



# Believe to Achieve...

## *Bulletin for the Week of December 4, 2017*

### **Monday, December 4**

Basketball Intramurals/NBA Video Tour  
Lady Hawks Basketball Finals at  
Sequoia vs Los Tules: Good luck to our  
athletes and coaches!

### **Tuesday, December 5**

Basketball Intramurals/NBA Video Tour  
Possible: Lady Hawks Basketball Finals  
at SCCA

### **Wednesday, December 6**

Basketball Intramurals/NBA Video Tour

### **Thursday, December 7**

Basketball Intramurals/NBA Video Tour

### **Friday, December 8**

Basketball Intramurals/NBA Video Tour  
Fun Friday: Rivera vs Haas

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Just a regular week with regular (high) expectations for students. Make it a GREAT week for student instruction!
2. Where's Elfie? will begin on Tuesday. Please watch morning announcements for details.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ~ December 11<sup>th</sup>: Dr. Sam at Sequoia
- ~ December 12<sup>th</sup>: Music Assembly & Evening Combined Concert
- ~ December 13<sup>th</sup>: Fundraiser Delivery, Dance Competition
- ~ December 14<sup>th</sup>: Winterfest, End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, Sequoia's Presentation to the Board
- ~ December 15<sup>th</sup>: Teacher Preparation Day-No Students

### **Professional Development: A Sense of Accomplishment—H.B.**

Today was one of those days where I cannot believe how much we got accomplished! I emptied out and put away an aquarium we are no longer using (um, anyone want a 5 inch Plecostomus that I forgot was in the tank? He needs a good home and he is quite a little vacuum cleaner!), rearranged the furniture since the aquarium was gone, went up to the forest and gathered firewood, put the tables and chairs from Thanksgiving back in the barn (what? I'm busy...don't judge!), finished the greenhouse and moved all the tropical plants into it, did a load of dishes, did a load of laundry, ordered all of the Winterfest dance decorations, got the Boxtops for Santa Fe Elementary done, and still had time to sit down and watch Anastasia over pizza (no, I did NOT cook dinner after all of that...!).

Days like this give me a tremendous sense of accomplishment. They make me reflect and wonder why I can't have days like this every day, and then I reflectively realize that I DO have days like this every day...it is just that in education, we don't deal so much in "tasks" as "little humans". In other words, there is not always a tangible stack that goes from the "In" box to the "Out" box, and we work with students through projects and units, not in one-day-snapshots. Just because I couldn't check it off of a list, though, doesn't mean it isn't being accomplished, and the same holds true for you in your classrooms. Think about all the progress you have made with your students, both collectively and individually!

On morning announcements on Monday, I will be going on to remind students of the expectations we have over the next two weeks in order to participate in our end-of-semester activities and finish strong.

As promised, I am attaching the schedule for NEXT week so that you can plan your instruction. Remember, the last day of the semester with students, we do a Winterfest. The idea behind Winterfest has always been to give students time for friends, fun, and food. This is meant to replace the parties that would happen every period of the day all day long on the last day. Please respect that we do not have food or drinks in classrooms, and our school does not have a roach/ant problem because of this. Winter Break is NOT enough time to shampoo carpets or do deep cleaning. Additionally, the Home Ec Room will probably not be available because it is a full-time classroom this year. Remember, if you have a small, special reward you want to do with some students, let Roxana or I know at least a couple of days in advance so that we can try to make arrangements, otherwise, please use Winterfest as a time to spend with your students and enjoy all of their accomplishments...and yours!