



# RIDGE REVIEW

Bellevue City School District

December/January  
2011/2012



## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL



Seasons Greetings!

Has your youngster written his or her Christmas list yet? Take advantage of the excitement of the season and have your child write his or her Christmas wish list.

To write, children need both mental and physical skills. A child must hold a pencil correctly, write letters legibly, use punctuation, spell correctly, and organize thoughts!

Helping your child improve his or her writing skills at an early age helps build confidence and an enjoyment of writing.

Reading is one of the best ways to improve your child's writing. It builds vocabulary and provides correctly spelled examples of words children

will then use in their own writing.

Challenge yourself to engage your child in some of these writing activities listed below.

- Exchange post-it notes with your child in lunch boxes, bathroom mirrors, headboards
- Have your child help write captions for family photos
- Create a family prayer or dream journal
- Email relatives
- Write grocery lists

- To do lists
- Phone messages
- Write their portion of the family Christmas letter
- Send mom or dad a text about their day

Keep encouraging your child to use their writing skills. Eventually it will pay off when your child is all grown up and they are writing business correspondence, newsletters, creating reports and sending you letters in the mail.

Be sure to check out the Bellevue Gazette from 11/23/11 to read some great 2nd grade writing samples.

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Shannon Turner



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER	
Music Program 2M, 2O, 2Yo	5
Music Program 2F, 2H, 2Ya	6
Penguin Patch Shoppe	7-8-9
Marco's Pizza Night	13
Winter Break—NO SCHOOL	21-31
JANUARY	
Return to School	3
End of 2nd quarter	13
NO SCHOOL—MLK Day	16
Grade Cards	20

**\*\* On delay days, breakfast WILL NOT be served.**

**Be sure your child has breakfast before coming to school on these days.**



### FEE REMINDER

*School fees can be paid at any time in the school office. Partial payments are accepted. Grade cards will not be distributed to those with outstanding fees. Checks can be made payable to **Bellevue City Schools**.*

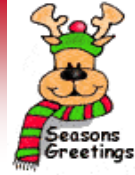
**First Grade: \$40.00**

**Second Grade \$45.00**



## November Marvelous Monthly Activity





## Melton, the Warm-Hearted Snowman

The 2nd grade music program, **Melton, The Warm-Hearted Snowman** will be presented on Dec 5 and Dec 6 at 6:30. Dec 5 presentation will be the following classes: Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Oddo, and Ms. Young. The Dec. 6 performance will be presented by the following classes: Mrs. Franks, Mrs. Hawkins and Mrs. Yantz.

A snowman with a warm heart sounds like a cozy and adorable winter character, doesn't it?



Unfortunately, every time Melton sees a child, hears a favorite carol, or even considers the other characters of the holiday season, he gets so warm and loveable that he starts to melt—from the heart on out!!

Through the course of the musical, cast and audience will rediscover the fact that sharing love is what the winter holidays are all about.

## BRRRR!!!



Winter weather has arrived. Please remember to dress your child warmly for the weather. Warm coats, hats, gloves and boots are important to keep the children warm at recess and walking to and from school. Please label all outerwear including gloves, hats and boots to prevent loss. We go out for recess when the wind chill is above 20 degrees and the playground blacktop is considered safe.



## SCHOOL DELAYS OR CLOSINGS

As we approach the winter season, remember to tune into your local TV channels and/or local radio stations for information on school delays or closings. Bellevue School Closing phone number is 419-484-5033

## PTO NEWS

Bellevue PTO will be sponsoring the Penguin Patch Holiday Shoppe on December 7, 8 and 9. Students will have the opportunity to make lists and shop for their family members. Items will range from \$1.00-\$10.00.



Volunteer vouchers were sent home and plans are underway to organize the shop. Please refer to the information that came home with your student. If you have any questions contact Stephanie Missler at 419-483-8614 or [missler@woh.rr.com](mailto:missler@woh.rr.com)

