



Valley News



December, 2021

Dear Parents,

We are almost halfway through the school year. December is a busy month at school, but there are many things to look forward to, especially the parties before break. Take a look below to see the December schedule as well as many student achievements over the past month. I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

Merry Christmas,
Casey Travis

December Schedule

We have a 2 hour early dismissal on Wednesday, December 8th for staff professional development.

The Christmas Program is Thursday, December 16th at the Reese Center, beginning at 12:15.

All Kindergarten students come to school on Thursday, December 16th for the program.

Christmas Break begins with a 2 hour early dismissal on Friday, December 17th. School resumes on Monday, January 3rd.

End of the 2nd Grading Period

The end of the 2nd grading period is Friday, December 17th. Report cards will be sent home with students on Monday, January 10th.

Old Christmas and Ascension Day

There was a form that was sent out last week regarding Old Christmas and Ascension Day. We need to have a note on file in the office for these two religious holidays. Please make sure to list your child/children on the form, sign it, and then send it back to school. Thank you.



Share-A-Christmas

Thank you for your canned food and donations for Share-A-Christmas. We had 884 cans turned in this year. We had set a goal of 700. Ted the Turkey showed up to school to pass out some candy treats to students to thank them for bringing so many cans of food. We hope that families in Holmes County are blessed during this holiday season. To the left is a picture of Flat Ridge students with a picture of Ted the Turkey. He might be hard to see.

Bedroom / Poster Contest Winners

The poster and bedroom contest for the 7th and 8th grade girls was held on Thursday, November 11th at Chestnut Ridge. The posters and bedrooms are always so creative. The bedrooms will be on display at Keim from December 3 - 10.

This year's winners from Wise were:

7th grade poster contest - Julie Yoder - 3rd Overall

Wise - Julie Yoder	1st place
Emilene Yoder	2nd place
Grace Miller	3rd place
Martha Yoder	Honorable Mention

8th grade bedroom contest - Hannah Yoder - 1st Overall

Wise - Hannah Yoder	1st place
LeAnn Yoder	2nd place
Grace Miller	3rd place
Hannah Troyer	Honorable Mention

8th grade quilt contest -

Heidi Mast	1st place
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Spelling Bee

The Wise Spelling Bee was held on Friday, December 3rd. We had 43 students enter. There were many nervous spellers, but we are proud of everyone that entered and gave it a try. Congratulations to the 2021 Spelling Bee Champion - Julie Yoder (7th) and the Spelling Bee Runner-Up - Emilene Yoder (7th). Way to go girls! Both will be invited to attend the Holmes County Spelling Bee in January.



Basketball Shot Winners at Wise

The 8th graders held a Basketball Shot Benefit in November. The winners of the free throw contest were Laina Miller (6th) and Kyle Yoder (7th). The 3 point contest winners were Luann Hershberger (8th) and Andrew Miller (7th). Thank you to everyone that participated and donated. The 8th graders raised \$806 that was deposited in the Shetler family fund.

Holmes County Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest

Wise had 3 winners from the poster contest after the 5th and 6th grade students attended the Farm Tour. They attended the Holmes County Soil and Water Conservation District dinner with their families and teachers in November where they were presented their awards. Jacob Yoder (6th grade) won 1st place. Kaylene Yoder (5th grade) and Rachel Yoder (5th grade) tied for 3rd place. Congratulations!

Leader in Me

First grade at Flat Ridge led the November reading rewards on Friday, December 3rd. They had the 2nd - 4th graders visit their classroom and the 1st graders all had jobs as they planned activities for the others. Thank you 1st grade! At Wise, the 8th graders are planning a craft and a snack for the last week of December. They will be leading this activity as well. Thank you.