friday, December 22    | Day 5 | <b>Spirit Day: Holiday Pajama Day</b><br><b>Early Dismissal at 12:15 PM</b> |

Specials Rotation at Tincum:

Days 1 and 2 - Health or Physical Education

Days 3 and 4 - Library or Music

Days 5 and 6 - Art or Spanish

## SAVE THE DATE(S)!

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| December 25 - January 1 | <b>All schools/offices CLOSED</b> |
| January 2, 2024         | <b>Welcome back!</b>              |

My best,

*Dr. Michael W. Donnelly*