

The Eagle Express Newsletter

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Gratefulness

Showing appreciation for what I have.

I Will...

Appreciate the people in my life.

Say "please" and "thank you."

Enjoy what I have instead of complaining about what I don't have.

Take care of my belongings.

Write thank you notes.

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

(Hebrews 13:5)

What's for Hot Lunch?

Thu: Taquitos

Fri: NO LUNCH
SERVED

Mon: NO SCHOOL

Tue: NO SCHOOL

Wed: NO SCHOOL



Merry Christmas! I love hearing that from clerks at the stores. Sometimes, I hear them say, "Happy Holidays!" Even though I prefer Merry Christmas, I AM happy knowing that we are celebrating the birth of our Savior.

I am so touched at the excitement the kindergarten students have in getting ready for their Christmas play. They have complete acceptance of the truth of God's word. They simply trust what they hear about the Baby Jesus in the manger. They believe the Biblical account of shepherds, Wiseman, and angels going to worship the Christ child.

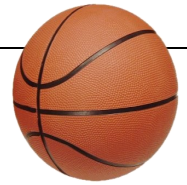
Students are anticipating the celebration of Christ's birth with family, and can hardly wait! They are in a hurry! [Luke 2:16](#) (NIV) says, "So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger."

Usually, I am looking for ways to not be in such a hurry and bustle of the Christmas time. It is so hard to be in all the places it seems I must be! But I think there is a reason here in Luke 2 to be in a hurry, in a hurry to see Jesus.

Many of us have our own family Christmas traditions. There are many ways to make Jesus the centerpiece of the celebration. Here are some of the ways I learned to "hurry" to see Jesus. Attending the Christmas Eve service at church. Reading of the Christmas story from Luke chapter 2 first thing Christmas morning. Baking a birthday cake for Jesus, and lighting the Advent Candles.

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But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; They will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. -- Isaiah 40:31



Boys Basketball

- 1/9: 4:00 pm Concow vs. OCS @Manzanita
- 1/11: 4:00 pm OCS vs. Bangor @Palermo
- 1/16 6:00 pm OCS vs. Ishi (Yellow) @Palermo
- 1/18 4:00 pm Berry Creek vs. OCS @ Palermo

Girls Basketball

Girls Grades 5/6 Season runs Nov. 28 to Jan. 18.

- 1/8: 4:00 OCS vs. Bangor @Manzanita
- 1/10: 5:00 OCS vs. Manzanita @Nelson
- 1/17: 4:00 OCS vs. STREAM @ Manzanita
- 1/22 6:00 Ophir vs. OCS @Bangor



Other traditions included celebrating with family favorite activities such as watching Christmas movies together, making a special meal, playing Christmas music, presents were opened either Christmas Eve or Christmas morning. Think how these traditions all came because of a Child's birth.

So, if I have to be in a hurry, I am hoping that I will be in a hurry to see Jesus in the Christmas season. I'm going to keep my traditions of Celebrating Him. After all...it is His birthday. How will your traditions help you hurry to the manger?



Mrs. Hammonds
6th grade teacher



2018 HST Christmas Tree Pick Up Fundraiser

 Please contact a 7th or 8th grader for tree pickup tickets at \$5/tree.

 Pickup dates will be 12/30 or 1/6.

NO AFTERNOON EDSS THIS FRIDAY!
(Dec. 22)

School Calendar of Events

12/21	Christmas Program (6:30p.m.)
12/22	Christmas Program (10:30 a.m.)
12/22	NOON DISMISSAL - NO P.M. EDSS
Dec. 25 th - Jan. 5th	NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break <i>See you on Monday, January 8th</i>
1/9/2018	HST Meeting 6:00pm Room 1

Next PTPF Meeting:
To Be Announced

Next School Board Meeting:
Thurs., Jan., 18, 2018
@ 6:00 pm, Library

"Fear Not Factor"

OCS Christmas Program

Thursday Night December 21st at 6:30 pm
and

Friday, December 22nd at 10:30 am

(Preschool sings at 10:30 am on Dec. 22nd
only)

In the OCS Sanctuary. (Free)