

McGregor Moments

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Upcoming Events

December

- 4** FFA Toy Show 9am-3pm
@ High School
- 6** Gingerbread House
Workshop 5:30-7pm
- 8** 2nd Grade Holiday
Concert in the Jr. High
Gym 6:30pm
- 9** Progress reports
Uploaded to HAC
- 21** Winter Break begins at
3:00 pm

January

- 3** Classes Resume

A message from Mrs. Strang, Principal

Dear Sand Creek Families,

Happy December! It is hard to believe that Christmas is right around the corner.

November was always a busy time for our students and staff. The anticipation of our elementary play *Jack and the Beanstalk* and our annual "Turkey Canned Food Drive" added to the excitement. We also had parent teacher conferences and the fall book fair. Our fifth grade students celebrated Veteran's Day by inviting veterans to our school to recognize and interview. Enough can never be said for these great men and women who served or continue to serve our country. I am confident that our fifth graders learned more from these great men and women than they ever would learn from a textbook.

Our third and fourth grade students had a coin drive in which they raised \$365 for WLEN's "Thank a Vet. A special thank you to these students and teachers for helping teach the importance of "giving back" and being thankful for our veterans and their service We have several activities to look forward to in December such as our second grade Christmas program and our Gingerbread House Workshop. I hope many of you will be able to attend these great events. Some of our third grade students will be ringing the bells for the Salvation Army on December 10, at the Adrian Hobby Lobby from 9 a.m. until noon. I am so proud of our students "giving back" to others in need.

Is being thankful and appreciation a big deal in your family? I was lucky enough to grow up in a home where three words were modeled and always expected.

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Mission Statement

Ruth McGregor Elementary School is committed to delivering an effective 21st century educational program that prepares its students to live happy, healthy, productive and successful lives.

Message from Mrs. Strang, Principal, cont.

Two of them were "Thank you" and the third was "Please." We heard these words a lot. My sisters and I used them with each other, we heard our parents use them with each other, and with us. We learned early on to be appreciative and to show thankfulness. My husband and I decided early on that we would instill these same character traits in our children. It was just expected that our children would show appreciation and thankfulness in our home. I hope you take the opportunity this Christmas to instill in your children the importance of being appreciative and thankful. May I suggest having your children write thank you notes for all the gifts they receive? It is a great way to build character in your children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and guardians for attending our parent teacher conferences. Teachers are always available for conferences at any time during the school year, should parents feel they are necessary. We are truly striving to have a real partnership between students, teachers and parents.

As we close out this year I would like to wish the students, staff and parents a Merry Christmas. May you have a blessed holiday, full of love, hope and joy.

Proudly serving our families,

Mrs. Strang

FOOD SERVICE LUNCH BORROWING POLICY Pre-school – 5th grade Effective November 21, 2016

Students can borrow for 5 full lunches putting their accounts at a negative balance of \$11.50. Once they have reached the negative balance of \$11.50 they are offered a PBJ uncrustable, white milk, fruit and vegetable for \$2.30.

2016 Fall Parent Survey

Parents please take a few minutes to complete the 2016 Fall Survey. The survey can be found on the school website. If you click on "Elementary School" and then scroll to the bottom of the page and locate the Quick Link heading.

By completing this survey you will help us to better educate your child in the future.

In this school you are loved.

**Grace + Love + Academic Excellence =
Ruth McGregor Elementary School**

Scholastic Book Fair Drawing Winners:

Pete's Dragon Book and Stuffed Dragon: Christian Bailey

Poster Winners: Cedric Baker, Emily Charlton, Delaney Eack, Makenzie

Goodson, Grace Hassenzahl, Lily Hawkins, Emma Hildebrand, Aiden Judy, Ali Ledesma, McKenna Maxson, Taylor McLaughlin, Taylor Mepham, Trey Mepham, Kayla Meszaros, Madeline Osburn, Ella Owens, Nevaeh Paynter, Wyatt Paynter, Ramzey Poe, Alex Rottman, Hannah Shindler, Madison Shindler, Ryleigh Snyder, Makenna Wheeler and Brady Williams



Thank-A-Vet Coin Drive

Thank you parents and students for donating your coins to our Veterans Day fundraiser. Our 3rd and 4th graders collected a total of \$365. This monetary gift was presented to the WLEN Thank-a-Vet location during their live broadcast. With this money, the organization will be able to provide medical services and many other programs to support our local Veterans. Once again thank you all for your generous donations.



GORMAN ROAD CHRISTMAS LIGHT DISPLAY

Stop out at 2651 Gorman Road to see over 18,000 Christmas lights on display. The lights will be on from 6pm to 9pm.

On December 3rd & 10th Santa and the Grinch will be visiting from 6-8pm. Be sure to bring your letters to Santa with you.



There will be an ugly sweater contest too.

We Need Your Help!!

Ruth McGregor is collecting bottle caps and plastic lids. We are collecting lids and caps in hopes of creating a table or bench out of the caps. Once we collect enough caps (400 lbs.) we will take them to Green Tree Plastics and they are going to turn our lids/caps into a bench or table for us.



This is possible through their ABC Program. "The ABC Program is a cap and lid program specifically designed by school children for school children. It is to be used as a tool in the hands of teachers to teach children about caring for the earth and green living.

Bucket Filler Winners for October Lunch with Mrs. Strang



Y5 & Kindergarten

Aaliyah Roupe, Brielle Nichelson,
Reagan Walper, Jackson Quinn,
Chloe Driskill, Benjamin Havens



1st Grade

Colt Jennings, Maryjane Murphy,
Ashlyn Murphy, Juanie Ortega,
Adyson Peebles, Cody Hicks



2nd Grade

Marcel Galindo, Sophia Comar,
Landon Carmody, Jayden Spiegel,
Sydney Marks, Landon Machen,
David Villarreal



3rd Grade

Christian Maxson, Lillian Gartee,
Genavieve Hildreth, Aden Stonecipher,
Beckham Long, Eleona Baker



4th Grade

Chayse Schroeder, Caleb Luck,
Jackson McLaughlin, David Gritmaker,
Hannah Shindler, Rory Eack



5th Grade

Luke Emery, Denae Covey,
Serena Coles, Andrew Kennedy,
Trevor Opel, Corbyn Pinsoneault



Each year the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve collects new, unwrapped toys and distributes those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the our community. The collection box is located inside the front doors. This year is Toys for Tots 100th Birthday.

The box will be picked up Friday, December 9, 2016.

FFA Farm Toy Show

December 4, 2016 9 am to 3 pm
Sand Creek High School
Admission \$2.00 per person

- *Agricultural Toys
- *Collectibles
- *Light Concessions
- *Kids Activities
- *Home Show Items for sale

