

# M. C. Smith Intermediate School

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## Highlights

- 12/24—1/4 Holiday Break
- 1/7—HOPE Meeting 6pm
- 1/11 BOE Meeting (Code of Conduct Public Hearing)
- 1/18 MLK Holiday
- 1/25 BOE Meeting
- 1/29 End of 2nd Quarter
- 2/12—2/15 Mid-Winter Recess
- 2/24 1/2 Day Staff Development

## Welcome to new staff:

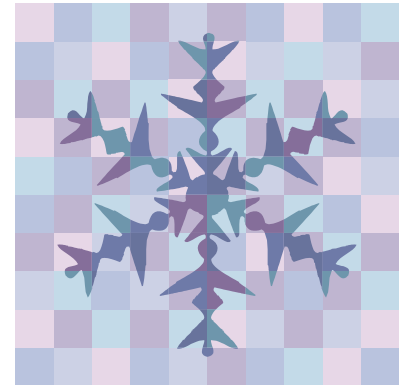
Scott Gilbert—Library  
Rhonda Becker—Reading

## Committees:

We are looking for parents to be a part of the School Improvement Team. The team has developed a Comprehensive Education Plan and plans to modify it throughout the year as well as look at other ways to improve the school.

## Winter is Coming

Winter has once again come and with it comes the cold. Please make sure your children are dressed to be outside for recess and in the morning before school.



We will be outside unless it is less than 20

School closings will be announced on local TV and radio stations.

## Attendance

Attendance is an important part of education for all students. Students are expected to be at school by 8:00 and in the classroom by 8:05. Breakfast is served beginning at 7:15 and lasts until 8:00. If you are dropping your student off and would like him or her to have

breakfast, please ensure there is time for them to eat and get to class on time. Students who miss ten days a year during their tenure as a student miss the equivalent of a year of school. Please make sure students are here on time and ready to learn. The end of the day is 2:38 so

please refrain from picking students up before that time except in cases of appointments or emergency. Should you have any questions feel free to call the office. We want each and every student to have the chance to be successful at school.

# Students Stuff the Bus

The intermediate school had a food drive that culminated in all collected food being delivered to a local food pantries by the students and staff. The students worked extremely hard and were able to help families in need to

have a joyous holiday season. This annual event was coordinated by Lisa Dolan and was a huge success. We collected thousands of non-perishable food items. Mrs. Groat's class brought in the most items and received a pizza party

for all their hard work sponsored by HOPE. Local bus company owner Michael Johnston donated both a bus and driver to make this project possible. A big thank you to everyone who participated in this to help those in need in

## HOPE Continues the Fundraising Success

The Hudson Organization of Parents and Educators has organized two fundraisers so far

and has raised more than \$6075 to help the students this year. The next meeting will be January 6th at 6 pm.

HOPE is still looking for new members. Membership dues are \$3. Please contact [hope@hudsoncityschoololdistrict.com](mailto:hope@hudsoncityschoololdistrict.com) for

## The Community Book Groups

The Community Book Group continues at the Hudson Opera House each Monday from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. So far this year the group has enjoyed Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and has just finished the classic

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White. The attendance has been fabulous and it's never too late to join us. We will be starting a new book on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Any students in grade three and up are welcome to attend and

parents are welcome to join us as well. There is no charge for either the book or snacks and no pre-registration is necessary. Please call Lisa Dolan or Ellen Huemmer (co-facilitators) at MCSIS if