

## December 2024 Happenings

### Elementary:

Pre-K is getting in the holiday spirit! This week, they had some Gingerbread men come play hide and seek in their classrooms! They are also caroling at Eastland and Arcadia and have been practicing Jingle Bells, I'm a Little Snowman, and Merry Christmas. They also made lots of holiday crafts!

Kindergarten has been doing all things gingerbread and celebrated Gingerbread Day by visiting stations and going on a hunt to find the gingerbread man throughout the elementary school. We are also talking about our character trait Compassion this month and carrying out kindness challenges.

2nd graders have been working on gifts for their parents. They also have been journaling about their classroom elves.

The elementary had elves come in over Thanksgiving break and turn the hallways into a winter wonderland. The children have also been practicing for their concert on Thursday, Dec. 18th at 12:45.



### Middle School:

Buddy the Elf arrived and is up to some interesting adventures.

Third graders have been learning to read analog clocks, use dialogue in writing and learning about early colonies. Next week, they have many holiday activities planned.

5th grade is learning about different types of holidays around the world and wrapping up their ecosystem projects!

### Jr. High:

Mrs. Marques's reading classes are finishing up their fiction unit with the novel *Freak the Mighty*. It is a realistic fiction story about the friendship between Max and Kevin, two outcasts who help each other overcome their challenges. They are reading the novel together as a class and applying elements of plot, characterization, setting, mood, and

theme. Students are learning new vocabulary terms associated with each chapter and answering comprehension questions to check their understanding. Next week, they will watch the movie based off of the book and complete a Venn Diagram to note the similarities and differences.

## **High School:**

NHS finished the food drive. 378 items were collected. The items were donated to both Auburn's and Divernon's food pantry. And the winning class was Mrs. Litteken's first hour!

The swing choir and band will be performing Holiday songs on Friday, December 13th. The Drama class will be entertaining the students on Tuesday, Dec. 17th.