

# The Sakamoto Scoop

Principal's Newsletter

December 2018

## CALENDAR

12/3-12/21 Canned Food Drive  
12/3 6th grade Bake Sale 3pm  
12/3 Book Fair 8-10am  
12/4-12/5 Book Fair, 12:30-4:30  
12/6 Book Fair 12:30-5:30; Family Night & Movie 5:30-7:30  
12/10 School Site Council  
12/11 PTO Meeting 7pm  
12/12 Walk n Roll to School  
12/13 Dining for Dollars, Panda Express on Cottle  
12/14 Family Bingo Night, 6:30pm  
12/17 Giving Tree Items Due  
12/21 Adjusted Dismissal  
12/21 Spirit Day: Ugly Holiday Sweaters!  
12/24-1/4 No School—Winter Break

## PTO News!

Samurai Savings Drive continues! Make your tax deductible donation now! More info and news from the PTO and check out the website at [www.sakamotopto.com](http://www.sakamotopto.com)

## NEWS & EVENTS

**Season of Giving:** Our annual canned food drive continues until mid-December so please continue to bring in cans. Bins are in the office. Our annual **giving tree** is up! Each year we give to those who are in need within our own school community. If you'd like to donate, please select a tag from the tree in the office. General items can also be donated, such as gift cards for groceries, target, or the Christmas tree lot. Items can be delivered to the office by Monday, December 17th.

**iReady:** This month our students will be taking the mid-year test for iReady reading and math. Their scores will be reported as part of the January parent conferences and report cards. Students are able to log -in to Clever at home over the break to access iReady, and we encourage them to spend time keeping their skills sharp. At Sakamoto we strive for up to 45 minutes a week in iReady reading and math (each), Clever is the single sign-on portal that we use to connect students to their learning accounts. For access to Clever and support for signing on, visit our district website student resource page. [Click here to be directed to the webpage.](#)



## Social-Emotional Learning

At Sakamoto we are always striving for increased emotional safety and support for students. We are so fortunate to have had the opportunity to learn from the Kid Power team! Presentations were given to staff, parents and students in 3rd grade, covering skills from bully prevention to self-advocacy. For more information about Kid Power, please visit their website at: [www.kidpower.org](http://www.kidpower.org)

## Arrival and Dismissal Safety

Sakamoto's parking lot during arrival and dismissal times is congested. We ask for drivers and pedestrians to be extra cautious when getting kids to and from school. Mainly we need drivers to slow down, practice patience, and give pedestrians the right of way. A flyer with reminders of our rules and practices for a smooth arrival and dismissal is published on the back of this document.

Thank you for driving safely in our parking lot!

