

Falcon Families,

Happy December! It's the most wonderful time of the year! We hope that your family is staying healthy and warm and excited for the holidays. During the month of December, Elk Meadows will be collecting hats and gloves to donate to one of our Jordan District schools, Columbia Elementary. No one wants to go outside to recess without a hat and gloves. We would like to spread joy to another school by donating those items to those who might not have access. If your student would like to donate items, there will be a collection bin in the front office under the Christmas tree. We will be collecting donations through December 10th.

We will also be hosting a cereal box food drive. Our goal is to collect enough boxes to be able to do dominos all the way around our school. We will start collecting November 29th and we will have our school-wide dominos celebration December 10th. We will donate all of the boxes of cereal to the Utah Food Bank.

Our Golden Gate pledge for the month of December is: I will treat others and myself with kindness and respect. What a great focus for the month of December. We think our two service projects will help us to focus on our monthly pledge.

We would like to congratulate several of our Elk Meadows faculty, Mr. Duncan helped our students put on the first ever Elk Meadows play, Annie. It was wonderful to see the students participate in everything from the lights to the set production and, of course, the acting! We love Mr. Duncan and are so grateful to have him here to teach the arts to all of our Falcons!

We would also like to celebrate our amazing 5th grade team who was invited by Superintendent Godfrey to speak at a board meeting about their implementation of Walk to Read. They were highlighted because of their great work and we want to recognize them in implementing this intervention that helps all of our students.

We would also like to thank our wonderful community for supporting our book fair and our Parents and Pastries event! All of your purchases help give back to our teachers. Thank you for supporting us during conferences!

Due to rising Covid numbers at Elk Meadows, we will not be inviting parents in to watch our holiday singing. You can track our case count on the Jordan District Covid dashboard. We want all of our Falcons healthy for the holidays! Each class will be doing their own holiday activities throughout the month. On Friday, December 17th, we will still hold class parties and parents are welcome to support. Please look for a note for your child's room parent if you would like to help make that day special by donating or volunteering.

We wish all of you a very happy holiday season,
Tiffany Smith