



# TEMPERANCE TIGER TALES

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

December at Temperance Elementary School is a flurry of festive activities and heartwarming events. One highlight is the Kris Kringle Workshop, a magical space where students become Santa's little helpers, selecting and purchasing presents for their loved ones. This cherished tradition not only fosters a spirit of giving but also teaches valuable lessons about generosity and thoughtful gift-giving. The workshop serves a dual purpose, as the proceeds generated contribute to the TES Angel Tree. As anticipation for the holidays builds, the school is alive with the sounds of preparation for the grand concert featuring the talents of third, fourth, and fifth-grade students. Parents, teachers, and fellow students gather to witness the enchanting performances, creating memories that will last a lifetime.



## Book Character Ornament Contest

If you'd like to participate...

1. Choose a book character that is special to you.
2. Create your character ornament using any materials you'd like. You can decorate a ball ornament or a 2D or 3D ornament. Dimensions should not be larger than 4 x 6. Parent/family involvement is encouraged, however, we ask that the student complete most of the work. The sky's the limit to your imagination!
3. Use an index card to make a nameplate. The nameplate must include:
  - **Front side-** character's name, Book Title, and a brief explanation of why you chose this character.
  - **Back side-** your name and your grade.
  - All ornaments are due to Mrs. Giles in the library by **Friday, December 8th!** You may turn them in early, but no later.
  - Ornaments will be judged and voted on. Prizes for winners from each grade will be announced shortly after the contest ends!

December 2023

## Calendar of Events

- ☺ **December 1**  
Interims go home
- ☺ **December 4-8**  
Kris Kringle Shop
- ☺ **December 5**  
Winter Musical gr: 3-5  
North Pole Diaries - 7:00 pm
- ☺ **December 8**  
Book Character Ornaments are due today
- ☺ **December 15**  
Canned food items are due today
- ☺ **December 18 - January 1**  
ACPS Closed
- ☺ **January 2**  
Schools re-open for students



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**We will be collecting non-perishable food items** for those less fortunate this holiday season. If you would like to contribute, please send all items in by Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.



**The Kris Kringle shop** will take place the week of December 4<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to purchase gifts for family and friends at the price of \$2.00 each. All gifts will be gift wrapped and sent home that day. All money raised will go towards purchasing gifts for our Temperance angels.



**School will be closed** on December 18<sup>th</sup> - January 1<sup>st</sup>. School will re-open on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.



It is the season again for possible inclement weather that can affect school opening, delays, and early dismissals. If you have any questions about school being open during inclement weather, you can check the ACPS Facebook page, or listen to the local TV & radio stations. You can also call the ACPS "Hotline" at 946-9386, ext. 7, or visit the Amherst County Public Schools website at [www.amherst.k12.va.us](http://www.amherst.k12.va.us).



Congratulations to our Student of the Month award winners for the month of November. These students were selected by their classroom teachers for their outstanding performance in the areas of academics, attendance, and attitude.

**Kindergarten-** Jaxon Lutes  
**First Grade** - Madison Sale  
**Second Grade-** Kinsleigh Gilbert  
**Third Grade-** Asher Giles  
**Fourth Grade-** Emma Burch  
**Fifth Grade-** Karlyn Fitzgerald



In addition to our Students of the Month, we have recognized many students for being team players, thoughtful, and trustworthy! We have had several students who have done certain things that have been recognized by faculty & staff and allowed them to have their picture taken and put on our "Team Player, Thoughtful, and Trustworthy" wall! The following students have recognized are:

**KG - Ethen Burch**

**1<sup>st</sup> - Axel White, Drew Clark, Emmett Greer, Madison Sale, Presley Cash, Grant Tolbert, Major Thompson,**

**2<sup>nd</sup> - Raymond Banks, Kinsleigh Gilbert, Kaitlyn Knight, Thomas Etter, Everett Ellis**

**3<sup>rd</sup> - Emma Mays**

**4<sup>th</sup> - Carlena Eagle, Kyleigh Gilbert-Clark, Skye Lucas, Donovan White**

**5<sup>th</sup> - Bobbi Jo Solomon, Rachel Argenbright, Lola Combs, Abigail Etter, Eason Tomlin, Aria Stecker, Brody Mays, Eliana Garland, Ariana Garland**

## **Temperance Terrific Readers**

We would like to congratulate the following students for being recognized as the top "AR" readers for the month of **November** in grades 2 through 5:

**2<sup>nd</sup> grade** - Thomas Etter, Riley Lutes, Harley Tomlin, Kinsleigh Gilbert, Lakeleigh Lawhorn

**3<sup>rd</sup> grade-** Emma Mays, Asher Giles, Aliyah Spivey, Spencer Lawhorne, Ava Hudson, Maggie Wheeler

**4<sup>th</sup> grade** - Skye Lucas, Ainslee Giles, Carlena Eagle

**5<sup>th</sup> grade** - Hunter Knight, Lola Combs, Abigail Etter, Autumn Stilwell, Karlyn Fitzgerald



**Mr. Lantz Martin, Principal  
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