



Pepin Elementary News

Theme: Self-Management

Our monthly theme is **Self-Management**. This is the ability to successfully regulate one's own emotions, thoughts and behaviors in different situations. Also, effectively managing stress, controlling impulses and motivating themselves.

Fa-La-La-La-La Fridays in December- We will have a little festive dress-up fun to get us in the holiday spirit! See below.

School wide Food drive- Tis' the season for giving, let's spread some holiday cheer and help stock our local food pantry. Collection boxes will be throughout school, bring a canned or non-perishable food item anytime before **December 16**. The food pantry requests packages of Christmas cookies and/or candies or any specialty holiday item.

Staff giving tree- There will be a virtual version of our staff giving tree this year using Amazon wish lists. More information to come. Check our district Facebook and website for information coming soon.

A Message From Mrs. Riesgraf- I hope that your family has had a chance to relax and enjoy the recent Thanksgiving break. I am pleased to say that we are still able to educate children in person and look forward to a healthy three weeks of school before our holiday break.

As I write this, I am thinking back on some of the activities we typically do this time of year like our craft nights, sing a long and holiday concerts and due to the pandemic we will not be able to partake in them in the usual way. So what can we do to work around this and still capture the spirit of the month? Get creative, of course! We will offer crafts in a bag to any family who would like to do some crafting together, we may host our sing a long, virtual style while still in our P.J.'s. I am thankful for the ingenuity of the staff of this school and their families, who are still finding ways to make learning fun and creative.

We had a successful turnout for our parent/teacher conferences via Zoom. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the education of children here at Pepin Area Schools. We have been able to successfully finish our first trimester of school and look forward to the growth we will see in our students this next trimester. Please do not hesitate to reach out, we are here to help. Please have a restful and enjoyable time with family and friends during this season.

Dates to Remember:

December 4- Mad for Plaid-wear your Christmas plaid or bust out a pair of cozy holiday socks.

December 15- Virtual Craft Night with Mrs. Pesic @ 5 p.m. (Zoom link will be shared later)

December 11- Tis' the season to ROCK tacky sweaters, let's see your craziest holiday sweater or accessory.

December 18: Pajama Day...t'was the day before break. Time to get snuggly!

December 21-January 1- Holiday break (no school)

January 4: School resumes