



The Lion's Roar

(Lietz School Newsletter)
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Calendar

December 20-January 4: Winter Break – No School

January 12: School Board Meeting at 6pm

January 13: Union School District "State of the Union" Parent Information Meeting at 6:30pm

January 14: Lietz Kindergarten Orientation Meeting at 6pm

January 15: Union School District "State of the Union" Parent Information Meeting at 6:30pm

January 19: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School

January 23: Lietz Spirit Day: Pajama Dress Up Day

January 26-20: Lietz 5th Graders at Science Camp

Happy Holidays

As 2014 comes to a close in the next couple of weeks, I take time to look back on all the good the year has brought. I want to thank all our staff, students and parents for all that you do to make Lietz such a wonderful place. Our dedicated staff is second to none. Our students are inquisitive, motivated and kind; and our parents are so supportive and giving of their time and resources. When I look back on 2014, it is amazing how much has gone on at school. First and foremost, our students have learned a tremendous amount. As I observe in the classrooms, the growth in students between September and now is astonishing. In addition, we have: participated in Back to School Night and Parent/Teacher Conferences; had fun at our Back to School Picnic/Movie and our Walk-a-thon; enjoyed our Halloween Parade; been amazed by talent in our Choir Concert; and we have been touched by the generosity of our students and families during our Sleep Train drive. It is simply amazing...and I can't wait to see all that 2015 will bring at Lietz.

On behalf of the entire Lietz Staff, I wish you a most wonderful holiday break and Happy New Year!

New Year's Resolution: Perfect Attendance!

Start the New Year off right by making a commitment to be at school on time every day. Missed time in class equates to missed instruction that is important for a child to continue making progress towards meeting standards. Being on time is a life skill that we want every student to have. With colder and rainy weather, it can require more time to get ready in the morning and to get to school. Let's all plan ahead.

Food Banks and Other Resources

If you or someone you know may be in need this holiday season, here is a resource that you can pass on:

- Second Harvest Food Bank: Call the Food Connection line at 800-984-3663. They help people in need of food find resources in their neighborhood.

A full list of resources is available at Lietz in the main office.

Kindergarten Orientation

Lietz is holding its annual Kindergarten Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, January 14, at 6pm in our cafeteria. This is an informational meeting for parents who will have a student entering Kindergarten in the fall. To be eligible for Kindergarten in the fall, a child's 5th birthday must be on or before September 1, 2015. If a child's 5th birthday is between September 2 and December 2, 2015, s/he is eligible to attend Transitional Kindergarten during the 2015-16 school year. More information regarding registration can be found on the district website (www.unionsd.org) under "For Parents".