

Dear Lee Eaton Families,

As we enter the winter months of the year, let me remind you of a few things to consider with the coming snow. First, make sure that you prepare for dismissal/arrival issues on tough weather days. Traffic is already an issue at certain times, so adding plows on the roadways, as well as treacherous conditions, and it is a formula for tardiness to school and stress on behalf of kids and parents. Please allow for extra time on these days and follow school alerts via school messenger as well as the local radio and television stations. Secondly, make sure students are dressing for the rough winter conditions. Students will continue to observe recess as long as the weather permits. On days where there is snow, but if temperatures and conditions allow, the students will go outside. Thanks for your attention to this!

I also want to remind you to follow me on Twitter at: <http://twitter.com/PrincipalHayes> I will often update you on events at Lee Eaton and across the district, as well as alert you to any weather issues and cancellations/delays. This also corresponds with Nordonia Hills City Schools rolling out it's "text alert" feature for communications. By "opting in" to this service, you can receive text updates on school and district news on your mobile device. Attached to this email is the informational flyer being sent out by the district to provide more details on the service. If you are interested, follow this link to sign up: <https://docs.google.com/a/nordoniaschools.org/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEZKbmd4Xzh4ZjI2dDl2b3ZYaU5DUVE6MQ>

Last Tuesday, Lee Eaton staff and students celebrated our Holiday food drive with the Turkey Trot. Students collected over 32 boxes of items to be delivered to the Emergency Assistance Center of Northfield just in time for Thanksgiving. To signify our effort to "gobble up hunger," nearly 600 students and faculty enjoyed a "trot" around Lee Eaton Tuesday morning. The school website has been updated to mark the event, with special mention of Mr. Peacock, who with traditional pilgrim dress, showed how much fun we had :)

The PTA is sponsoring a Lee Eaton Kalahari Getaway on March 1-2, 2012. * Remember, March 2nd is an in-service day for teachers, with no school for students. As a special group rate, Lee Eaton families can reserve a room for this time for \$119. This includes 4 water park passes good from noon the day of check in until 3PM the day of check out, and room rates are based on occupancy of 4. Reservations can be made by calling 1-877-525-2427. Please do so by January 31st!! For more information from the PTA, contact PTA president Rose Austin at momof4austins@windstream.net or go to the PTA site: <http://www.teacherweb.com/OH/LeeEaton/LeeEatonPTA/apt4.aspx>

Student Leadership Team continues to work hard at Lee Eaton and has several things they are working on this month. Student Leadership helped host the canned food drive and were happy to package up items for delivery to the Emergency Assistance Center. Our December initiative will be to support families in need by asking for donations of mittens, scarves and hats for children to keep warm during the winter months here in Northeast Ohio.

Also, updates for our “Holiday Happenings” will be coming out to students in the next couple of weeks. Thank you for all of your support in helping families in need!

I have included attachments to this email for both the Lee Eaton Outstanding Educator Award and the Helping Hands award. If you are interested in nominating a teacher at Lee Eaton for outstanding service and commitment and education, or a volunteer/PTA member with the same dedication, please submit these forms to the Lee Eaton PTA by January 11th, 2012.

I also wanted to let folks know that the Administrative Team for Nordonia Hills City Schools will be out in the community on December 12th to spread holiday cheer. We will be at Northfield Retirement Center at 3:30, and Brentwood in Sagamore Hills at 6:30. The ATM will attempt to sing a few carols and spend share some gifts with our senior community members. I am excited about spending this time getting to know more folks in the community!!

Remember that we only have 16 school days until winter break! I hope you all had a restful Thanksgiving Break and look forward to spending quality time with students over the next few weeks. Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Josh Hayes

Coming Attractions

November/December Events

- 29 Taping of Network Nordonia
Featuring Josh Hayes and
Jevonne Smith (NF)
- 1 Staff Meeting 2:30PM
- 7 Administrative Team Meeting 9AM
- 8 Content Collaboration Meeting 2:30