



Landon and Casey going over math.

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Issue #15

## Mr. Faris' Facts

Happy New Year!!! I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a wonderful, restful winter break. Hopefully you were able to enjoy your family, relatives and kids as much as possible. They grow up way too quickly!

I would like to thank all of you for the support you have shown for your children and our school. The SMCS Winter Concert, Cookie Train, community caroling (we only went to the Borough Building as the sidewalks were not all plowed), class holiday party, and pancake celebration were a success because of your help and support.

Our community service projects begin next week and will be held on Monday's and Wednesday's. Your child will volunteer on one of those days. 4th grade students will be with Mrs. Moore working on encouraging/inspiring messages for coffee sleeves, and working on a community kindness brigade. Mrs. Carter will be working with 6th grade students on making baby bags for new parents at the hospital, and on a kindness brigade. I will be working with 5th grade students and we will be going to volunteer at the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank. If you can help, or help drive please contact me ASAP. The times for the Food Bank are from 11:45-12:45.

Students have SLOWLY, gotten back into the groove of school. Most were pretty tired on Wednesday :). They each chose a forensics piece this week (piece of literature or poem they will recite out loud). They are working on memorizing them to perform for the class on February 2nd. Please ask them about their piece/choice. We will be practicing a little bit each week until the class performance.

If you are able, please set aside some \$ for our upcoming field trips to Alyeska, and to Peterson Bay. Mrs. Cavazos has set up an easy, online payment option for this. We are also going to do a fundraiser to help students with these costs the first week of February, on Friday the 3rd. The cost for Peterson Bay is \$160, and the cost for Alyeska is going to be \$90. We will take a bus to Alyeska, but will use parent drivers for Peterson Bay. We will need volunteers for both trips. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer for either field trip.

### Important dates and upcoming events:

- Community Service groups begin next week on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- Read-A-Thon fundraiser Friday, February 3rd.
- Challenger Center Missions on Feb. 15th
- Early Release Days: Fridays; 1/13, 2/10, 3/9, and 4/14
- Parent/Teacher Conferences Thur. and Fri. February 16th and 17th
- Alyeska ski/board trip March 8th
- No School In-service on Friday, March 10th
- Spring Break week of March 13-17
- Peterson Bay overnight field trip April 19-21st

Thanks, Mr. Faris