

Rapid City Elementary



THE BOBCAT BROADCAST



What is a Bucketfiller?

We all carry an invisible bucket. This bucket contains our feelings. When our bucket is full, we feel great; when it's empty, we feel empty. A bucketfiller is someone who says or does nice things for other people. By doing this, they are filling other people's buckets and filling their own bucket at the same time. On the other hand, a bucketdipper says or does things to cause other people to feel bad. This simple but profound philosophy applies to every aspect of life.

Staff and students of Rapid City Elementary School have been introduced to 'Bucketfilling'. Please watch the 'Bucketfilling' news corner for our progress and ideas for your families at home.

FIRST, FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADES MAKING GINGERBREAD HOUSES



WHAT FUN TO SEE THE JOY OF THE SEASON IN THE AIR!

December 11, 2009

DATES TO REMEMBER

DECEMBER

Dec. 14

School Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. followed by
P.T.A. meeting at
6:30 p.m.

Dec. 22

**No Afterschool
Programs**

Dec. 23

NO SCHOOL
Winter Break Begins



JANUARY

Jan. 4

School Resumes

Jan. 21 & 22

**HALF DAY FOR
STUDENTS**

End of the 1st
Semester of School

Guiding Ambition



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM
THE RAPID CITY
STAFF**

PTA Corner

PTA MEETING TIME CHANGE

Mark your calendars!! The next PTA meeting will be going back to the regular time; Monday, December 14th, at 6:30pm in the Art Room. Free childcare will be provided! Sorry for any inconvenience. Hope to see you there.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated cookies for the Christmas Music Concert. It was a beautiful Concert. Our Kids make us proud!

Popcorn Fridays!

The PTA is going to be sponsoring **FREE** popcorn for the children on every other Friday. We are looking for volunteers to help with the popping of corn and distribution to the classrooms. There is a sign-up sheet on the PTA board with dates, just sign-up, leave your phone number and Janie Shier will call you. It's that easy!

Our 9th Annual Winter Carnival is scheduled for Feb. 6, 2010.

We have started planning our Winter Carnival and need lots of volunteers! We are looking for volunteers and chairpersons for:

Indoor Activities

Outdoor Activities

Advertising

PTA Table

If any of these sound FUN to you, please sign-up on the PTA board. It's a Great event for our school and a lot of FUN for our kids! We will be talking about this at our next PTA meeting. Please come with any ideas you might have.

The PTA would like to wish all of our Rapid City families a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Rapid City PTA

President: Janie Shier (313-8886)

Vice Pres. Nicole Parson-Nagy (624-6744)

Secretary: Rashelle Schwab (331-7126)

Treasure: Rachele Cummings (331-7744)

HOW TO HELP CHILDREN WITH HOLIDAY STRESS

Holiday times are stressful for everyone, including our children. Kids may respond to stress by acting up, or they may just withdraw for a while. Throughout this newsletter watch for (***) and find suggestions to help calm them down and keep them happy through the holiday season.



If you missed the Rapid City Elementary Christmas Concert, then shame on you. This year's concert was the best ever. The children and the crowd all enjoyed the holiday spirit that filled the air.



This year, with H1N1 and many other viruses a threat to our children, it is more important than ever to remind parents that

Kids and Aspirin Product DON'T mix!

Go To: www.ReyesSyndrome.Org/schools.html

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Try to take the hype out of the holidays. Talk to your children about the true meaning of the holiday season 'this will vary, depending on your faith and heritage' and get them to help you find ways to simplify the season.



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Include your children in holiday planning sessions, and let them know the final details well in advance. This will give them a chance to prepare themselves emotionally for the visits, dinners and other running around of the season.

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Emphasize family traditions, or create new ones just for your kids. Routines and rituals are comforting to most children and help to create lasting, happy holiday memories.

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Help them do their holiday gift planning. Holiday shopping can be overwhelming for kids, so help them decide in advance who to buy for, what to buy and how much to spend. Or 'even better' help them make appropriate gifts for family and friends.



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Involve your kids as much as possible with your holiday crafts, baking and cooking. These are fun activities that keep little minds too occupied to think about getting into trouble, and little hands too busy to make mischief.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SANTA CLAUSE IS COMING TO TOWN



**DECEMBER 13, 2009
12:00 – 3:00 P.M.**

Located in the Center of Rapid City

Events: Santa will arrive at 1:00 p.m.

**Hay Rides: 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.
(on the half hour)**

Free Hot Cocoa & Hot Dogs

Bonfire and Christmas Music

**Sponsored By: Area Businesses and Churches
Contact Stuart McKinnon 231-331-4522 with questions**

