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Dear Friends of the Lempster School,

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Thanksgiving Day break. The reports from many of the students overwhelmingly indicated the stuffing was the best part of the meal. Of course now we look to the big Christmas holiday, which is only 27 days away. If you get a chance to visit the school, please take a look at the **decorations that are popping up** all over the inside and the outside of the building. The wreaths at our entrance way certainly present a warm welcoming. The Lempster School's PTO has always been proficient at creating a fun and welcoming atmosphere for the students. We are always proud to show the school to you.

There will be a lot of activities in these upcoming weeks. One is the **ski program fundraiser on Thursday the 30<sup>th</sup> at Bubba's** restaurant. Folks are invited to come to Bubba's and enjoy a delicious meal knowing a portion of the profits will be donated to the ski program for some students at Lempster School, who will be visiting the slopes of Mount Sunapee for a few Mondays of skiing. Please consider stopping by Bubba's this Thursday for dinner.

Another activity you don't want to miss is the **PTO's Craft Fair this Saturday**. The event begins at 9:00AM and continues until 2:00PM. There will be lunch available for those who stay all day or arrive in the afternoon. This is a great opportunity to pick up several of those Christmas presents. Statistics show that dollars, which are spent locally rather than online to another country, stay local and help our neighbors and friends. We hope you can make it to the fair for at least a portion of the day.

Please enter into your calendars the Lempster **School Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** in the gymnasium. The students are hard at work practicing their songs to ensure you have a wonderful Christmas music experience. Students in grades k-6 will be offering holiday songs in which you can joyfully join the singing. I think you will be very impressed with our very special ending song, this year. This is a fun event. The elves do a great job offering a light breakfast for supper, and St. Nick even takes a few moments out of his busy schedule to come by for a quick visit. Please be aware, this is a huge presentation and the gym fills up fast. Parking will be at a premium so please be prepared that you may need to park behind the school. The dinner begins at 5:00 and the show starts at 6:00PM. We have an emergency snow day of Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, same time, if Mother Nature decides not to cooperate with us.

The winter sports teams are in full swing. Boys' and girls' basketball, along with cheerleading teams are working hard to fine tune their skills. The **first basketball game of the season** will be an away game on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> against Newport. The teams have a back-

to-back schedule and will be playing another away game against Andover on the very next day, Thursday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

As you may have heard, we shall be participating in the **Scripps Spelling Bee** again this year. The bee begins in each classroom where each student has a chance to spell grade-level words. Once classroom champions are established, we hold the school-wide spelling bee to determine a school champion. From there our candidate enters the regional competition in Manchester. It's an exciting process. Last year fifth grader (now sixth grader) Dylan Goulding was our champion, and he is determined to earn the crown again. We will convene the school-wide bee during the afternoon of the 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM. The contest is a double-elimination process and there is no question it can get intense! All students are invited to watch, but we realize some students are still a little young to watch the entire event. If you are interested in joining us, please call the front office and we'll be happy to reserve a seat for you.

Throughout this holiday season your Lempster School wants you to know we have many connections and are always willing to confidentially help out anyone who may need a hand. One organization with whom we are friends is the Claremont Food Pantry. **On December 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM, one car can collect items for up to three families!** There are no residency nor income requirements. This is a great example of neighbors helping neighbors and you are encouraged to come by the pantry, if not for yourself then to help a friend. Clearly the Claremont Food Pantry is an organization that is designed to help folks, and we are fortunate they are partners with us!

Have a pleasant week.



Jim Lewis  
Superintendent

**Fascinating fact of the week to share with friends:** Statistically speaking, you are more likely to die on your way to buy a lottery ticket than you are to actually purchase a grand prize winning lottery ticket.

**Answer to last week's puzzler:** Four hundred people visited the amusement park. Congratulations to: Abigail, Fern, Macie, Avery, Zoey, Madison, Maylin, Julianna, Landon, Emmy, and Emmett who submitted a correct answer and earned a Wildcat Buck.

**Puzzler:** At the PTO Craft Fair, Saturday Wisdom will be selling cookies. He plans to buy a kit of 45 plain cookies and icing for \$99.00. He will cleverly decorate them with icing and sell them for \$3.75 each. Assuming he sells them all, which we expect he will, how much profit will he make selling his decorated cookies?

**Our school strives to provide opportunities  
for students to make the most of their abilities.**