

December 2025

Alexander Elementary

As we express our gratitude,
we must never forget that the
highest appreciation is not to
utter words, but to live by
them.

-John F. Kennedy

As we move into the heart of the school year, I want to take a moment to share some of the wonderful things happening in our building.

Over the past several weeks, our students have enjoyed some truly memorable events. Our Parade of Costumes was a huge success, filled with creativity, excitement, and plenty of smiles. We were thrilled to see so many families and community members join us to cheer on our students. Your support helps make these traditions so special.

Most recently, our Veterans Day assembly was a meaningful and uplifting celebration. With thoughtful performances and a strong turnout from local veterans, it was a powerful reminder of the importance of gratitude and service. Thank you to everyone who contributed, attended, or supported this event. We are fortunate to be part of such a caring and involved community.

As we look ahead, December always brings a special kind of energy to our school full of excitement, generosity, and plenty of joy. We are also approaching the end of the second quarter, and it's hard to believe we are already nearly halfway through the school year. We appreciate your continued partnership as we work together to help every student grow and succeed. Thank you for your ongoing support. I look forward to the learning, celebration, and positivity the next month will bring.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP LINE REMINDERS

We encourage parents to use BOTH the gravel loop and the paved lot drop off line. It will speed up the process if both lines are utilized.

Please do not begin lining up before 2:15. You may be asked to leave and come back if you arrive before this time to prevent traffic issues.

Megan Karr
Elementary Principal



DECEMBER

- 12/12 - Jingle Ball
- 12/15 - Kindergarten Winter Concert
- 12/19 - End of 2nd Quarter (Early Dismissal)
- 12/20 - 1/4- Winter Break



MAKE-UP DAY PLANS



If cancelled school days exceed 35 hours (5 days), the following will be used to make up the days:

- 1/19 - Teacher Work Day WITHOUT students
- 2/16 - Presidents Day
- Additional days for students will be added to the end of the school year as needed. The current last day of school for students is May 21.

Make sure you have the correct phone number in Infinite Campus and the Alexander Local Schools app downloaded so you receive all notifications. Please call the office if you need help.

JERSEY DAY!

Our Climate Committee continues to look for fun and meaningful ways to build community within our school. Periodically, the committee plans special spirit days to bring a little extra joy to both students and staff. Most recently, we enjoyed Jersey Day, where everyone showed their team spirit by sporting their favorite jerseys. It was a great way to boost school spirit and enjoy a fun, positive day together!



5TH GRADE STEM: MACY'S PARADE FLOAT CHALLENGE

Our 5th graders recently wrapped up an exciting STEM project inspired by the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade! Students worked collaboratively to design and build their own parade floats, applying creativity, engineering skills, and problem-solving along the way.

From planning and sketching to constructing and testing, each group brought their ideas to life in impressive ways. Their colorful and innovative floats made for a wonderful celebration of teamwork and hands-on learning.



EXPLORING THE WORLD THROUGH READING

Our reading curriculum continues to provide students with rich opportunities to learn about the world around them. Each unit exposes students to a wide range of science and social studies concepts, helping them build background knowledge while strengthening their reading skills.

This month, we're excited to highlight several culminating activities that brought these units to life.



First grade learned about Early American Civilizations and made Mayan masks and ancient bread.



Second grade learned about Greek Mythology and dressed up at the end of the unit.



CELEBRATING OUR NATION'S VETERANS



On November 12th, our school community gathered for a heartfelt Veterans Day assembly to honor the brave men and women who have served our country. The program was a meaningful reminder of the courage, sacrifice, and dedication demonstrated by our veterans and the importance of passing those values on to our students.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Rachel Terry, our music teacher, students presented a beautiful and well-organized program. Mrs. Terry spent countless hours preparing the students, and their performances reflected both her guidance and their hard work. We are incredibly grateful for her effort in making this year's assembly so special.

We also extend our appreciation to Mrs. Redina Dailey for accompanying on piano, The Rarely Herd for contributing their outstanding musical talent, Mr. Grinstead for his support, and the Albany VFW for their presentation of the colors. Each played an important role in helping our school honor veterans with dignity and gratitude.

We are proud of our students, thankful for our staff and community partners, and, most importantly, deeply appreciative of the veterans who joined us and those who continue to serve. Thank you to all our veterans for your service.



STUDENTS AND STAFF WORE BLUE FOR DIABETES AWARENESS DAY

