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Tatla School News December 2019

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Educators, and Friends of Tatla Lake School,

Winter has finally arrived! Students had fun playing in the snow the first day back at school. It was hard to decide whether we should go skating, snow shoeing, cross country skiing, or sledding. We ended up going tobogganning down the big hills on the ski trail behind the school. This helped to pack the hill to make snowplowing down and herringboning up a bit easier, once we get our skis out.







The Santa Breakfast was very well attended. Thanks to everyone who has done so much work - especially Leanne Iverson and Connie Bracewell. The gym looked fantastic, the food was delicious, and the entertainment was enjoyed by all! Students exchanged names and brought gifts in for each other. These Secret Santa gifts were put into stockings, which were later handed out by Santa.







I have talked to Ruth about head lice and asked that she come in to check heads. She is really busy but will try to come in. I really don't have the staff available to take the time to do weekly checks. Parents please check heads at home on a regular basis. If we hear that there is a case of head lice, we will send a letter home. If your child ends up with head lice, please keep them at home until they have been treated.

Rink update - the fire cache came and dumped about 6 loads of water on the rink. The rink had sticks, stones, and leaves on it. The cracks had been filled over the summer, but weeds are already starting to come up again. Christoff suggested that we use two by fours to create a smaller rink in the middle of our huge rink. I have made a much smaller rink and have been flooding it as often as I can. The water pressure is pretty low. If you feel like flooding, it takes around 45 minutes. Let me know, and I can walk you through how to do it. We are waiting to hear whether or not the School District has a snow blower that we can use to help keep the snow off the rink.



We took the students skating on Pinto Lake. We had a campfire, roasted hotdogs, and went skating. The students had a lot of fun and were really successful! Hopefully we can do it again.





With the hard times Colleen and Les have had, students wanted to do something to help. They asked if they could donate the money raised at the Christmas Craft Fair coat check (about \$40). They also wrote letters and made cards.

We baked cookies on Wednesday December 18th. Lots of parents and community members came in to help. These cookies were donated to the food hampers that the clinic put together.





Tori had a suggestion. She thought that we could have a Clothing Den at the school. Students could bring in clothes that don't fit them anymore and they could swap them for clothes that do fit. The PAC thought that maybe we could do this once or twice a year.

Our artists have been hard at work once again and have been rewarded for their efforts. Simon won a colouring contest. Jilian Harris and Leana Schneider won the Legion Remembrance Day poster contest, and Shiloh Bloess came in second in the poster contest. Congratulations!



Student of the week awards have been handed out to:

Leana Schneider - for being Super Sweet. Jade Bloess - for generosity.



Molly Sheppard - for excellence in writing.

Herb Kinser - for being kind, respectful, and a keen learner.



Alethia Turner - for being a good sport and perservering in learning how to skate. She never gave up!

Shiloh Bloess - for excellent effort!



Sincerely,

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"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt." John Muir