

BODKIN BANNER

NOVEMBER
2022



NEXT MONTH

12/1 Band & Strings
Concert 6:30pm @ CHS

12/3 Santa Saturday
9am-1pm @ Bodkin

12/4 Girls on the Run 5K
@ Druid Hill Park

12/7 Two Hour Early
Dismissal, Unity Day &
AVID Night @ CBMS

12/13 PTA Meeting

12/14 Math Night
5:30pm

12/20 Chorus Concert
6:30pm @ Bodkin

12/23-12/30 Schools
Closed-Winter Break

Office Hours
7:15am-3:15pm



Bodkin, a treasure
by the bay

Dear Bodkin families,

We have ended October with so many memories. Our gratitude tree in our front hallway says it all! Bodkin has so many things to be grateful for. The spooky treats for our staff were so special and the boo grams for our students made some smiles! As always, we thank our PTA for all their support and kindness.

As we enter November, we continue to think about how we show appreciation and gratitude. It's the 2nd marking period; can you believe it? Take some time to set goals with your child and celebrate their successes. Report cards will be emailed on November 17th. American Education week is the week of November 14th. The open house is scheduled for November 16th. Who can you recognize with some kind words as we celebrate appreciation this month?

November 21st and 22nd we will hold our second round of conferences. Your child's teacher will be reaching out to schedule in the coming weeks. If you want a conference, please let your child's teacher know, and they will be sure to schedule you a time. Over the last few months and continuing this month, we are providing formal and informal assessments to check in on our students' progress. Our teachers have been working hard gathering data to support their students in the classroom. Students in grades 1-5 will be assessed on their current reading level using the Fountas and Pinnell (F&P) reading inventory; kindergarten will be assessed beginning in January. Students in grades 2 and 5 will be taking the CogAT assessment as part of the GT identification process. Continue having your child(ren) engage in i-ready 15 minutes a day for both reading and math. I would suggest setting an academic and personal goal after the first marking period report card.

We are most grateful for your children and our families who make our tight-knit community schools so special and we encourage you to promote a growth and gratitude mindset for your children this month. Thank you for entrusting your children to us! If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Mrs. Nee-Jackson.

Mrs. Bonnie Myers, Principal



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Office 410-437-0464
Health Room 410-437-1418

NOVEMBER

Sunday

Monday


Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1	2	3 2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL Fitness Thursday	4 2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL 1st Marking Period ends Math Mindset Week 5	5
6 Daylight Savings Time	7 2nd Marking Period begins Last day to recycle candy wrappers	8 Schools Closed Election Day	9 PTA Meeting 7pm @ Bodkin	10 CogAT Testing 2nd & 5th	11 Picture Retakes Veterans Day	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	American Education Week					
		CogAT Testing 2nd & 5th	Open House Gr. PK-2 8:30-10am & 12-2pm Gr. 3-5 8:30-11am & 1-2pm Kindergarten Stone Soup	Report Cards emailed CogAT Testing 2nd & 5th		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<-----S c h o o l s C l o s e d----->					
	Parent Teacher Conferences			Thanksgiving		
	In person or virtual		Virtual			
27	28	29	30	 <p>Clubs Girls on the Run M, Tu, W & Th (varies) 2:30-4:00 Dance M & Th 2:45-4:00</p>		

OCTOBER

Highlights



Always a fan favorite is the 4th grade field trip to Arlington Echo! Students became Chesapeake Bay Stewards and can all respond to "How can we help the Chesapeake Bay?" Special thanks to Ted Hall and the awesome staff of Arlington Echo!

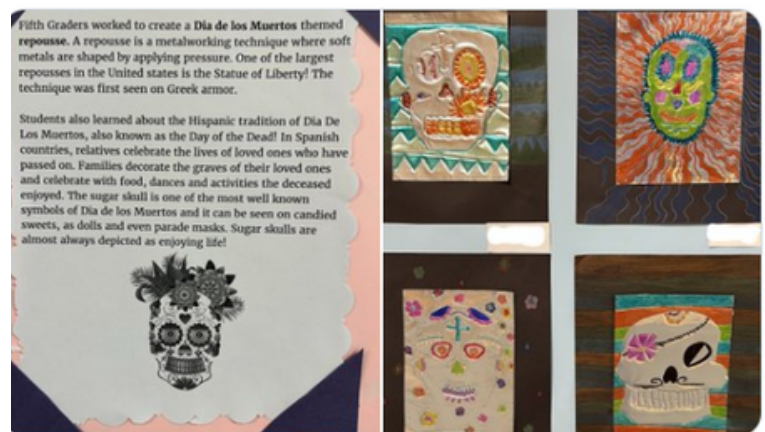
What a special treat it was to have Mrs. Serrano-Hernandez and her daughter join us for the morning broadcast of WBES to celebrate National Hispanic Month! We loved learning about special family traditions, including the making of mole sauce and enchiladas!



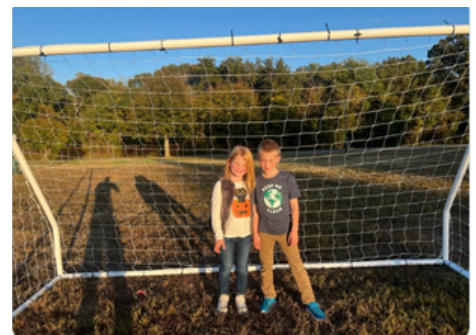
5th Graders learned about the Hispanic tradition of Dia De Los Muertos and created beautiful Sugar Skulls in Ms. Councill's Art Class.



All hands on deck on the yard as students from all grades cleaned our school yard & gardens of debris & weeds. Thanks also to PTA Environmental Stewardship Committee volunteers for their helping hands in joining us to keep our outdoors welcoming & environmentally green!



Thank you Collins Family for putting together our soccer goals. We love playing soccer during recess!



Reminders

LOST & FOUND

Did you know we have a Lost & Found bin in our cafeteria? If your child is missing something, feel free to stop by school to check out the bin. Parents will just need to stop by the office for a visitor pass.



LABELING

Yes, today is the day to put your child's name (last name only is fine if you do not want their first name to be viewed by strangers) on the coat, jacket, lunch box, water bottle, backpack, sweatshirt, hat, etc. Items are often left behind in a cultural arts class, recess, lunch room, computer lab, etc, and may not be discovered until the next two grades have traveled through that area. With over 500 children at Bodkin, chances are that your unique lunch box, water bottle, jacket, or backpack is not so unique after all. Help us reunite your student with their lost item by writing their name on their stuff! Label everything!



5th Grade Baby Photos & School Memories

Hey 5th Grade Families, we need your help!!

Please use the Google Form link below to upload a baby photo of your 5th grader. You can also use this link to share photos of your 5th grader and their Bodkin classmates at school events through the years!

Baby Photos are due NO LATER than DECEMBER 1st.

<https://forms.gle/MvJJK2AsSK1KfnPd9>

Please contact Lindsey Aburn at BodkinYearbook@gmail.com with any questions!

We need your students' baby photos and photos of them through the years while here at Bodkin!!! These photos are used for the yearbook and for the 5th grade promotion! Please use the link below to submit your photos!!

WE NEED A BABY PHOTO FROM EACH 5TH GRADE STUDENT!!!

<https://forms.gle/Y2ze4gtzDoS6ahWV8>



JACKETS & COATS



Cold weather has returned. This is a friendly reminder to send your student with a jacket or coat with returning students. Please keep working with the younger students to help them learn to independently zip and button. Perhaps you might stuff a pair of gloves or mittens into their pockets for when they go out to recess. Recess lasts 25 minutes. Outdoor recess will occur unless the temperature drops below 32 degrees (or at the discretion of administration). We want our students to stay warm and have fun at recess! And speaking of the playground, we would like to remind parents of the hidden dangers that strings in hoods and jackets can create. Please check your child/ren's clothing and be sure there are no strings or other hidden hazards. Thank you for helping us keep your children safe and warm.

REACHING THE TEACHER

Conferencing with the teacher is welcome. But this is just a brief reminder that spontaneous parent-teacher conferences before and after school are discouraged. Often, parents have stopped by the office to speak with their child's teachers only to be disappointed when the teacher is unavailable. The best way to reach your student's teacher is to email the teacher directly or leave a message at Bodkin. That way a mutually convenient time can be scheduled to conference, and the proper attention can be given to your situation.



What's Going On?



GRATITUDE TREE

Have you seen our Gratitude Tree in the main hallway? Each student received a leaf and staff members received an acorn. They wrote down one thing they are grateful for and placed the leaves and acorns on the tree.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

American Education Week is November 14-18, 2022 and Bodkin Elementary School will be holding our Open House on Wednesday, November 16. All parents/guardians (Grades Pre-K through 5th) are most welcome to visit our classrooms. Open House times are scheduled around our lunch and recess shifts. Please register [here](#) ahead of time to make the sign in process go smoothly.

Our visitation hours are: Gr. PK-2 8:30-10am & 12-2pm

Gr. 3-5 8:30-11am & 1-2pm

To limit distractions to our lessons, we are encouraging our visitors not to bring infants or children in strollers to our school during Open House. As always, please bring your ID so we may sign you in before you proceed to your student's class. Please note: This is a full day of instruction for all classes. Parents are asked NOT to sign their children out for early dismissal after the visitation. Thank you for your support of Bodkin Elementary School.



FEDERAL IMPACT AID SURVEY

If you have not done so already, please complete the Federal Impact Aid Survey [here](#). The survey will remain open until January 23, 2023. Information can be found on the AACPS website at <https://www.aacps.org/federalsurvey>. The U.S. Department of Education requires all school systems that receive federal funding to survey each student every year. AACPS receives approximately \$3,000,000 in unrestricted funding through the Impact Aid Grant annually. Impact Aid is a federal formula grant program designed to assist local school districts that enroll federally-connected students. Federally-connected students are children of active duty uniformed services personnel, children who live on federal property or in subsidized federal housing, and children whose parents are employed on eligible federal properties in Maryland. Thank you for taking the time to complete this brief survey.

TAKE SURVEY



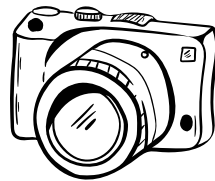
Picture retake day has been scheduled for Friday, November 11. This date is set aside to take pictures of those students who were absent on the original picture day or for those who were not satisfied with pictures taken in September. Students will need to bring in the entire original package to return on 11/11. They will take your child's picture and refill the same package order. Please remind your student to turn in his/her picture package to his/her teacher that morning so the teacher knows to send your student to the photographer for a retake. If you paid for a photo package and you never received the photos, call Classic Photography at 410-203-1003. Please send in a note indicating that you did not receive them, but you have spoken with Classic and your child's photo will be retaken. If you are purchasing your pictures for the first time, please remind your student to turn in his/her picture envelopes with payment to his/her teacher that morning so the teacher knows to send your student to the photographer.

If your child received photo proofs in October, you will be able to purchase those until November 24 by following the instructions on the proof form. Those orders will be shipped directly to your home.

Upcoming picture dates:

2/28 Clubs, 5th Grade Panoramic & candid

3/8 Spring individuals & class picture



CLOTHING TO CASH

In September, Bodkin Elementary School collected 729.0 lbs. of clothing and shoes in our Clothing to Cash bin. That means our school received \$72.90 from your donations!

The donation bin is located to the left of the school (when looking at the school) near the track. It's an easy stop when leaving the parking lot.

Can we collect the most in November?



Congratulations to the following AACPS schools for the month of September!!

1st Place Belvedere Elementary School 2,426.0 lbs. \$100 Bonus Total Check \$342.60

2nd Place Pasadena Elementary School 1,553.0 lbs. \$50 Bonus Total Check \$205.30

3rd Place Seven Oaks Elementary School 1,284.0 lbs. \$25 Bonus Total Check \$153.40



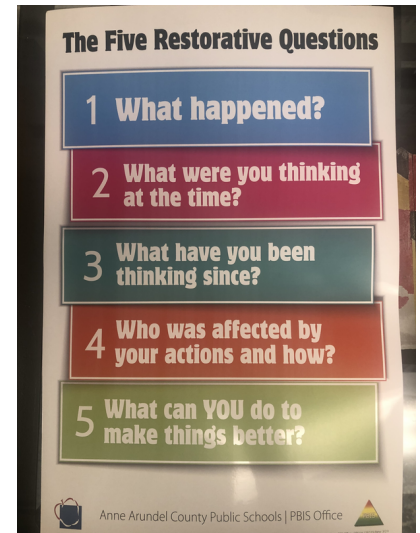
TRICK OR TRASH

Bodkin is excited to announce that we are participating in Rubicon's Trick or Trash™ program! As part of Bodkin's green initiatives, we're encouraging families to save ALL plastic, aluminum and paper candy wrappers to send into school to be placed in the Trick or Trash™ box in the lobby. Let's all do our part to keep candy wrappers out of the landfills and our communities. We will be collecting candy wrappers until November 7. To learn more about the program, visit <https://www.rubicon.com/trick-or-trash/>

RESTORATIVE QUESTIONS

These are the Restorative questions we use with the students when dealing with a situation.

These are great questions when working with your child at home.



OFFICE NEWS

Absent Notes

Here are some easy to use sheets when your student is absent.

Bodkin Elementary School Absentee Form	
My son/daughter _____	
was absent from school on _____ (dates of absences)	
Following reason(s): check one below	
<input type="checkbox"/> Illness of the child	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctor/Dentist Appointment
<input type="checkbox"/> Death in Family	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain) _____
Signature: _____ Parent/Guardian	
Doctor's note is required if absence exceeds five days or in rare instances if you have been notified in writing by Bodkin that Doctor notes are required for all absences because of student's excessive absences.	

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Community News & Events

Library Events

Riviera Beach Library

11/1 Hello Kitty Birthday Storytime 3:30pm-4:30pm

Celebrate Hello Kitty's birthday with stories about friendship and kindness.



Mountain Road Library

11/11 American Red Cross Blood Drive

10:00am-3:00pm

Basic requirements for donating blood; general good health; 17 to 75 years of age (16 with written parental consent); and a weight of at least 110 lbs. Walk-in or call the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.

Severna Park Library

11/15 Dungeons and Dragons Game Night

6:30-8:45pm

For beginners and seasoned dungeon crawlers come make new friends and adventure together into the forgotten realms and beyond. Registration will be open from 11/11 at 10:00am to 11/15 at 6:30pm.

Riviera Beach Library

Thankful Crafts 11/18 3:00-5:00pm

Children can create festive centerpieces with gratitude turkeys and "gourdgeous" gourds.



Riviera Beach Library

Lego Create Challenge 11/19 11:30am-12:30pm

Test out your creative problem solving skills by solving our monthly challenges. Have the chance to have your finished work displayed at the Riviera Beach branch.



Presented by
Chesapeake High School
**CHS Legally Blonde
the Musical**

GENERAL INFO

Chesapeake High School
4798 Mountain Rd
Pasadena, MD
21122
[Get directions](#)

FRI
Nov 4th

07:00 PM

SAT
Nov 5th

02:00 PM

07:00 PM

FRI
Nov 11th

07:00 PM

SAT
Nov 12th

02:00 PM

07:00 PM

[Get
tickets
here](#)



2022

Fall Craft Fair

NOVEMBER 19, 2022

10 AM-3PM

Chesapeake High School
4798 Mountain Rd. Pasadena MD

(All reservations made prior to March 2020, and still valid, will be honored at the Fall 2022 CHS Craft Fair.)



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/83433288211>

For questions please contact ChesCougarBand.CraftFair@gmail.com



Annual Pasadena Thanksgiving Parade

Caring & Sharing Community Harvest

November 6, 2022 @ 2:00pm

Tick Neck Park

Food Pantry Pick-up
Tuesdays 10am-12:30pm
& 5:30pm-7:00pm
ID required to show proof
of living in AACO

710 Aquahart Rd. Glen Burnie, MD

The friends of Caring Cupboard are hosting a

BINGO FUND RAISER

SUNDAY NOV 6TH
DOORS AT NOON - BINGO AT 1PM

Orchard Beach Vol. Fire Dept Hall
7549 Solley Road, Glen Burnie

BINGO, BASKET RAFFLES, 50/50,
DOOR PRIZES, AND MORE...

\$25 IN ADVANCE - \$30 AT DOOR
*until all tickets are sold

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SCAN ME FOR MORE

Please contact Karla or Jaime through our Facebook Page Messenger to reserve your tickets or you may visit on Thursday Nights 10:00, 10:15, 10:30 & 10:45 @ The Cupboard from 5:00-7:30 pm to purchase your tickets. We accept Cash, Check (make payable to The Caring Cupboard) or Venmo.

Special Drawing Alert! for guests who bring Non-Perishable Food Items or Personal Hygiene Products to the Bingo!

Fill-A-Bag Friday

Friday Nov. 4 & 18
6:00-8:00 pm
ID IS REQUIRED
8513 Ft. Smallwood Rd
Pasadena 21122

#fillingthecupboardfillsheheart



FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE

Flu shots will be available to families free of charge at various AACPS schools after hours. Families of those wishing to receive a vaccination must register prior to the clinic by using the link under the location. Registrations are recommended, but walk-ins will be accepted.

Clinics have been set up at the following schools throughout the county but are open to any student. Each clinic will run from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and will offer flu vaccinations only.

A parent or guardian must accompany any student under the age of 16 at the clinic. Because the clinics are medical settings, masks are required.

Wednesday, November 2: Lothian Elementary School, 5175 Solomons Island Road, Lothian
[Registration link](#)

Thursday, November 3: Park Elementary School, 201 E. 11th Avenue, Brooklyn Park
[Registration link](#)

Wednesday, November 9: Freetown Elementary School, 7904 Freetown Road, Glen Burnie
[Registration link](#)

Thursday, November 10: Southgate Elementary School, 290 Shetlands Lane, Glen Burnie
[Registration link](#)

Wednesday, November 16: Tyler Heights Elementary School, 200 Janwall Street, Annapolis
[Registration link](#)

Thursday, November 17: Van Bokkelen Elementary School, 1140 Reece Road, Severn
[Registration link](#)

PTA News



Next PTA Meeting is Wednesday,

November 9th, 2022 at 7:00pm

@ Bodkin Elementary



PTA WEBSITE - www.bodkinpta.weebly.com
FACEBOOK - facebook/BODKIN ELEMENTARY PTA

ANNUAL PTA MEMBERSHIP

If you have not done so already, please join the PTA. It is only \$15 for a family membership. This year, there will be discounts for the Daddy/Daughter and Mother/Son events. [Join here.](#)

The ES committee continues to work with a landscape company to tackle tasks that are too large for us to do. If you are unable to make it to one of our clean-up events and wish to make a donation you may do that [here](#), or send a check to school with your student. Please put "Outdoor Beautification" in the memo, make check payable to "Bodkin PTA" and place in a labeled envelope for them to give to their teacher/the office.

ENVIRONMENTAL

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Thank you to everyone who made it out to our fall clean-up! It was great to see so many families happy to help keep Bodkin's grounds beautiful.



NEW SPIRIT WEAR

The Bodkin Spirit Wear store is NOW OPEN with new items, including pieces with our traditional Bodkin Bulldog logo! The store will be open from now until Friday, November 8th, with a delivery date scheduled prior to Thanksgiving. Be sure to get your orders in for holiday gifts! Once items arrive (if you do not choose UPS delivery), I will schedule two spirit wear pick up dates. After these two dates, items will be sent home with your student (Please keep this in mind if you are ordering gifts for your child). Please add your child's homeroom teacher name to the order. [Order here.](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS

12/3-Santa Saturday

1/28-Mother Son Bowling

3/24-Daddy Daughter Dance

4/28-Fun Run

5/6-Environmental Fair

ONGOING WAYS TO HELP

Box Tops/Coke Rewards

Box Tops is digital! Please make sure to download the boxtops4education app for a super easy way to earn \$ for the PTA. Simply sign up for Bodkin, scan your store receipts, and you're done! No clipping or sending them in to school. Each time you scan a receipt, Bodkin can be entered in a drawing to win \$500.

Don't forget to send in those Coke Codes too! Contact Jenna Burns at Bodkinboxtops@gmail.com.

Amazon Smiles

If you shop at Amazon simply go to smile.amazon.com on your web browser or activate AmazonSmile on your Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone (found under settings on your app). On your browser, you may also want to add a bookmark to smile.amazon.com to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile. When you're using the app, always check for the "AmazonSmile" logo to ensure you're activated for AmazonSmile. Select Bodkin Elementary PTA.

Harris Teeter

When you shop at Harris Teeter, let them know you support Bodkin. Go to the customer service desk with your VIP card and have them put Bodkin PTA on your card. We'll earn \$ every time you purchase HT brand items!



Bodkin Elementary Mother-Son Event

LET'S ROLL!

Severna Park Lanes
840 Ritchie Highway
Severna Park, MD 21146

January 28, 2023 •

3:00 PM-5:00 PM OR 5:30 PM- 7:30 PM

Choose from Duckpin or Tenpin Bowling

Sign up starts on December 7th

Last day to sign up is December 26th

Reminders:

- Join the Bodkin PTA in a fun event for all the Bodkin Boy Moms!
- Tickets are \$15 per person (PTA members get a discount!)
- Tickets include 2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, and each lane gets 1 cheese pizza and a drink pitcher!
- Payment is for ATTENDANCE! Not participation.
- **Sign up will close on December 26th- NO EXCEPTIONS! Use the QR code below to sign up!**



CALLING ALL ELVES



Dear Families,

Join us for a day filled with holiday magic! **Santa Saturday** will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in the multi-purpose room. We will also hold a “**Holiday Shopping Evening**” for the Kids Shopping Area only on Monday, December 5, 2022 from 5:30 – 7:30pm (last entry 7pm) in the cafeteria.

We need lots of volunteers for this AMAZING event!

Sign up using Sign Up Genius or contact us via email.

Thank you,
Santa Saturday Committee
BodkinSantaSaturday@gmail.com

Please see the list of volunteer opportunities below and choose which one(s) work best for you. Use Sign Up Genius to select.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AAEA62CA0FFC70-santa1>

Friday 12/2/22 – Help us set up and decorate for the event

(No kids during this time please - we want them to be surprised when they walk in on Saturday)

1:15-2:30pm 2:30-3:30pm 3:30-4:30pm 4:30-5:30pm 5:30-6:30pm

Saturday 12/3/22 – Help with kids shopping and wrapping (Last session will help pack up)

8:30-10am 10-11am 11am-12pm 12-1pm 1-2pm

Monday 12/5/22 – Help with kids shopping and wrapping (Last session will help pack up)

Set Up 4-5:15 5:15-6:30pm 6:30-8:00pm

Wednesday 12/7- Tuesday 12/14 – Help get letters to and from the North Pole.



We need assistance with decorations – if you are crafty, or have North-Pole-type decorations we can borrow for the day (inflatables), please let us know.



Santa Saturday!

This year's event will be comprised of:

1. Kids Shopping Area – (Cafeteria) **KIDS ONLY** Gifts will be priced from \$1 to \$10 – very reasonable options for your children to purchase from. **CASH ONLY**.
2. Vendor Shopping – (Gym) – We'll have homemade and direct sales vendors – most from the Bodkin community as well as Bodkin Spirit Wear & Sticks. This is a great time to get a head start on your holiday shopping. Some vendors are cash only.
3. "To Go" Bake Sale – (Gym) 5th grade Promotion Committee will have goodies for a grab and go treat.
4. **Santa**– Students can get pictures with Santa outside (weather permitting) or inside on the stage. Either way, drop your letters off to Santa in his North Pole mailbox. Print the form letter below or email BodkinSantaSaturday@gmail.com if you need one sent home. Envelopes will be available at the event if you do not have one at home.



NOTE: Santa will write back to every child who attaches a self-addressed envelope to their letter (please staple to letter, Do Not fold and place inside). Siblings not at Bodkin can also receive a response with a self-addressed envelope. Anything you'd like Santa to know about can be added on the back of the letter or fill out the Google form <https://forms.gle/ekssnbLzTD1xeY5c7>

Please work with your children to make their list of who to shop for and how much to spend on each person. Remember –you will not be with them while they are shopping, so this step will help them stay within their budget, while getting something for everyone. This also helps our Shopping Elves assist children when shopping. Kids should come with a list, budget, and **cash only** (in envelope/wallet/sealable bag).

After they make their purchases, they will be able to wrap and label each gift and walk out completely finished with their holiday shopping. Please pack reusable bags!

ADDITIONAL KIDS SHOPPING MONDAY

We know not everyone can make it on December 3rd, so the **Kids Shopping Area** will be open Monday, December 5 from 5:30 – 7:30 in the cafeteria (last entry 7pm). **Only** the **Kids Shopping Area** will be open. Kids should come with a list, budget, and **cash only**.



Dear Santa,



My name is _____ I am _____ years old.

I am in _____ grade and my teacher is _____.



This year I have been:

☐

Nice

☐

Naughty

☐

A little bit of both

One gift I would love this year is _____.

If your elves aren't too busy, I would also like: _____

Some books I would like to read: _____

Something I would like to wear: _____

One thing I did that was extra nice was _____

I am very excited for your visit. I promise to leave out some _____

for you to snack on. Please give my favorite reindeer _____

a huge hug for me!

Your Pal,

Your Address:

