

THE COMMUNICATOR

“Destination...World Class Education”

Principally Speaking...

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We have three weeks of school before our Christmas break. This first semester has been very busy and packed full of success for our students.

Friday, December the 18th will mark the beginning of our Christmas Holidays. The 2nd nine weeks and first semester end on this day. It will be a 60% school day. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Students will be dismissed at 11:00 a.m. If your child is a car rider, please make arrangements for him/her to be picked up at this time.

Congratulations to the following students who recently competed in Sale's Spelling Bee: Stephanie Fuller, Lauren Hairston, Christina Harris, Brittany Jackson, Lakiya Lash, Jaylan Mays, Kelvin Mitchell, Justin Saulsberry

Lakiya Lash was our winner and will now represent Sale in the Lowndes County Spelling Bee which will be held at Lee Middle School, February 9th, at 9:00 a.m.

Please remember the holiday schedule. Students will be out of school from December 21st until January 4th. They will return to school on Tuesday, January 5th. Report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, January 6th. Our honor roll assembly will be held on Friday, January 8th @ 1:30 p.m.

The team at Sale wishes each of you the merriest and safest of holiday seasons. Please take time to spend with your families during this very special time of year.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill



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Primary Years Programme (PYP) Progress

New units of inquiry are in full swing this second nine weeks. In kindergarten, students are studying how people tell stories in different ways for different purposes. The first graders are "looking for the light at the end of the tunnel" as they learn about how light plays an essential role in our lives. Second graders are finishing their communication unit with the return of Flat Stanley from his trips across the world and will soon begin to investigate how various cultures celebrate in many different ways. Third graders are learning "where the money is" as they finish up their inquiry on expressing themselves through jobs with a career fair on December 16th. "Writers Digest" has been our fourth grade inquiry. Students have enjoyed becoming not only authors, but poets as well.

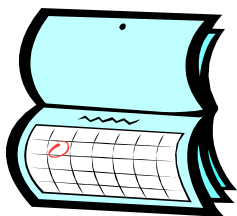
IB Attitudes and Attributes are a big part of our day at Sale. People often ask how are the attributes different from the attitudes. The attributes describe what we want students to become as they put all the components of learning together. We would like all of our students to become balanced, caring, communicators, inquirers, knowledgeable, open-minded, principled, reflective, rise-takers and thinkers. The attitudes are the way to develop these traits. These are the day-to-day attitudes that we use: appreciation, commitment, confidence, cooperation, creativity, curiosity, empathy, enthusiasm, independence, integrity, respect, and tolerance. We want our students to use them as part of their daily learning—all through the school and outside of school as well. When reinforcing the attitudes they become second nature for children. Please let us know at school when you see your child exhibit an IB attitude!

This month's focus words are Independence and Communicator. Talk with your child about what those words mean to you.



Important Dates to Remember

- **Dec. 4**—2nd dose H1N1 Reading Fair
- **Dec. 9**—Dr. Sheppard-IB consultant arrives
- **Dec. 10-11**—Dr. Sheppard visits Sale
- **Dec. 14**—CMSD Board Meeting
- **Dec. 15**—Kindergarten field trip
- **Dec. 16**—Career Fair-3rd grade
- **Dec. 18**—2nd 9 Weeks/First Semester Ends 60% day-Dismissal @ 11:00 a.m.
- **Dec. 21-Jan. 4**—Christmas Holidays



FYI

H1N1Update

Students who received the first vaccination for H1N1 will be given the second round of the vaccine Friday, December 4th, at 8:30 a.m. We will follow the same procedures as with the first vaccination. Again, all participants must have paperwork completed by their parent.

PTA Officers

Congratulations to our 2009-2010 PTA officers:

Rashun & Mike Wilson—President

Janice Brooks—Vice-President

Adzoa Reeves—Secretary

Michelle Remson—Reporter

Krystle Osburn—Representative

Pamela Norwood—Representative



WHAT'S HAPPENING!!!

FALCON BLAST

As we discussed at our Parent Meeting in November, you may get a call from the district with the following number: **662-329-8295**

This will be an emergency call from Falcon Blast. You will be notified of such events as weather alerts, school closings, etc. If you are not available to answer, this number will show on your caller id. It is the district's call out due to emergencies. Please know that this number is not answered or monitored for call backs.

PYP in "Action"—COAT DRIVE

Action is not just community service. It occurs any time a student uses something learned in school to do something outside the classroom. It can be anything from volunteering for a service project, to going to the library to learn more about a topic, to teaching someone else a skill. It is through action that children really remember what they have learned and will retain throughout their lives. The PYP causes us to think about why we are learning, and seeks to ensure that learning is a life-long endeavor.

We have a great example of action occurring at Sale. As a result of what he learned with the "Needs and Wants" inquiry in second grade, Ethan Perrigin decided to start a coat drive. He realized there is a need in our community to help those who may need a coat for the winter weather. He has designed several posters that have been placed around the school. He is asking for donations of clean, used coats. Please help Ethan and his classmates fill the box placed outside the school office. The drive will end Friday, December 18th.

One of the key parts of the Primary Years Programme is "Action". We all need to realize that we do make a difference—one person at a time! If you see your child taking action, please share it with us.

