



**From the desk of Connie Gervasoni:  
Week of December 4<sup>th</sup> – December 8<sup>th</sup>:**

- Thank you to our Reading Night Committee and readers: It was a great night; such an example of Chase being a community school and all families are welcome!!
- Only two weeks until Winter Break... Thank you for making every day a learning day for our students! Please continue to focus on student engagement, academic language and small group instruction. Small group learning allows for all students to be actively engaged while giving students needed scaffolds to succeed.
  - Cara Schneider did see some evidence of small groups; just be aware of how much you are speaking and how much students are collaborating and communicating with each other.
- Without consistent ATTENDANCE, students cannot have a learning day at Chase! We need your help to encourage Daily Attendance. **Each day/each student misses is \$61.00 Chase loses \$\$ for the following year!** Making sure your students have a Safe Academic Environment is a key factor every teacher can control! Also, when a student is absent, a phone call home says so much! We cannot change the family dynamics for some of our students but every teacher makes a difference in the lives of their students. Thank you!
- Please continue with **constant** reminders of our school rules. Also, if you notice a problem with a student, **contact the parent**. We want to make sure the parent has a chance to work with you. Also, please be sure you review classroom and school rules and also for students to think about their actions and if they see someone being bullied, please report it. To promote positive behavior, we will continue with our Cougar Bucks' raffles-2 per grade-level during announcements—this week we will choose names on Tuesday. Students must be present to win! Also, we will continue the class Yellow Cougar Bucks. Classes must earn 10 for the first time to attend the Principal Recess. The next Principal Recess will be announced at a later date, to work with practices and Winter Concert. Please send in your 10/15 Yellow Bucks to the office.
  - As the year progresses, please contact parents when a student issue arises in your classroom. Please give parents the opportunity to work with you.
  - Community Circles are a preventive method—gives to students to feel like a 'community' and might be less apt to hurt one another; also, gives students a voice. As the next 3 weeks get hectic, bring some calm to your classroom by sharing with your students as a community of learners. You make such a difference in the lives of your students. Thank you.

**No Psychomotor all week. Thank you for your flexibility. For Santa Pictures, your class will be called.**

- Monday, Santa Pictures, Pre-K and Kinder. Ms. Rosemary, PSA, will deliver Attendance Incentives to classroom; as of Friday, we had 400 students qualify! L. Avila, out, pm.
- Tuesday, Santa Pictures, 1 – 3. 2-hour: 1:45pm – 2:45pm, Teacher Grade Level Planning and Faculty Meeting, Room 3, 2:50 – 3:50pm. L. Avila, out ½ day.
- Wednesday, Santa Pictures, 4/5 and make-ups. Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal.
- Thursday, Concert Dress Rehearsal; teacher lunch meeting, 12:15pm, Room 3; LSL, 2:45pm, Room 3.
- Friday, Winter Concerts... A. Flores, out.

**\*\*\*Together, we are stronger.\*\*\***

