RAM FAMILY NEWS

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NOTE FROM the THROOP PRINCIPAL

Optional December Dress Up Days

Thurs., Dec. 4 -Christmas Tree Day
Fri., Dec. 5 - Candy Cane Day
Mon., Dec. 8 - Elf Day
Tues., Dec. 9 - Gingerbread Day
Wed., Dec. 10 - Snow Day
Thurs., Dec. 11 - Stocking Day
Fri., Dec. 12 - Kindness Day
Mon., Dec. 15 - Carol Day
Tues., Dec. 16 - Cookie Day
Wed., Dec. 17 - Reindeer Day
Thurs., Dec. 18 - Grinch Day
Fri., Dec. 19 - Polar Express Day

Dear Throop Families,
For your Christmas time, I wish you and your family many blessings, much happiness, and even more love. I am grateful for each and every one of you.

Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Dr. Stephany R. Carr

Important Dates



Tues., Dec. 2 - Boys Basketball at Corydon
Tues., Dec. 2 - Girls Basketball vs. Orleans home
Wed., Dec. 3- Early Release- 12:30
Thurs., Dec. 4 - Waffle Bar
Thurs., Dec. 4 - Boys Basketball at SV
Thurs., Dec. 4 -Girls Basketball vs Corydon - Home
Fri., Dec. 5 - PTO Ice Cream Sales - $1.00

Dec. 8 - 12 - PTO Santa Workshop

Mon.,Dec. 8 - PCS Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 8 - Boys Basketball @ North Harrison
Mon, Dec. 8 - Girls Basketball vs. Mitchell -home
Tues., Dec. 9 - Picture Retakes & Yearbook pictures
Wed., Dec. 10 - Mr. Walker's Retirement Party - 3:30 - 6:00
Thurs., Dec. 11 - Winter Holiday Festival - 6:00 - 7:30 - Throop Cafe
Bring your camera - Santa will be visiting Throop from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Thurs., Dec. 11 - Boys Basketball @ Shoals
Thurs., Dec. 11 - Girls Basketball vs. WW Home
Fri., Dec. 12 - Ice Cream Sales
Sat., Dec. 13 - Jubilee Christmas Distribution
Sat., Dec. 13 - Girls Basketball Tourney at Crawford County

Mon., Dec. 15 - Throop Christmas Program at the HS Auditorium - 6:00 p.m. required for 3rd Grade students
Tues., Dec. 16 - Throop Movie Day
Tues., Dec. 16 Boys Basketball @ Orleans
Tues., Dec. 16 - Girls Basketball vs. N. Harrison - home
Thurs., Dec. 18-Boys Basketball vs. E. Washington Home
Thurs., Dec. 18 Girls Basketball vs. Crawford County
Fri., Dec. 19 - End of 2nd Grading Period & end of 1st semester
Mon., Dec. 22 - Fri., Jan. 2 - Holiday Break
Mon. Jan. 5 - Classes resume

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Partnership Between Home and School

Clothing for Outside Weather

Feels like 25 - 30 degrees

- Long-sleeve shirt
- Sweatshirt
- Sweater
- Heavy winter coat
- Thick socks
- Gloves
- Boots
- Pants
- Winter headwear, earmuffs, scarf

Feels like 30 - 40 degrees



- Long-sleeve shirt
- Heavy winter coat
- Thick socks
- Gloves
- Closed shoes or boots
- Winter headwear, earmuffs, scarf

LABEL

Coats, gloves, scarves, sweatshirts

Throop December Students of the Month

Homer Miller	Kaiser Smitson	Nikita Mullins
Rhett Harkness	Paisley Hess	Baylor McAdams
Bentlee Cunningham	Bentley Doty	Addison Ables
Samuel Armstrong	Annie Baker	Levi Robbins
Danah Cox	Colson Abner	Griffin Manship
Easton Sears	Jett Speer	CJ Allstott
Ruger Standafer	Elliett Sanders	Emma Sturgeon
Eden Davidson	Ivan Stroud	Gretchen Apple
Beckham White	Marcus Cook	Ellie Durbin
Moxon Whiteman	Maverick Switzer	Wessley Frank

December Teacher of the Month - Mr. Derrick Schmaltz

I am currently in my 21st year at Throop. I have had the great opportunity to be at Throop throughout my entire teaching career, from student teaching with Mrs. Stephens, subbing, and getting hired soon after. I tought 17 years in 5th grade, 2 years in 2nd grade, and am currently in 4th grade which I enjoy very much. I have been married to my wonderful wife Lesley for 21 years and we have two beautiful daughters, Claire (15) and Ella (12). We love relaxing when we can together watching movies, playing games, or camping with our two dogs (Delilah and Prudence). Some of our favorite camping destinations have been Ludington State Park in Michigan, Acadia National Park in Maine, Yellowstone National Park, Fort Wilderness in Disney World, and our local favorit Spring Mill State Park. When I am not hanging out with my family I enjoy watching car racing, golfing, and woodworking. Several of the wooden pieces in my classroom I have made.

December Support Staff of the Month - Denise England

I have worked here at Throop for 22 years. I love to read books about the past. My favorite book is the Bible. I also enjoy the great outdoors, going to church, and spending precious time with family. They are my husband Jeff, daughters Tessa and Tatum, son-in-law Garrett, and grandchildren Navy, Elliett, and Conley. This holiday I will probably make them all watch "Elf" and "It's a Wonderful Life" again as we drink hot chocolate and wish for snow.

From the Office of the School Nurse:

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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From the desk of Emme Moore, MSN, RN, NCSN

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), CPR, and AEDs

Project Adam

Faculty and staff will be using this month's early release day for a comprehensive training on our schools' cardiac emergency preparedness plans.

This training will include a multimedia lecture, hands on CPR practice, drills, and will conclude with a meeting of the Cardiac Emergency Response Teams to prepare for an upcoming site visit from Project Adam.

Project Adam is an organization that works with schools and community groups to ensure readiness in the event of a cardiac emergency.

Outside Group Involvement

Our cardiac emergency plans include those of you who use our facilities for events outside of regular school hours. It is important for you to know the location of our AEDs and the steps to take in the event of a cardiac emergency.

These plans will be added to the facility rental pages of the school website soon. In the meantime, if you or anyone you know would like a copy of our plans for your group, please reach out to me at mooree@paoli.k12.in.us.

I look forward to sharing our successful designation as a Project Adam Heart Safe School in the near future!

