



# The Eagle

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## Random Acts of Kindness this Holiday Season at Abner Gibbs School

December 2014

Dear Abner Gibbs Families,

The month of December is here and with it the joy and excitement of the season for our families that celebrate at this time of year. As a school we are promoting and putting a strong focus on catching our students doing something right!! This takes several forms including SOAR tickets, positive office referrals, and whole class/



school recognition for positive behavior and citizenship. This month, as part of PBIS, our school is looking for random

acts of kindness being demonstrated from person to person. The culmination of this month's work will be "Random Acts of Kindness Day" on Friday December 19th. All of our students are encouraged to take the pledge and show a random act of kindness throughout the month and hopefully those will continue the whole year!!!

### Special points of interest:

- ✓ Our school day for students begins promptly at 9:00 AM and dismissal is at 3:00 PM.
- ✓ If your child is to be dismissed from school, please send in a note in the morning.
- ✓ Anybody coming to school during the day must have a picture I.D.
- ✓ In case of a possible school cancellation or delayed opening due to weather, elementary families will receive a call from the Blackboard Connect system at 6:30 AM.
- ✓ Thank You for all your support of our school!!!!

## Spotlight on Second Grade

Second Graders have been SOARing to great heights this school year. Our focus has centered on these key ideas.

- Reading skills that we're working on include: fluency (rate of reading), deeper comprehension skill (which require analysis of text) and summarizing.
- We are starting an exciting new writing program which focuses are writing quality sentences. We began the year by learning sentence structure. We are currently transitioning into paragraph writing.
- In math we are learning about place value, and how to add two digit numbers. Currently we have started a unit on subtraction.
- Our overall theme in the classroom is working together, cooperation and respect for one another.

Family support at home remains a key component to your child's successful educational experience. Thank you for reading daily and supporting our efforts! We are always available to the families of our students. Contact us at 572-6418.

## We Want to Hear From You About Our School Climate

As we head into 2015, we continue to have an intentional focus on having a positive school climate at Abner Gibbs Elementary School. It is our goal that every member of our school experience a positive learning and social atmosphere based on respect and trust on a daily basis. As we continue to move forward as a school community, we need to hear from all stakeholders—students (grades 3-5), staff, and parents. Our School Improvement Council, comprised of staff and parents, as

well as our PTO, have reviewed and provided feedback as to how we will administer the surveys. As a school, students (grades 3-5) and staff will take the climate survey before the

holiday recess. Upon our return to school in January, the parent/guardian survey will be sent home with students for you to complete and return to our school. More specific information will follow shortly after break. When you receive the survey, please take just a few minutes to give us your very valuable feedback as your voice is both welcome and essential to our work. The process will take place again in June as we strive for continuous growth and improvement. Thank you in advance for your participation!!



## Nurse's Corner

### Dairy and Health

Did you know Milk is very unique?

Milk contains nine essential nutrients. Milk contains calcium, protein, potassium, riboflavin, niacin, phosphorus and vitamins D, A, & B12.

Milk is one of the most nutrient-rich beverages.

Milk or milk products (cheese, yogurt): 3 - 8 oz. servings are recommended daily.

Milk helps to build strong bones and healthy bodies especially in children and adolescents.

Milk is associated with a reduced risk of cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes and lower blood pressure in adults.

Milk does do a body good!



## Dates/Events to Remember

12/17– Winter Concert - 6:30

12/18-School Improvement Council Meeting - 3:15

12/19– Random Acts of Kindness Day

12/23 - ERSD/Students dismissed at 12:00

12/24 - 1/4 - Holiday Recess

1/16– ERSD/Students dismissed at 12:00

1/19– Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

1/22 - School Improvement Council Meeting - 3:15

**Looking for more information?**

**Check out our website:**

[http://](http://westfieldag.sharpschool.net/)

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**Please join our parent/guardian email-notification system by contacting Mrs. Matyseck at 572-6418.**