



Most of you have put away your holiday décor ... but grab a mug of cocoa (and maybe turn on those lights you haven't taken down yet) and enjoy this edition of the Phoenix Flyer. Most of the articles were written by our Fifth Grade Language Arts Writers in Mrs. Loveday's class! Enjoy! (Please excuse the tardiness of this issue. The editor had a death in the family out of state.)

Christmas Around the World



5th Grade Student, Ella: On December 4, 2018, the sanctuary of Faith Baptist was filled with twinkling lights, satisfying music, and smiling faces! There were people as far as I could see.

Cameras and cell phones

proudly snapping pictures of the Youngsville Academy students. All of the classes performed their best show yet!

Each student was ready to entertain the crowd. One parent stated that the performance was magical and it made them feel like Christmas was



already here! She loved the twinkling lights, the



hand movements, and the ability to sing along with the children. The findings of my interview chats, suggest that Youngsville Academy's "December Around the World" concert was a hit!

Written in Winter

A poem by 5th Grade student, Joshua

Trees are becoming bare,
Snowflakes are in the air,
Decorations are all about,

It's Christmas time no doubt.

It's time to be happy,
It's time to cheer,
For Santa Claus is in the air,
He is here, He is there,
But truly he's everywhere.

It's Christmas as you see,
It's time for cookies,
It's time for treats,
But most importantly,
It's time to be with family.

So be happy,
Do not pout,
For it's Christmas time,
All about.



Meteorologist Comes to 5th Grade



5th Grade Student, Tyler: On December 13th, 2018 the fifth grade went to the music room, to listen to a meteorologist. Steve Stewart came and taught us about weather. He told us he started when he was nineteen years old. That's young! He started in 1994, which means he's been a meteorologist for twenty-four years. He explained how they predict weather, by sending up big balloons with transmitters that feed data back to the ground. But don't worry, the balloons are biodegradable, so they won't harm animals! They go up all at one time around the world, even at the same time in Mexico. This allows them to look at all the weather data around our country, to better predict what the



weather will be like. At the end of the Q&A with Steve, we were all able to get a picture with him.

Santa's Coming

A poem by 5th Grade student, Claire
Santa's coming and I'm trying to be good,
And do the things that I really should.
Like listening to what my parents say,
And keeping all my stuff put away.



Santa's coming and I'm trying to help out,
So my parents won't have to shout.
I will say my prayers every night,
And try not to argue and fight.



Santa's coming and I'm trying to be nice,
And use good manners without being told twice.
My attitude is getting better,
And I don't even need a new sweater.



Santa's coming and I hope that he knows,
That I want a gymnastics air track and clothes.
Do I need to worry?
Christmas, "Please hurry."



*5th Grader Izzy on the Holiday Concert:
"We all sounded great, but I am partial to the fifth-grade class being the best, based on our years of experience. At the end of the Christmas concert, everyone including the audience, sang Silent Night together. It was the best part of the concert, because everyone was spreading Christmas cheer!"*

Upcoming Events:

- January 10th, 6pm: H&SA meeting followed by tours
- January 21st: Half Day (MLK)
- January 23rd: Tooth Fairy K-2nd
- January 29th: NC Check-In Scheduled
- February 18th: No School (President's Day)

Invest in Family Time

Personal New Year's resolutions are often forgotten by February. If, however, you make a family resolution to spend more time together and maybe

even pencil ideas on the calendar, you will more likely hold each other accountable. Listen to this: "Repeated daily good connections between parent and child foster what is known as secure attachment, or resilience," says Dr Margot Sunderland, a child psychologist and author of *What Every Parent Needs to Know*. "Research shows that it leads to better functioning, a stronger immune system, better physiology, higher academic marks, a sense of wellbeing and contentment – and it prevents mental and physical ill-health in later life." Wow! That's an investment that pays off! So, try penciling in any of the following activities once or twice a week: 1. Board or card game night, 2. Family walk, 3. Cooking or baking, 4. Read aloud from a chapter book, 5. Rough and tumble pillow or tickle battles, 6. A movie night, 7. Family craft or project. Whatever you do together, be sure it allows for meaningful connections rather than everyone glued to their own screen or book. Have fun!
<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/lifestyle/family-time/why-we-need-more-family-time/>

Principal's Corner



New building – New year!
Transitions cause changes in the ways we do things. Looking at any successful transition - they are the ones that are managed. As the Youngsville Academy community moves into our beautiful forever home we must keep in mind our trajectory. Let's make the most of this transition by expecting the most out of ourselves and the students in academics, time management, and attitude. By the end of the transition we will find that we have succeeded in meeting those expectations. Thank you again to all the parents and grandparents who volunteered their time and talents to assist in moving into the building! We all appreciated your help! Thank you to the teachers for your positivity and energy as we make this new building our home. Have a safe and happy new year!

~Larry Henson