



The Patter

A **PTA** publication for the families and friends of **Market Street Elementary School**



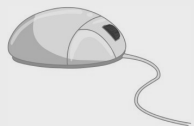
Upcoming Events

- Dec. 4** **Wear Your T.E.A.M. Shirt Day**
- Dec. 5** **Santa Breakfast 9 a.m.**
- Dec. 9** **4th Grade Chorus Program 7 p.m.**
- Dec. 10** **Wear Browns/Steelers Colors Day**
- Dec. 18** ***The Patter* Submission Deadline**
- Dec. 21** **1st Grade Program 7 p.m.**
- Dec. 22** **Last Day of Class**
- Dec. 23-Jan. 1** **Winter Recess- No Classes**
- Jan. 4** **Classes Resume**

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From the Desk of Our Principal:



Dear Parents:

December tends to be a very busy month for everyone — parents, teachers and students alike. Academically, the seventeen days of school between Thanksgiving and winter recesses are very important. As we head into this most hectic time of the year, please try to provide as normal a routine as possible for your child.

We have accomplished much over the last three months of school and it is necessary to maintain our progress through this month. Our teachers will continue their pace of instruction to ensure the academic growth of your child. Please help by maintaining normal routines with regular study time each evening and reinforcing the importance of hard work during this time.

The month of December gives us a chance to showcase the musical talents of many of our students. Mr. Wilson has been very busy for the past month preparing our students for what should be an outstanding holiday performance season. Fourth Grade Chorus will present their holiday program to family and friends on Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. in our auditorium. First Grade will perform "Santa's New Look" on Monday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m. Please arrive early to ensure a good seat and kick off this holiday season with some great entertainment.

3rd Grade parents are able to save for next year's Camp Fitch field trip now. PTA has established an account into which you can make deposits for next year. Please make checks payable to Market Street PTA.

As we approach this holiday season, we should all reflect upon those things that are important to us. I am thankful for my wonderful family at home and for my wonderful family here at Market Street School. I want to thank everyone for the support, enthusiasm, and loyalty you have given to our school and me thus far this year. I wish you and your family the very best for the holiday season and best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,
James J. Stitt

5 Tips to Help Your Child Survive Family Holiday Gatherings

from the Special Education Committee

Parents of children with learning disabilities and other disorders know that the chaos of the holidays can leave their kids spinning. But with some preparation, you can turn it from harried to happy.

1. Let your child know what to expect at the gathering - who's coming, what the activities are, some topics he can talk about with family members, and how you expect him to behave.
2. Make sure he has eaten well, is not overtired, and has time to "blow off steam" before the gathering.
3. Bring an activity that your child enjoys and can engage other family members in.
4. Have an agreed-upon "signal" for when your child needs your help to get out of an uncomfortable conversation.
5. At the event, help your child identify a safe and comfortable space he can go to when he needs a break.



Volunteers Needed

If you can help with the **Santa Breakfast**, please contact Cara Essad (330-629-8015 or 330-540-4197) or Nicole Torres (330-783-0808 or 330-402-2681).

If you can help with the **Snowflake Shoppe**, please call Katie Harold at 330-782-0739.

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Cultural Arts Contest

This Year's Theme:
"Beauty is..."

Entries due NO later
than December 17, 2009.

The Patter Submissions

Submissions for *The Patter* will be accepted throughout the school year. If you have something you would like to see included, please email it by the due date shown in the Upcoming Events section to anna@indigoadvertising.com (content must be approved by Mr. Stitt). Thanks!
- Anna Stackhouse, Editor



The veggie cart will not be out during the month of December.



Christmas Program Dates

Coming soon to the MSS Auditorium:



The 4th Grade Chorus in
"My Marvelous, Magical Sleigh"
Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m.



The 1st Grade in
"Santa's New Look"
Monday, December 21st at 7:00 p.m.

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Red Ribbon Week Thank You's:

Thank You For Donating Prizes:

Captain McFinn's • Chuck-E-Cheese • Dairy Queen (Market Street) • Ice Zone • Phil Kilpatrick • Market Street Elementary PTA • Youngstown State University

Thank You For Helping With Activities:

Teachers & Staff of Market Street Elementary • Carrie Dunham • Jody Fernholz • Phil Kilpatrick • Lynnae Rassega • Lisa Rizzo • Courtnie Sepe • Marty Subramanian