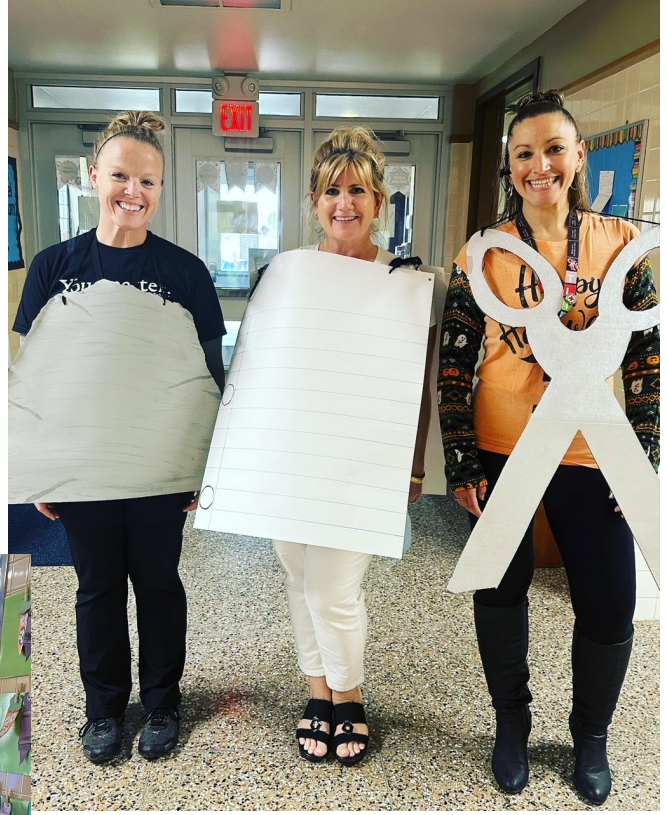


# The Palermo Elementary Scoop

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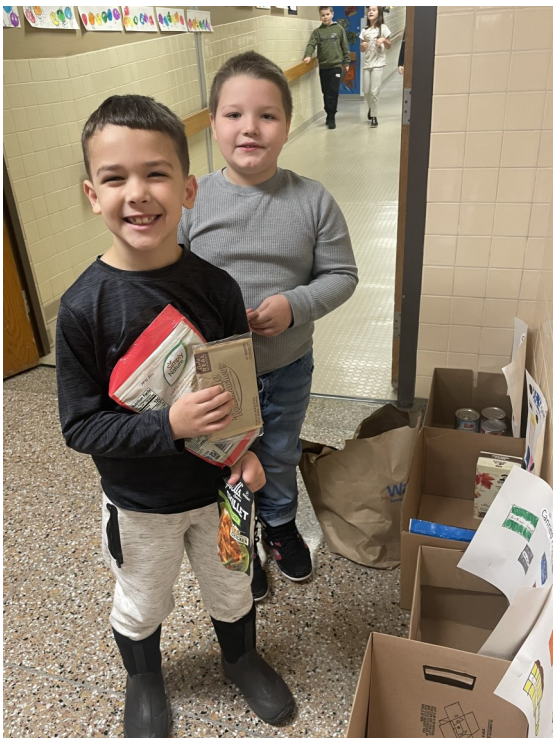


## Halloween Parade





# Veteran's Day Celebration



# Project Share

The Palermo Student Lighthouse Team kicked off Project Share at their first Fintabulous Friday show on November 17th! Project Share will focus on the donation of non perishable food items to be donated to our local community outreach. This project allows Palermo students and staff to make a difference this holiday season. The Student Lighthouse Team, comprised of students in 2nd through 4th grade, set a goal of 150 food items to be donated. As of 11/28, their collection is already at 113 items! On Friday, December 2nd, families can enter into the Palermo Holiday Fun Night with a food donation.

The SLT is so excited to give back through this community outreach project!



# Charlie Brown Thanksgiving

Third grade continued the "Charlie Brown Thanksgiving" tradition. Each year, third graders feast on items that the famous Charlie Brown and his crew feasted on for their Thanksgiving. The traditional Charlie Brown's thanksgiving that kids enjoyed was toast, popcorn, pretzels and jellybeans. Kids enjoyed the "feast" and talked about what they are thankful for.



## Spirit Days Reminder

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December 14—Dress like a Reindeer

December 15—Wear Red & White

December 16—Ugly Shirt or Sweater Day

December 19—Dress like your Favorite Holiday Character

December 20—Wear your Socks and Sparkle

December 21—Dress like a Character from Polar Express or wear PJ's!

It's Polar Express Day!!

December 22—Holiday Hats & Scarves

December 23—Pajama Day

**Coat Donation—Thank You  
Knights of Columbus!!!**

Members from the Knights of Columbus, council number 254 based in Fulton, donated coats to Palermo Elementary School. The annual program called “Coats for Kids” is a way for the Knights to give back to the community. Pictured here is member Dave Hibbert (also a teacher at Palermo), with school nurse, Melissa House.



**Holiday Chorus Concert on Monday, December 12th @ MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM:**

Monday, December 12. The Palermo Chorus takes the stage!

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus members are performing a traditional Winter Concert on Monday, 12 Dec, 2022, 6pm at the Middle School Auditorium. Parents, please park behind the Bus Garage 5:30-5:45, enter through the Gymnasium Entrance and proceed to the Auditorium for a 25 minute concert featuring traditional Holiday and Winter favorites. While white tops and black bottoms are standard concert dress for performers, we also encourage colorful or Holiday/Winter themed outfits. But most important is to come and enjoy the Concert that the kiddos have been working on since November!

Hope to see you there! Mr. G



**T’was the Day before Winter Vacation~ Friday,**

**December 23rd:**

All students and staff are welcome to wear their jammies as we prepare to settle in for a 10-day long, winter’s nap! **At 2:30PM we will make our way to the cafeteria for a school-wide sing-along.**

**Parents:** Please be sure the children make appropriate choices for school.



## Health & Safety

**BUS SAFETY:** As always, please take time to remind your child how important it is to follow the bus rules, especially as we move into these snowy months ahead!

1. Buckle up
2. Stay in your seat until the bus reaches school or home
3. Keep your feet out of the aisle at all times
4. Keep your hands to yourself
5. Talk quietly to the person who is in your seat

Cell phones, all electronics, and toys are to be KEPT AT HOME.

**STAYING HEALTHY:** Don't forget to:

1. Wear your coat, boots, hats, and mittens. (Be sure to pack your shoes for school.)
2. Bring your water bottle to stay hydrated.
3. Get plenty of rest.
4. Eat your fruits and vegetables!

## **Backpacks:**

Our ***Orange Folder System*** has proven to be a great way to communicate between home and school. Thank you for checking folders nightly. Many of the boys and girls are bringing home papers for additional practice and/or books to read to you or with you. **Thank you for working with your child so he/she can make the weekly goal of reading 5 out of 7 days a week. We are aiming for ALL students to meet this WILDLY IMPORTANT GOAL. Please encourage the children to "Put First Things First" so they have time to read and mark their reading calendars!**

Some students may also be practicing their letters, numbers, and/or math fact flashcards. Nightly reading and fluency with math facts make a big difference! Students who are not reading on grade level struggle with daily classroom work. Please encourage your children to take time to practice at home.

Please be sure to **monitor your child's backpack each day.** Help your child decide whether the contents of their backpack has:

1. Keep at Home items
2. Adult only items
3. School items

Of course it is important that student backpacks contain **"School items"** only!

To assist us in maintaining a safe & productive learning environment in school, we ask that all toys, games, fidget spinners, iPods, trading cards (ex. Pokemon), and video game systems be kept at home. In addition to being a distraction, often times these items become damaged or lost at school resulting in hurt feelings. As with ***toys and games, all cell phones are to be kept at home.*** \*Please note: If these items are brought on the bus or to school, they may be held in the office for you to pick up. Due to the capabilities of today's phones (picture taking, video recording) we have a responsibility to uphold the privacy of our students and staff members. On that note, when parents take pictures at school events, please keep in mind that some parents may not want their child's picture posted on the Internet.



# Dates To Remember

## Important Dates for the Months of December & January

(Please remove this page for future reference)

- December 1: 6:00 Board of Education Workshop —New Haven Spotlight
- December 2: 6-7:30PM PTC Holiday Fun Night—Don't forget your canned food item donations
- December 5-6: Student Lighthouse Club Meets After School
- December 12: 6:00 Holiday Chorus Concert (Chorus members should arrive by 5:30) @ Middle School Auditorium
- December 13: 4PM PTC Meeting—All are Welcome!
- December 15: 6PM BOE Mtg
- December 16: LAST DAY for canned goods collection for Project Sharing
- December 21: School-Wide Field Trip to High School to Watch Polar Express.  
Buses leave at 9:15AM—Please be on time!
- December 22: Classroom Holiday Parties
- December 23: **T'was the Day before Winter Vacation~ Pajama Day!!**
- December 24—January 2: Winter Recess (See you on January 3, 2023!!)**
- January 5: 6:00 Board of Education Workshop
- January 9-10: Student Lighthouse Enrichment Club meets after school
- January 10: 4 PTC Meeting in Library (Everyone is welcome!)
- January 11: Curriculum Day—Early Dismissal Day—Half Day for Students
- January 12: 6-7PM PTC Event Kahoot & Cocoa
- January 13: Fintabulous Friday #3—Put 1st Things 1st hosted by Gr. 2
- JANUARY 16: NO SCHOOL** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- January 19: 6:00 BOE Meeting
- January 23: Record's Day—Early Release Day—Half Day for Students
- January 27: 20-Week MP Ends
- February 3: Report Cards Go Home**

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May your holidays be filled with special memories! Thank you again for sharing your sweet children with us!  
They brighten our lives!

Sincerely,

*Peggy Scorzelli*

