Dear Parents,

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas!

It is hard to believe that the first semester is coming to a close. It’s been a very busy and productive semester at Horace Mann. What a wonderful Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 25! Campus Dining partners with us to host this special lunch for our families. The dietetic students and student volunteers helped serve the food to 420 students and guests. Thank you for supporting the food drive. We delivered 642 pounds of food to the food bank. What a wonderful way to give back to the community. Thank you for participating in the Giving Tree project. There are only a few tags remaining on the tree. Please return the tags with gifts by December 12 and they will be delivered to Community Services and delivered to the families.

Please come to the Book Fair Open House Sunday, December 7 from 2:00-5:00 pm. We will have refreshments and door prizes. The book fair will also be available Monday-Wednesday from 7:15-8:30 and 2:45-4:30 (6:00 on Monday). There are great books available! Come check it out!

This newsletter brings the first of several student created articles. Lucy Parsons interviewed Mr. Weichinger as part of a series on meeting our Horace Mann teachers. Look for more articles and additional pages to this newsletter as our students develop their reporting skills and bring you the Horace Mann news. The January newsletter will include teacher interviews, student interviews and articles about classroom events and activities.

PASTRIES WITH THE PRINCIPAL is Friday, December 5. Please join me for a cup of coffee, juice or just to stop in to say hi. Stop in and register for a free book from the book fair.

Each morning as our sixth graders give the morning message, they end with “Don’t Just Talk About It, Be About It”. I hear students of all ages saying this and hear parents talking to them about what it means. The other morning I heard a parent say “It means you do what you say you are going to do.” Another parent said “It means you have to work hard and learn as much as you can.” Wow-how awesome!! Thank you for your continued support!

Happy Holidays from all of us at Horace Mann!

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PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

4     Tree lighting at Gaunt House 5:15 pm
5     Pastries with the Principal 7-8 am in the Café
5-10  Horace Mann Scholastic Book Fair in the HM lobby
7     BOOK FAIR OPEN HOUSE 2-5 pm
9     Horace Mann Christmas Program 7 pm Ron Houston Center
12    Last day of classes-school dismisses at 3:15 pm-- Bearcat Club open until 5:30 pm

JANUARY 12 classes resume
Technology Night in coordination with the Computer Science Department: February 17
5:30–7:00 p.m. Supper provided.
More information to come...

TACO JOHNS FUNDRAISER
Thank you for participating in the Taco Johns Fundraiser. We raised $426.00 for our Horace Mann Parent Advisory Council. Thank you!!

Teacher Interviews (This is the first in a series of interviews with teachers at Horace Mann)
by Lucy Parson
How long have you been teaching? 32 years and retired from teaching in 2004
Why did you come to Horace Mann? I came to Horace Mann because they called me to see if I was interested. I came and talked with them and decided I missed teaching.
What do you like best about Horace Mann? KIDS, both the talls and the smalls
What did you do before you taught at Horace Mann? I was the Nodaway County Director for Social Services
If you were an animal, what would you be and why? I would be a badger because they like to be by themselves doing their own thing.

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