Dear Chipeta Families,

Our hope is that everyone had a great Thanksgiving break. As we look forward to December we want to remind families that this is a quick sprint. There are only 15 school days this month and we will be wrapping up the 2nd quarter during this time. Students, families, and staff have been putting in the hard work to see the students grow. We couldn’t be more proud of your students and hope there will be some time that you get to celebrate your child during the Winter Break.

A few reminders:

- Mornings are freezing and afternoons could get warmer. Please send your child in appropriate layers for the day.

- When using the front loop in the morning, we are asking all vehicles to pull all the way through the loop, not stopping at the front. We are trying to prevent cars from backing into the street and doing this would be a tremendous help.

- If you are picking your child up after school and arriving early, we are asking families to turn off their vehicles when able. We know for some there are circumstances or scenarios where it is not feasible but want to do our part in reducing emissions.

Once again, it is such an honor to be serving your children and this community. I am thankful to be a Chipeta Cougar every day!

Scott Spoede
Assistant Principal

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**December, 2022**

6th: Vision & Hearing for 2nd, 3rd, 5th
14th: PTO Meeting @ 4:15 p.m.
15th: 5th Grade Music Program
21st: Rally

**Winter Break:**

12/22/22 - 01/09/23

**January, 2023**

6th: No school/teacher work day
9th: Classes resume
16th: No school/Martin Luther King Jr. Day
17th: No school/Elementary Planning Day

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**5th Grade Music Program**

December 15th

“Winter Glow Show”

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Please have your students wear classy dress clothing with a winter or holiday item (hat, scarf, tie, glasses, etc.)

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**Thank you…**

*To St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church for the Thanksgiving meals they gave to our families in need and their continued support of our Chipeta families!

*To all who attended Muffins with Misses and Donuts with Dudes. It was wonderful seeing so many smiling faces.

*To our kitchen manager, Lisa Allen, and her assistants for the delicious Thanksgiving lunch enjoyed by our friends and families.

*To all our Veterans who came to share your time and service with us.

*To our exceptional PTO for providing pizza and fun at our Eureka Family Science night.

*To Pablo’s Pizza for their support of Chipeta Elementary. Together we raised over $350 for school activities.
### November Students of the Month

Theme of the Month:  
“*I Think Positively About Myself*”

**Kindergarten:**  
Hamilton: Lorenzo E. & Margot G.  
Martinez: Gabby H. & Charles H.  
Orehok: Hunter B. & Antony F.  

**1st grade:**  
Bertrand: Deklan B. & Ruby K.  
Leist: Ireland H. & Lily M.  

**2nd grade:**  
Kalani: Dalary A. & Dean R.  
Luna: Noah B. & Coraline C.  
McLaughlin: Lucia V. & Layla E.  

**3rd grade:**  
Davis: Samantha R. & Aubrielle A.  
Tapia: Emily M. & Grayson J.  
Walters: Benjamin W. & Emilee C.  

**4th grade:**  
Bell Alice F. & Taya R.  
Henson: Mason O. & Austin M.  
Wells: Adalena R. & Josiah N.  

**5th grade:**  
Garcia: Mikaela Z. & D’matri T.  
Hernandez: Easton A. & Adam W.  
Weagant: Ian L. & Destree S.

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### Spirit Dress-Up Days

December 12th - December 21st

**Monday, Dec. 12th:** Wear red and green

**Tuesday, Dec. 13th:** Wear a turtleneck or ugly sweater

**Wednesday, Dec. 14th:** Wear holiday hat, scarf & socks

**Thursday, Dec. 15th:** Wear red nose and antlers

**Friday, Dec. 16th:** Wear flannel

**Monday, Dec. 19th:** Grinch Green Day

**Tuesday, Dec. 20th:** Twin Day

**Wednesday, Dec. 21st:** Wear pajamas

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### Lost and Found

Just a reminder that our lost and found is starting to grow and will be donated to a charity over our holiday break. Please take the time to look through the lost and found before break and retrieve what is yours. Please remember to label your child’s clothing with their names so we can get things back to them easier.

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### A note from our computer teacher:

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly depend on understanding how technology works. But only a fraction of us are learning how technology works. Only 51% of all high schools teach computer science.

That’s why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (December 5th-9th). More than 100 million students worldwide have already tried an Hour of Code. Our Hour of Code is making a statement that Chipeta Elementary School is ready to teach these foundational 21st-century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to your students, we want to make our Hour of Code event huge. I encourage you to go to [https://hourofcode.com/us/en/learn](https://hourofcode.com/us/en/learn) with your student and explore the Hour of Code.

This is a chance to change the future of education in Grand Junction.

Thank you,  
Katie Myers

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