

# Jr. Seahawk Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

Dec 19 - Jan 2

**NO SCHOOL**

**Winter Break**

School starts up again  
on **January 3, 2012!**

Jan. 16:

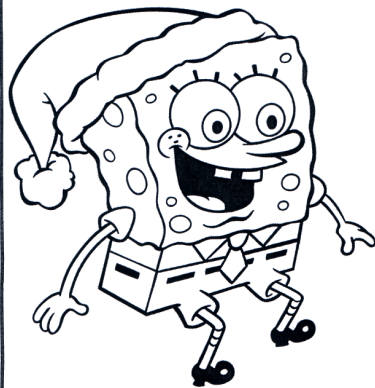
**No School, Martin  
Luther King Holiday**

Jan 24:

**Early Dismissal, 12 PM**

Jan 27:

**No School, Day  
Between Semesters**



## Holiday Extras inside:

### • **Great Jokes and Riddles!**

#### **Cameron and Ethan Room 12, Grade 3**

We are working on  
times and division.

After next week we are  
going to get two weeks of  
winter break! Ethan is go-  
ing camping for 3 days.  
Cameron is going to stay  
at his house for Christ-  
mas.

What do  
reindeer  
hang on  
their Christ-  
mas trees?

Horn—a  
ments!



#### **Arianna and Carmyn Room 25, Grade 4**

Hi! This is Arianna. In  
December this lady named  
Mrs. Crichton came to our  
class to help us sew boxes,  
and the Science Center  
people came, and it was  
fun.

Carmyn has family com-  
ing over, and Arianna is go-  
ing to Leavenworth.

We're reading Global  
Reading Challenge books,  
and in science we made  
our own circuit.

What  
kind of  
money  
do elves  
use?

Jingle  
bells!



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*News from the classroom.....*

**Daisy and Natalie  
Room 24, Grade 5**

In class we are learning about snowflakes. Everyone in class made spider dioramas. They are really cool.

Mrs. Kennewick is going snowshoeing for the holidays and hanging out with her two sons.

In class we also made the apple timeline about apples. It started in 8000 BC and ended in 2000 AD. So for December we are having an apple party, and everything is going to be an apple product. We will have apple pie, applesauce, apple cider, apple juice, and apple shaped cookies.

Where do reindeer stop for lunch? Doe-ry Queen

How do you get in to Donner's house?

You ring the deer-bell!

**Jayna, Lola, and Natalie  
Room 21, Grade 4**

*From Jayna:* We are learning about what the Native Americans did to survive. We are also learning how to sew. It was kind of tricky at first, but Mrs. Boitano taught us.

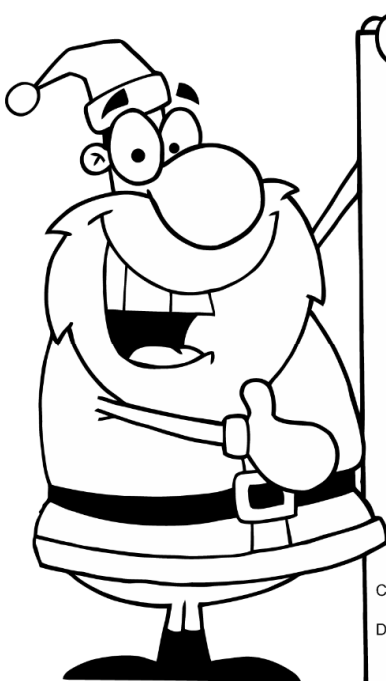
*From Natalie:* Hello, it's Natalie, and I just wanted to ask what are u doing for Christmas vacation? What I'm doing is just spending time with my family drinking coco and eating my favorite recipe my mom makes and reading a Christmas tradition Christmas book. That is what I do, because I love Christmas!

*From Lola:* Merry Christmas! So far all we've done for December is make snowflakes. Now most people would make snowflakes out of paper, but we didn't. We made them out of Q tips. We glued the Q tips together. If we wanted to, we could add glitter.

What does Santa use for soap?



Santa-tizer!



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**Christmas Santa Word Search**

K Z D S T O C K I N G S W S Z  
 U E H P Q J Q H M T E N Z A P  
 R B R A R D X X R J O L U N J  
 K S T C V E E H B I N B T T M  
 D N T C Z G S C F T S E S A T  
 Y W J A A T P E E F R T S C A  
 X B Z S R N X U N M S E M L Y  
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 P S L E I G H S G B B W R S Q

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|-----------|----------|-------------|-----------|------|-----|
| Christmas | Presents | Santa Claus | Sleigh    | Tree | Red |
| December  | Star     | Candy       | Stockings |      |     |

## *More classroom news.....*

### **Steph and Fathi Room 22, Grade 5**

In class we are learning how to write our own personal narratives. Our rough drafts of our first story were due on December 2, 2011. Also our second rough draft was due December 9, 2011. And finally, our final draft was December 14, 2011. Steph is working on her book cover. Same as Fathi.

On Monday December 5, 2011 we made Pull-up books. We were going to go around and write nice comments to each other to make people feel good about themselves. The reason we didn't do it is because we wanted to work on our covers.

Room 22 is excited for the Global Reading Challenge! The Awesome People are going to be a team again. Fathi is on The Awesome People team. Steph is not. Steph's Team has Ayden, Siobhan, Dylan, Eilis, J-web, Noah, and herself. They do not have a name for their team yet. Fathi has read 6 of the 10 books. Steph has read all 10 books. She is the only one who has besides DaisyL (who is in the other class).

Both Fathi and Steph have no plans or vacations in December. Mr. G is going to visit his family near Mt. Vernon for Christmas.

On December 6, 2011 we got to do Science on Wheels! They came into our class and we got to make a pulley. It was really fun. When we went to the exhibit it was really fun. We got listen to each other from a tube thingy. You could also see yourself upside down. It was awesome.

Joke: Who is very rude? "Rude"- olph!



Barnes and Noble Pajama Night!

(Photo by John Christensen)



Science Center, Physics on Wheels (14 nails balanced on 1)

(Photo by Mark Ahlness)

*Even more classroom news.....*

**Abdikadir and Aili  
Room 10, Grade 3**

Mr. Fisk is going to see Cinderella on Christmas vacation. Aili is going to be in the Nutcracker. Abdikadir is going to his cousin's house on his vacation.

Also in class we have a new student and his name is Jack. He moved from San Diego to Seattle.

In addition, we have December birthdays for Mr. Fisk, Grace, Owen, and Jade.

What is the favorite Mexican food of a snowman?  
Answer: brrr-itos.

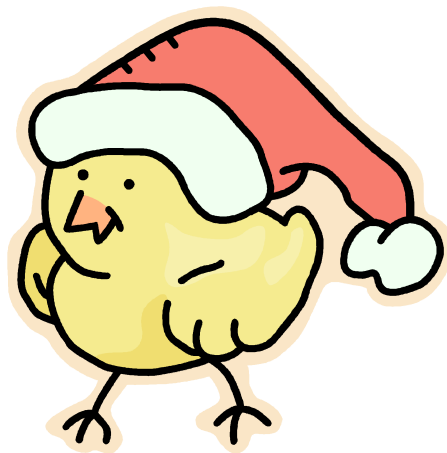
**Isabelle and Wyatt  
Room 13, Grade 2**

In math we will be doing word problems and learning about estimating.

Mrs. Feagan plans to spend time with her family and friends over the Winter Break—and also spend time with her dog.

We participate in D.O.L. It's really fun. We like doing math. We're learning about food for science.

What's the difference between Santa Claus and a chicken?



Santa can get chicken pox, but a chicken can't get Santa pox!

**Brandon and Tayler  
Room 18, Grade 2**

I'm going to my cabin for 10 days and I'm going to celebrate New Year's Eve and Christmas.

We are learning about balancing and weighing and light, and Tayler has 12 performances in the Nutcracker. When the Pacific Science Center came, we had a lot of fun!!!

Who delivers Christmas presents to pets?

Why Santa Paws, of course!

**John and Cole  
Room 9, Grade 3**

We are learning about multiplication and division. Our teacher is going to Lake Roosevelt to her daughter's cabin. Over Winter Break, John is going to stay home, make snowmen, and shoot Nerf guns at them!

Because he's a Santa cookie!

Why is Santa sitting on a plate?

*Knock, knock*

Who's there?

*Elf.*

Elf who?