### Monthly Newsletter

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# From the Desk of Ms. Holliday Mexico Middle School Principal

### Happy New Year!

For the week of January 9-13, students will be taking the iReady diagnostic for a mid-year measure on their ELA and math progress. Please encourage your student to do their best on the assessment as results are utilized to help determine the need for Tier 2 and Tier 3 instructional services. I will be sending out a short mid-year survey to students and parents next week via Blackboard. The link to the survey will be in your email. Please watch for it and consider giving us feedback on how you feel the school year is going! Please take a look at our calendar for upcoming information and events and we wish you a joyous, healthy and happy New Year!

### Kimberly Holliday

# From the School Nurse's Office

Sometimes it can be difficult to decide when to keep your child home sick. The following symptoms indicate your student should stay home and may need to follow up with a provider:

 $\cdot$  Fever of 100.0 or higher within the last 24 hours without fever reducing medication

 $\cdot$  Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours

Sore throat

 $\cdot$  Persistent runny nose or thick discolored mucus from the nose

· Significant cough that is persistent, productive, or disruptive

 Honey-crusted sores around the nose or mouth or rash on other body parts that might be impetigo

• Rash in various stages including boils, sores and bumps that may be chicken pox or coxsackies virus (hand-foot-mouth); OR a significant rash accompanied by other symptoms of illness such as fever

· Red/runny eyes

 $\cdot$  Severe ear pain or fluid coming from the ears

· Severe headache

If your child is confirmed to have the flu, they should stay home for at least 24 hours without a fever and have resolving symptoms. Keep in mind that influenza is contagious for 5-7days. The diagnosing providers note should be followed. If students have symptoms that are consistent with Covid-19, they should stay home and Covid testing is recommended. If the test is positive, it can be selfreported on our school website. For more information, please call our Covid Coordinator at 315-529-9471. If the test is negative and symptoms are resolving, your child can return to school. Please be aware that all schools within the district have been experiencing an increase in flu, RSV, rhinovirus, strep throat and conjunctivitis. These illnesses are very contagious. We thank you for your help with keeping your student home when not feeling

We thank you for your help with keeping your student home when not feeling well as our goal is always to keep everyone safe and healthy. As always, please call with any questions.

## What's Happening at Mexico Middle School



Every Friday in December, Mexico Middle School students and staff participated in Student Council sponsored Festive Fridays where they were challenged to dress to specific themes! The first was Flannel Friday, followed by Winter Wonderland White Out Friday, Holiday Socks and Accessories Friday and culminating with our annual Ugly Sweater Friday at the Holiday Assembly! At our assembly, staff and students enjoyed performances by the 7th and 8th grade Band and Chorus as well as a Staff Ugly Sweater Parade, a lovely parody of the Twelve Days of Christmas by some of our favorite staff members and a special reading of the Night Before Christmas by our very own Superintendent of MACS, Dr. Runner who also shared that Friday, December 23rd would be a Snow Day!

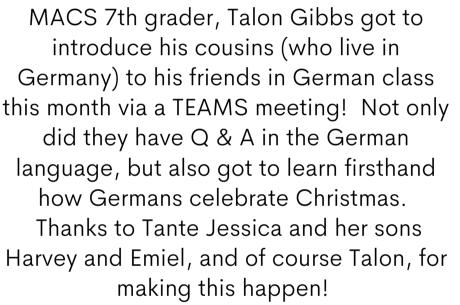




# CONCRATIONS



Coach Murabito and our modified basketball program accomplished back to back undefeated seasons for a 16-0 record! Thank you Coach and congratulations to all these young men on their amazing accomplishments! You've made you school proud!









<-- Frau Goble's German 8 students celebrated German Christmas customs by creating Gingerbread houses in class!



By: Rhiannon Cotter

Happy New Year. The new year means a new you. It's a great time to set goals. Once you have your goals, make a plan on how to achieve them. You could also set goals with a friend and help each other achieve them. Good luck reaching your goals!

### 5th & 6th Grade PE Classes Start Swim Unit!

5th and 6th grade P.E. classes are starting their swim unit! Mrs. Earley's classes will begin this Monday January 9th. Mr. Brescia's on January 30th and Mr. Chamberlain's on March 1st. Please help your child remember to bring their swimsuit and towel on the dates listed below. Any questions please contact

your child's physical education teacher.

shares the morning announcements online www.mexicocsd.org/ Page/528 to check them out

#### Scheduled Dates for 5th grade classes:

Earley: A&C Days from 1/9-1/25 (Make up days 1/26 & 1/27)
Brescia: A&C Days from 1/30-2/10 (Make up days 2/13 & 2/14)
Chamberlain: A&C Days from 3/1-3/15 (Make up days 3/16 & 3/17)

Scheduled Dates for 6th grade classes: Earley: B&D Days from 1/9-1/25 (Make up days 1/26 & 1/27) Brescia: B&D Days from 1/30-2/10 (Make up days 2/13 & 2/14) Chamberlain: B&D Days from 3/1-3/15 (Make up days 3/16 & 3/17)

# Mrs. Brooks' Christmas Elves

Santa's right hand gal, Mrs. Brooks, posted some puzzling photos of some mysterious elves who popped up around the building. Can you figure out who all of these mischievous elves are?





























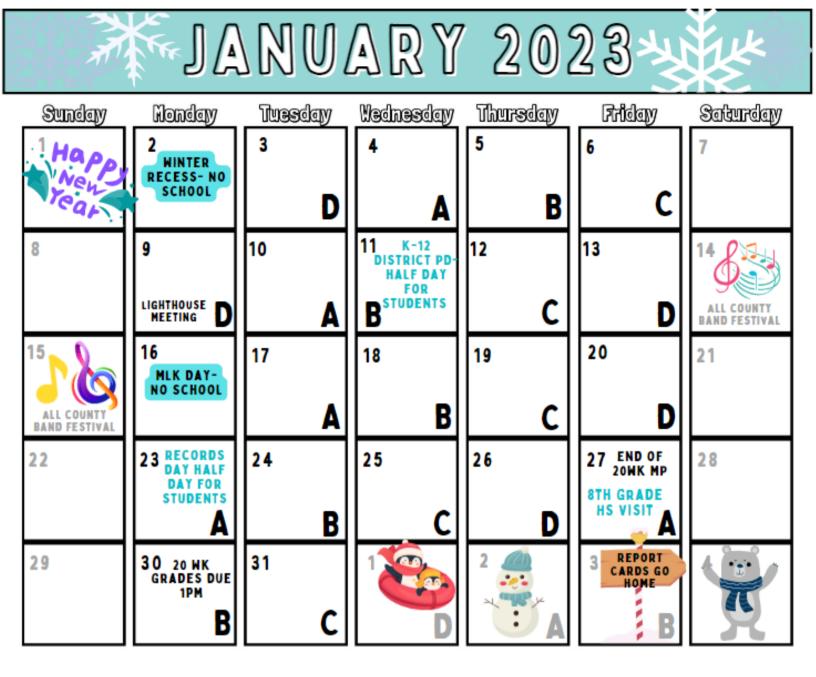












Upcoming Events

January 2- Winter Recess- No School January 11- K-12 District PD- Half Day for students January 14-15- All County Band Festival January 16- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- No School January 23- Records Day- Half Day for students January 27- End of 20WK MP January 27- 8th Grade High School Visit January 30- Start of Quarter 3 January 30- 20WK Grades Due February 3- 20WK Report Cards go home



# LUNCH TIME



#### Elementary has choice of main menu, LUNCH JANUARY 2023 chicken patty or pbj. MS/HS has choice of main menu, chicken patty or Menu subject to change. pizza. Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday Tuesday 2 Pretzel with Cheese 3 Breakfast Brunch 🔺 Beefy Cheezy Rotin 5 6 Carrots Egg and Ham Sandwiches Pizza No School Dinner Roll Asst Fruit Hash Brown Rounds Green Beans Broccoli New Year's Day Milk Applesauce Asst Fruit Asst Fruit Observed Milk Milk Milk <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Day Early Dismissal PK-12 9 Chicken Cordon Blue 10 Tacos 12 13 Pulled Pork on a Bun Sandwich Hot Dog in a Bun Flour Tortillas Pizza Carrots Baked Beans Broccoli Corn Green Beans Fruit Asst Fruit Asst Fruit Asst Fruit Asst Fruit Milk Milk Milk Milk Milk Turkey and Gravy 18 16 Beefy Cheezy Rotini 19 20 17 No School Mashed Potato **BBQ** Chicken Nachos Dinner Roll Pizza Dinner Roll Martin Luther King Jr. Carrots Broccoli Green Beans Asst Fruit Asst Fruit Asst Fruit Asst Fruit Day Milk Milk Milk Milk 1 Day Early Dismissal PK-83 Regents Fish Sticks Regents Regents 24 25 Regents 26 27 Pizza Mac and Cheese Hamburger on a Bun Tacos Hot Dog in a Bun Baked Beans Flour Tortillas Carrots Green Beans Broccoli Asst Fruit Fruit Asst Fruit Corn Asst Fruit Milk Milk Asst Fruit/Milk Milk Milk 30 Ham and Cheese on 31 Pulled Pork on a Bun Pretzel Bun Carrots Broccoli Asst Fruit Asst Fruit Milk Milk

Mexico School District is an equal opportunity and employer. If you have any questions concerning the school nutritional program, please contact Brenda Thomas at 315-963-8400 x 5071. Please keep accounts current and prepay for meals. Free-no charge. Reduced-no charge. Paid- PK-4 \$55.00 (\$2.75) and 5-12 \$58.00 (\$2.90)

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