



THE ALL-STAR....

Happy Holidays from your PEA...

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A note from our President...

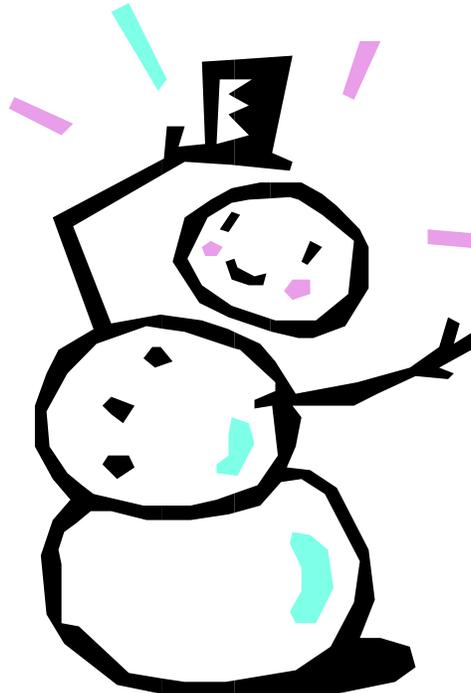
I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving holiday. It was wonderful to see so many families come out to support the children's fall musical program. The children did such a wonderful job. Ashurst has many talented students.

reading opportunities for our Ashurst students.

We would like to remind everyone to participate in an online survey of Ashurst Elementary School at www.am.dodea.edu/nv_va/quantico/ashurst

Please take this opportunity to share your thoughts on your child's education.

The PEA is looking for your support of our Winter Craft Carnival on Dec 6, 2008. The carnival is so much fun and we look forward to seeing everyone there.



Also, PEA meetings are always open to anyone who would like to attend. Our next meeting is December 16, 2008 at 3:30pm in the Art Room.

The PEA is happy to announce that from your support of our school, we were able to purchase two books for each classroom written by a local author, Cynthia Cotten. This author will be visiting the school in December to share her stories with the children. What a wonderful opportunity! We are grateful to be able to support and foster good

I wish everyone a joyous holiday season and a happy new year!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

S. C.
PEA President

Let it snow, let it snow.....

A note from our Vice-President...

Winter Craft Carnival is December 6, 2008 10-1. I have received many forms all ready for volunteers and I greatly appreciate all of you wonderful parents who volunteer your time. If you have a child who needs service hours

please feel free to invite them as well to come and help out. I am so excited and cannot wait for this festive day. You can feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

WCC Chair 2008

Happy Holidays.....

A. B.
PEA Vice-President



Volunteer Coordinator Corner...

Hello parents, the countdown for the Winter Craft Carnival has begun. We have just two short weeks, and could still use volunteers to help with the games. The sign-up sheets are located in the lobby of the school. We at Ashurst and your children appreciate your time. A few reminders to purchase your Winter Craft Carnival tickets, and do not forget to participate in the online survey. We

as parents play an important part in the education of the children. This is an excellent time to share your views. Just visit:



www.am.dodea.edu/ny-va/quantico/ashurst.

Thank you

A. M.
Volunteer Coordinator

International Corner

December is rich in traditions and holiday celebrations, here are a few examples:

Christmas also referred to as **Christmas Day** or **Christmastide**, is an annual **holiday** celebrated on December 25th that marks and honors the birth of **Jesus of Nazareth**. Modern customs of the holiday include **gift-giving**, church celebrations, and the display of various decorations—

“I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year” ~Charles Dickens

including the **Christmas tree**, **lights**, **mistletoe**, **nativity scenes** and **holly**. **Santa Claus** (also referred to as **Father Christmas**, although the two figures have different origins) is a popular **mythological figure** often associated with bringing gifts at Christmas. **Hanukkah** also known as the **Festival of Lights**, is an eight-day **Jewish holiday**. The festival is observed by the kindling of the lights of a

special **candelabrum**, the **Menorah** or **Hanukah**, one light on each night of the holiday, progressing to eight on the final night.

Kwanzaa is a week-long holiday celebrated throughout the world, honoring African heritage, marked by participants lighting a **kinara** (candle holder). It is observed from **December 26** to **January 1** each year.

Thank you to all of the school store volunteers who continue to keep our store up and running. We will continue to be open from 8:45- 9:00 everyday but Tuesday. If you are

interested in working Tuesday mornings, please call S. B.

Christmas items will be available soon!

