



**UPCOMING
IMPORTANT DATES**

- January 2:
Students return from winter Break
- January 10:
COSI on Wheels
- January 14:
PTO Meeting
- January 17:
Yearbook Sale Begins
- January 20:
No School
- January 23:
STEM/Literacy Night 5:30-7

Dear Souders Families and Friends:

A reminder that report cards were sent home yesterday. They will also be live on the parent portal in Powerschool. Report cards have changed in the last few years. We believe standards based report cards are a much more accurate reflection of student learning. Please contact the school if you have any questions about those report cards. Parents will receive another report card at the end of the school year.

Have a restful and safe break.

Mr. Cox



Quote of the Week:

“Every artist was first an amateur.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

We are excited to learn that we are the recipient of a Walmart Community Grant for \$3,000 toward our Kindergarten Learning Kits that incoming kindergartners receive in May. The Learning Kit contains number and letter flashcards, play-doh, pencils, a pad of paper, crayons, a rhyming activity and activity suggestions from the kindergarten teachers. Thanks to the Sunbury Community Library for providing the bags with a summer schedule of events for children and a bookmark. We are giving incoming kindergartners a head start with their learning and setting them up for success! A big thank you to Heidi Curtin for applying for the grant. Also a big thank you to Walmart!

Above: The 2nd grade performed their winter musical "A Bear-y Merry Holiday!" on Tuesday for the school during the day, and once again that night for the community. The students worked very hard for several weeks and the show was fantastic! Mr. Heck heard many compliments and positive comments from the parents and community members who were in attendance. Great job 2nd grade!!!

The state budget bill had a language change to HB410, regarding student attendance. The change took effect in October. "Medically" excused absences no longer are counted in chronic absenteeism, so if you have a doctor's note, then it doesn't count toward hours of absence. The office must receive a copy of the doctor's note for the absence to be medically excused.

Please do **not** send glass containers or bottles in your child's lunch. Thank you.

