

# WANATAH TIGER TALES

## DECEMBER 19, 2016



### December 19 - January 21

- 12/19 3-5 Christmas Concert @ 7 pm
- 12/20 K-2 Christmas Concert @ 7 pm
- 12/21 End of 2nd 9 Weeks  
End of 1st Semester  
Pre-School Concert 6:30 pm
- 12/22-1/4 **Christmas Break**
- 1/09 PTO Meeting 3:30
- 1/11 Report Cards



### **Thoughts from the Principal:**

During this season in which we have a special focus on giving thanks, I want to extend my gratitude to each of you for entrusting your children to myself and the staff here at Wanatah School. Each day, we strive to educate the whole child, and each one is precious to us. One thing that I marvel at is the high level of parent involvement here at Wanatah School. This is something that I value and respect.

Many of you have dropped by at different times to give input. As a result of your input, we've made corrections and improvements! As I reflect on these times, I do have a request. Because some of you have had to wait awhile to meet with me due to other meetings or commitments, I would ask that you call and schedule a time to meet. In this way, we know that this time is set aside for us to talk and share, and we won't be rushed.

I'm looking forward to this next month full of celebrations that include concerts and parties, and I hope to see each of you at our special events throughout December.

Educationally Yours,  
Mrs. Detering

### January 22-February 11

- 1/22 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest 12 pm
- 1/23 6 GBB (A & B) vs. Washington (T) 4:30  
7/8 GBB vs. LaPorte Kesling (H) 4:30
- 1/25 5/6 GBB vs. South Central (T) 4:30
- 1/26 7/8 GBB vs. Knox (T) 4:30
- 1/27 Wanatah School Spelling Bee
- 1/28 8 GBB Tip Off Tourney @ Hebron 9 am  
7 GBB Tip Off Tourney @ Boone 9 am
- 1/30 5/6 GBB vs. Westville (H) 4:30
- 2/1 Progress Reports
- 2/2 7/8 GBB vs. LaPorte Boston (H) 4:30
- 2/6 5/6 GBB vs. Hebron (H) 4:30  
7/8 GBB vs. Oregon Davis (T) 4:30
- 2/7 7/8 GBB vs. Washington Twp. (T) 4:30
- 2/8 6 GBB (A & B) vs. Kouts (T) 4:30
- 2/9 6 GBB (A & B) vs. Kankakee Valley (T) 4:30  
7/8 GBB vs. South Central (T) 4:30
- 2/11 Knox 8th Grade GBB Tourney 9 am

**Reports Cards...** will go home Wednesday, January 11th. The last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks and the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester is December 21st. It is hard to believe we are halfway through the school year. Time is flying!

**Come Enjoy the Sounds of the Season...** The students and Mr. Blakeman, our music teacher, have been working very hard to prepare for the concerts.

- Kind. through Second—December 19th at 7 pm
- Third through Fifth - December 20th at 7 pm

**Curbside Parking...** please do not park at the curb at the main entrance to the building right after school. We have additional busing routes that pick up and/or transfer students between 3:00 and 3:30 daily.

**Attention Parents of Middle School Students...**we will have a brief meeting for ALL PARENTS of middle school students on Thursday, January 12th at 6 pm here in our cafeteria. This meeting is mandatory. We have brand new Chrome Book cases to use and will be signing off on our computer usage agreement so that our students may begin taking their Chrome Books home.

**From the library...**at the end of the year we will have our annual Accelerated Reader Auction. The students are reading to earn points to bid on items. One auction will be for the 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grades and the second for the 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades. The students bid on prizes that have been donated by students' families, the school and staff, and local businesses. The prizes are displayed in the trophy case by the gym doors to encourage reading! Please help if you can!

**Although Words Cannot Say Enough - We Say "Thank You" to Mrs. Wade as she retires...**and for the work she has done at our school. Mrs. Wade has served 29 years as a teacher assistant and librarian within our school, If you know her, you know her tireless dedication to the children and the many hats she has worn in helping our school to operate. May life bring her blessings too numerous to count! We welcome Mrs. Williams as a full time staff member Monday through Thursday in the library and Mrs. Marks will work Friday in the library.

### PTO Information

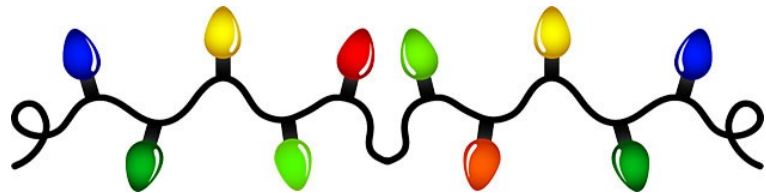
- **"Santa's Secret Shop"**...ends December 20th. This program enables children to select holiday gifts for their family and friends by themselves, so their purchases remain a secret from those who would normally have to take them to the store. It is exciting for the children because they are really buying their own gifts, with proper assistance from adult volunteers but no sales pressure. Gifts range in price from pocket change to \$10.00.

- **Box Tops...**is free and easy fundraiser. Just clip Box Tops For Education logos from participating products. Box Tops reimburses the school for every Box Top that is collected. Go to [www.boxtops.com](http://www.boxtops.com) to sign up for free box tops and learn more about this free fund-raiser to support our school. We earn 10 cents for every label turned in!!!

**Cold Weather Reminders...Wear Warm Clothes.** Please make sure your child has a coat. Hats, gloves, boots and snow pants will help to keep your child protected from the cold. Our current policy on outside recess states: When the outside temperature is 20 degrees or colder, the supervisor has the option of having recess in the gym or outside. Since it is difficult to determine the wind chill, the supervisor on duty will make the decision to go out or stay inside.

### **Keep The Learning Going For Children Over Vacation...**

- Continue to have children read.
  - Students can also work on Math Facts.
- Have a wonderful vacation!



**LaCrosse/Wanatah Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship...**All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level competition. The local competition will be held Sunday, January 22nd at 12:00 p.m. at the Wanatah School Gymnasium. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Gordon Taylor at 754-2557.

