



**DECEMBER 2021**  
**SOUTH MOUNTAIN COUGARS!**

**SOUTH MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY**  
**224700 BITTERSWEET ROAD**  
**WAUSAU, WI 54401**

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**Office Hours: 7:45am - 3:45pm**



**IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- **Dec. 20 - PTO meeting 3:45pm SM Library**
- **Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 - Winter Break**
- **Jan. 3 - School resumes**
- **Jan. 4 - 4th grade to School Forest**



**Morning student supervision does not begin until 8:15 a.m.**  
**For safety, please do not drop your child(ren) at school**  
**before this time. Thank you!**



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## INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

Here is a [link](#) to information that was shared earlier this week from the Wausau School District. This information gives a general overview of what will happen should a virtual learning day need to be implemented due to inclement weather. Here are a few additional specifics as related to South Mountain:

\*We will do our best to be proactive should inclement weather be predicted and send home all necessary materials including student ipads and classroom materials. Please understand that, at times, Wisconsin weather is unpredictable and there may be a situation where we will need to implement a traditional "snow day" should unexpected weather arise.

\*All students should plan to attend a classroom google meet at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm. Each google meet will last approximately 15 minutes. Google meet codes for each classroom are below.

\*During the live google meet, classroom teachers will check in with students, explain the learning activities that students will be completing for the day and answer any questions that there may be.

\*Each grade level will be assigned one encore activity through seesaw. The grade level the child is in will determine what encore activity will be assigned. This activity will be something that students can complete on their own and should take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

\*Depending on the child's grade level additional learning activities will be assigned by the classroom teacher that a child should complete asynchronously/independently during the day. For K-2 this will be approximately an additional 15 minutes and for grades 3-5 this will be about 75 additional minutes.

\*We understand that on inclement weather days, internet connections may not always be working. Please do your best to connect to the google meet, when possible. Also, if you are in need of a hot spot, you may check one out through our library. Please contact Mrs. Martens, our librarian for more information.

<u>TEACHER</u>	<u>GOOGLE MEET CODE</u>
KG - ECKE	smke
KG - MATTKE	smkm
1ST - DUWE	sm1d
1ST - SMITH	sm1s
2ND - HASSBERG	sm2h
2ND - LAFFIN	sm2l
3RD - EGNER	sm3e
3RD - KIRSCH	sm3k
4TH - CULVER	sm4c
4TH - ZUNKER	sm4z
5TH - DEWITZ	sm5d
5TH - REINECK	sm5r
CARE	smcare

Just a reminder that the 4th grade students will be taking a field trip to the school forest on Tuesday, Jan. 4th. They will be outside for the majority of the day, so students will need to be dressed appropriately for the weather. Boots are recommended.



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### Class Picture

Families that ordered a picture package will be receiving their class composite next week. If you did not order a picture package and would like to purchase a class composite, please send a check for \$8.00 (cash will NOT be accepted) made payable to: **INTER-STATE STUDIO**



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## Thank you!

Thank you to all our South Mountain families who so generously donated to this year's Giving Tree! Items will be delivered to the Aspirus Family House on Tuesday, Dec. 21.

If you still wish to donate, please have all items here by

**Monday, December 20.**

Thank you!

**Giving Tree  
2021**



In Guidance classes with Mrs. Boyle, students have been working extremely hard on focusing on our theme for the month of December, which is Kindness. The students are coloring/creating holiday pictures for Mrs. Boyle to deliver to a local police department, fire department, nursing home and the National Guard Armory. Our hope in creating these pictures is to spread kindness, holiday cheer and put a smile on peoples faces within our community.



KINDNESS  
CHANGES  
EVERYTHING

## Breakfast and Lunch Menus

Monthly breakfast and lunch menus can be found at this link:

<https://wausau.nutrislice.com/menu/south-mountain>

Bookmark the link for quick and easy access!



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### Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer opportunities will be posted online throughout the year. Volunteers MUST sign up online and not with the teaching staff. If you already have a volunteer account, log in and select the opportunity you are interested in (if it is full/locked, you have the option of being put on a back up list). If you haven't created an account yet, create one by clicking this [link](#). Remember, volunteering in the classroom and going on field trips requires a criminal background check. These take time to process so please Plan Ahead!

For questions, contact:

Cyndi Schneider

Volunteer & Community Involvement Coordinator

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715-261-0584

Extension 21584

Monday through Thursday

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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### DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION / INVITATIONS TO STUDENTS

The Wausau School District Communications Department must approve all information being distributed to our students. Local groups and organizations need approval from them before information is distributed to students.

Once approved, these resources are also made available on the WSD website, [E Flyers](#).

Along with this, we ask that parents **do not** send party or play date invitations to school. Teachers will not distribute these to students. Thank you!

# LOST AND FOUND

**MISSING SOMETHING? OUR LOST AND FOUND IS OVER FLOWING!**

**ALL ITEMS LEFT OVER WINTER BREAK WILL BE DONATED.**



# BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

At South Mountain we work hard to ensure that students' minds and bodies are ready for learning each day. In addition to the hard work our teachers and staff do every day to prepare students for success in the classroom, we can also work to encourage healthy eating and physical activity, leading them to lifelong success. By helping them start healthy habits early in life, we can help reduce our children's health risks and increase their chances for longer, more productive lives.

## Parents/guardians should:

- Honor their child's birthday by sending non-food treats such as stickers or pencils

## OR

- Ensure all food sent to school for birthday celebrations promotes healthy food choices (see the list of healthy snack ideas below). ***Birthday and special occasion treats must be store bought with an intact ingredient label. All snacks sent to school to be eaten in the classroom need to be peanut and tree nut free.***

To encourage your participation in this plan, you will find suggested treats and food listed below. These items are consistent with the intent of the district's Local School Wellness Policy and will promote healthful eating among our students. Also note that students are asked to not bring in junk food items such as chips, candy, drinks, etc. to school.

As educators, caregivers and loved ones we all want the best for our students. Thank you for joining us in giving students healthy opportunities to celebrate important events and achievements.

If you have any questions, please contact the school. We are looking forward to making our school the healthiest it can be so our students can do their best work.

Have a healthy day!

## Healthier Options:

Apples with caramel dip	Low-fat yogurt products	100% fruit juice popsicles
Fruit or vegetables	Fruit leather	
Popcorn (minimal salt and butter)	String cheese	
Dried fruits	Pretzel products	

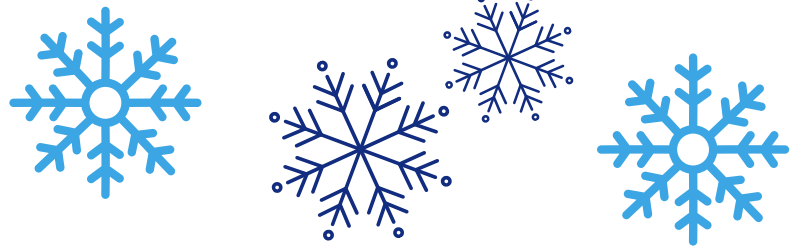
We encourage parents to use the list above as a guide in providing healthy snacks. You may also choose to bring in non-food items to give to each child on your child's birthday. Here is a list of non-food items:

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|--------------------------|------------|
| • Glow-in-the-dark items | • Stickers |
| • Slap bracelets         | • Erasers  |
| • Silly bands            | • Pencils  |
| • Bubbles                | • Crayons  |
| • Chalk                  | • Pens     |



If you provide a snack for the class, keep these things in mind:

- Snacks should be kid-size. Both children and adults don't need large portions.
- Snacks should be healthy. Offer fruits and vegetables as often as you can.



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# ***SCHOOL SPIRIT!***

***MRS. MATTKE'S KG GREEN BEARS***



***MRS. LAFFIN'S  
2ND GRADE***

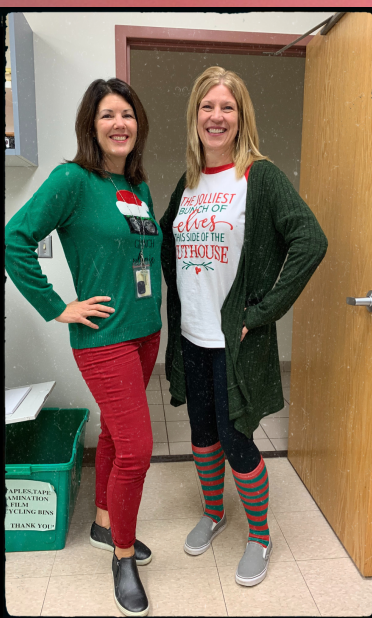


***MRS. ECKE'S  
KG  
RED BEARS***





# Monday - RED & GREEN EXPLOSION!

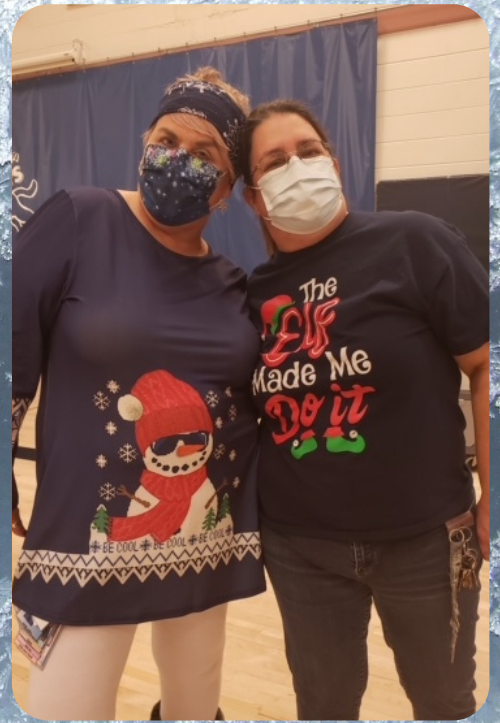




Students  
sparkled, blinked  
and were full of  
smiles on  
*Tinsel  
Tuesday*



# Wednesday – Winter Wonderland

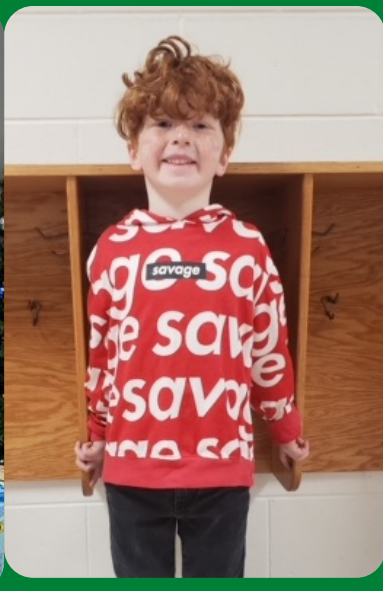


## CANDY CANE DAY

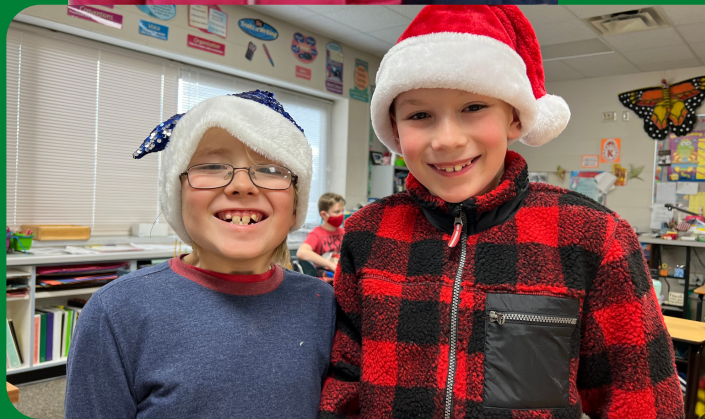


## THURSDAY





# CANDY CANE DAY



# Everyone got in the spirit on Pajama Day!



Mrs. Kirsch's 3rd graders

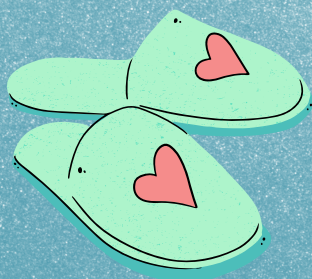


Mr. Reineck's 5th graders



Mrs. Egner's 3rd graders

Mrs. Culver's 4th graders



Mrs. Hassberg's 2nd graders

Mrs. Zunker's 4th graders



Mrs. Smith's 1st graders



Mrs. Laffin's 2nd graders



Mrs. Ecke's Kindergartners



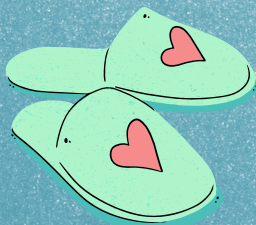
Mrs. Mattke's Kindergartners



Mrs. Duwe's 1st graders



Mrs. Dewitz's 5th graders



# December 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Day 4 Rotation 2	2 Day 5 Rotation 2	3 Day 1 Rotation 1	4
5	6 Day 2 Rotation 1	7 Day 3 Rotation 1	8 Day 4 Rotation 1	9 Day 5 Rotation 1	10 Day 1 Rotation 2	11
12	13 Day 2 Rotation 2 Red and Green Explosion Wear red and green!	14 Day 3 Rotation 2 Tinsel Tuesday Wear anything that shines, sparkles or lights up!	15 Day 4 Rotation 2 Winter Wonderland Wear snowflakes, blue, white or silver!	16 Day 5 Rotation 2 Candy Cane Wear red and white!	17 Day 1 Rotation 1 Long Winter's Nap Wear your pajamas!	18
19	20 Day 2 Rotation 1 Festive Socks Show us your favorite festive socks! PTO meeting 3:45	21 Day 3 Rotation 1 Baby it's cold outside! Wear your favorite cozy sweatshirt or flannel!	22 Day 4 Rotation 1 LIM SPIRIT DAY! Wear your Leader in Me shirt!	23	24	25
<div style="text-align: center;"> <h1>No School</h1>  <h2>Have a wonderful winter break!</h2> </div>						