

On behalf of Tamaqua Elementary and West Penn Elementary Administration, Faculty, & Staff, we are wishing all of our students, families, and community members a healthy, safe, and Happy New Year. We are looking forward to a successful 2023.



#### WHAT OUR STUDENTS ARE DOING:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders became published authors with books arriving this winter
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade did a STEM "Candy Cane Structure" challenge
- word building in ESL
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade and 2<sup>nd</sup> collaborated on code for computer science week
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade built a wigwam/longhouse learning about the Woodland Indians
- K is learning letters and sounds. The elf has also traveled from the North Pole to watch the learning.
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade is learning about fact families, long vowels, and how animals survive in the cold. Making ornaments too!
- K+ just finished learning about 2D and 3D shapes and are making shape trees

#### NURSE'S CORNER:

##### WINTER WAYS TO STAY HEALTHY

- Get enough sleep
- Stay hydrated
- Change your toothbrush
- Wash your hands and commonly touched surfaces frequently
- Get some exercise
- Practice health eating
- Reduce screen time

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

12/23/22 - 2-hour early dismissal with modified K

1/3/23 - School resumes

1/19/23 - Science show

1/12/23 - Quarter 3 begins

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#### WHAT OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE EXCITED FOR OVER WINTER BREAK:

- Michele A - baking cookies
- E. Sofranko and D. Walsh - watching Christmas movies and the Hallmark channel
- Cain C - go outside and see family
- Michael G - play with my cousin on Christmas Eve
- Kyllan J - my birthday
- Lily R - celebrate with my family
- Anna H - going to my mam's house
- Sadie C - open presents
- Paula S - spending time with family and friends
- Roberta G - spending time with family coming to visit
- C. Miller - snowboarding in my backyard on the ramps and hills
- Prestyn H - opening presents with my family
- Emily F - spending time with family

#### FUN THINGS TO DO OVER WINTER BREAK

Indoors: camp out in the living room around the tree, build a fort under the kitchen table, play a board game, make English muffin snowman pizzas, have an "all day pajama day", make snowflakes from coffee filters, create a collage from holiday cards, declutter and donate old toys

Outdoors: go to the movies, go bowling, build a snow fort, take an outdoor hike, have a winter scavenger hunt, make and hang pine cone bird feeders for winter migrating birds, build a snowman, make snow cones from freshly fallen snow, slide down a snowy hill



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