The Newsbreaker

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Principal's Points
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Ho! Ho! Ho! The holiday season is rapidly approaching, and we are celebrating here at Franklin with a giving project to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and with a fun, family event—Bedtime Stories with Santa!

One of our social studies concepts in the K-2 curriculum is learning about the core democratic value of the "common good." After learning information about two possibilities, our Franklin students voted to determine which project they wanted to focus their efforts on this year. The winner of the vote was donating money to the Cystic Fibrosis foundation.

We will be collecting money toward this goal through Wednesday, December 21st, and we will announce our donation amount during an assembly on Wednesday, December 21st. No donation is too small, because every penny helps toward the ultimate goal of making C.F. stand for CURE FOUND!

We also ho, ho, hope you can come to one of our favorite family events of the year—Bedtime Stories with Santa! Don your pajamas, and bring your smiles for a joyful night of hearing a fun Christmas book read by rock-star Ludington High School students, singing along with our amazing music teacher, Mrs. Shinn, and enjoying a candy cane delivered by none other than the famous jolly man himself—

Santa Claus!

Important Dates in **December**

Bedtime Stories with Santa	15
Franklin Book Swap	16
Classroom holiday parties	20
Giving Project Final Day	21
Winter break begins	22

School resumes on January 3rd.

Save the Date!
Bedtime Stories with Santa
Thursday, December 15th
6:00—7:00 p.m.

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Additional Notes:

- Parents, please make sure your child's teacher knows if you would like your student to be eating breakfast at school. We can help make sure your child gets a healthy start on the day to keep that brain power going! Just send in a note, email, or give Miss Peggy a phone call at 845-3830.
- If you have any chapter books in your home that your readers have outgrown, the Franklin Book Swap team would welcome them as donations. Chapter books are always in high demand at our monthly Book Swap events. Our Franklin students LOVE to read!
- Please remember to return any Christmas tree donation items you may have chosen by Wednesday, December 14th. Your kindness is so appreciated!
- Finally, thank you for coming to our Parent/Teacher conferences. We love working together as a team to help your student grow!

SOAR NEWS

Students are working to build lasting relationships school-wide with both staff and students during Franklin SOAR time every morning.

Our theme focus in November was showing citizenship. We learned about the symbols of our school community as well as those of the United States of America—our flag, our national bird (the bald eagle), and the Statue of Liberty. Students discovered the traits of good citizens, and they had the chance to exercise their rights to vote on our giving project.

In December, our SOAR theme will be giving. Students will learn how small acts of kindness can have big ripples throughout our homes, school, and community!

Franklin Little O's are SOARING!