

**MOUNT CARMEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
JANUARY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019
SHEILA ODOM, PRINCIPAL**

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Students had a wonderful visit from Santa Claus on December 18th. They enjoyed their Polar Express Day and enjoyed their parties the next day. This year the students all gave back to different programs: Kindergarten – nursing home, 1st Grade – Hope Pregnancy Center, 2nd Grade – Animal Shelter. I'm very proud of our families for their donations.

The social committee provided special soups and cookies for the first semester birthdays on December 14. Teachers enjoyed Crockpot pizza provided by Mrs. Odom and the other treats provided by faculty/staff on Monday, December 17th. Then as a welcome back, Mrs. Katie Slane and several other ladies prepared a taco bar for the faculty and staff on January 4th.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Universal Celebration was held on Wednesday, December 19th. Students participated in an indoor snowball fight. The students had a fun time and they also watched the teachers have a snowball fight. I want to say a very special thank you to the Kindergarten team for planning a great event and to Mr. Aubrey for pulling the teachers together for a special skit.

Grade Cards were distributed on Friday, January 11th.

An attendance drawing was held on Friday, January 11th for students with 2 or fewer absences in the 2nd quarter. There were 182 students' names in the drawing which is 59% of our student body. Then on Thursday, January 17th we held our perfect attendance program. There were 11 kindergartners, 18 first graders and 17 second graders with perfect attendance 2nd quarter. In the near future we will have a field trip for students that had 4 or fewer absences for the 1st semester of school – 194 students qualified for this which is 63% of the student body and there will be more information next month. These activities are all part of our school improvement team.

Three hour early out was held on Friday, January 18th with the main topics being a retention policy for MCES and the 5 Essential Survey. Mrs. Odom also met with the paraprofessionals during this time. MCES is sending a paper home to encourage parents to participate in the 5 Essential Survey and their names will be placed in a drawing for Amazon cards – one per grade level.

All MCES students took the second AIMSWeb Universal Screening Tests during the two week time frame beginning January 7th. This benchmark data has been analyzed and compared to the data from the first universal screening to check for growth and placement in RtI tiered instruction in reading and math.

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Upcoming Events:

- February 6: Faculty Meeting 3:30 p.m. in Library
- February 6: IPA Secretary Banquet at Richards Farm in Casey, IL
- February 14: BLLC Meeting 3:25 p.m.
- February 14: Valentine's Day Parties
- February 15: SIP – three hour early out
- February 18: President's Day – No School
- February 25: RtI Meetings
- February 25: PBIS Meeting 3:30 p.m. in Conference Room
- February 25: PTO Meeting 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room
- February 25: School Board Meeting