

Happy Holidays!!

The month of December is especially heart warming here at First School. With fun-filled activities, parties and giving opportunities, it is one of our favorite months. We wish your family a joyous holiday season.

Sincerely, Meredith Florkey: Director of Curriculum and Stacey Yarger: Director of Operations

HOLIDAY SHOPPING EVENT THURSDAY DEC. 1 4:30-7:00

You do not want to miss this opportunity to shop Dayton's favorite direct marketing vendors! We are assembling 22 under one roof for your convenience. This is a perfect opportunity to shop for unique family, teacher, baby sitter, and coach gifts. And let's not forget about gifts for ourselves! Come see handmade hair ribbon gifts for girls at MyTies, electric candles at Scentsy (from our teacher Melanie Kish), personalized stationery at Paper Concierge, nutrition and diet programs at Visalus Sciences (from parent Rob Gelpke), custom designed purses at Mojo Bags, baked good catering by our own FS parent, Christine Derry, My-Clyns Germ Protection systems from Jo Hinker's daughter, fine jewelry selection from Premier Designs (parent Nicki Dravenstott), Silpada, and Stella and Dot, Custom men's clothing from J. Hilburn, fine photography from parent Natalie Schindler, unique food and kitchen utensil items from Tastefully Simple and Pampered Chef, unique gifts from Thirty-One and Finders Keepers (parent Valerie Wheeler), Arbonne health items, Usborne children's books, personalized tin containers at Perfect Tin and peanut clusters from teacher Melissa Barton! Children's Activities will be provided too! **BRING A FRIEND!**

TWO WAYS TO ENCOURAGE KINDNESS AND GIVING WITH YOUR CHILDREN

SCARF & MITTEN TREE:

The First School Staff would like to invite you and your child to participate in our holiday project – Keep Kids Warm. We are asking for donations of new hats, mittens, or gloves, for preschool or grade school boys and girls. We encourage you to talk to your child about this service project and encourage them to do a “special chore”: to earn money to purchase this gift. It is not necessary to wrap the items. Please send in all items by Tuesday December 13. Items will be donated to Montgomery County children's Services. We will decorate our tree in the Fun Room with your donations.

HOLIDAY AID:

Each year First School staff members and families collect non-perishable food items to help people in need in the Miami Valley feed their families. Please send in pantry items with your child and help us fill our barrels to the top this year! It is these beginning lessons that model a giving and generous spirit to our children.

Dates to Remember:

- DECEMBER 1: Holiday Shopping Event 4:30-7:00
- DECEMBER 8 & 9: Spirit Days
- DECEMBER 13: Final Day for Scarf & Mitten Tree
- DECEMBER 15 & 16: Holiday Parties
- DECEMBER 17–January 1: Winter Break
- JANUARY 2: School resumes

PLAYGROUND STEERING COMMITTEE

We are looking for interested parents to help get the ball rolling on a new playground. A lot of ground work has been completed, and this will only require 1 or 2 meeting in the winter. Please contact Stacey at 433-3455 ext 1 for more info.

SPIRIT DAYS

Wear your green and white or First School gear to school on December 8 or 9.



