



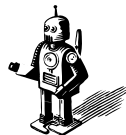
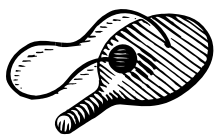
The Center Grange Gazette

Toys for Tots Toy Drive Continues



The Center Grange Primary School *Toys for Tots* toy drive is off to a great start! At the time of publication, we have collected 270 toys! New, unwrapped toys are being accepted at Center Grange, Todd Lane and Monaca Jr./Sr. High School until **December 8, 2009**. The collection boxes are located at the main entrances within the schools.

Our students, staff, friends, and families have collected almost 1,400 toys for this very meaningful organization over the past four years. Let's help our neighbors in Beaver County by sharing joy and happiness with a special gift for a child. We have one week to go before the Marines will come to collect the toys on Tuesday, December 9th. Please help us make this year's *Toys for Tots* toy drive the most successful one ever. Thanks to all who have donated so far.



Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

Our annual Center Grange Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled for December 7–11, 2009. Mrs. Thompson, our PTA Book Fair committee chair is diligently preparing for another successful event. Homeroom teachers will be scheduling their classes for a trip to the book fair during the school day. Information and wish lists will be sent home with the students the week before the book fair. When shopping at the book fair, students will need to include sales tax when they check-out. The students can pay with a check made out to the Central Valley PTA.

We will also have Family Night at the Book Fair on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. This is a great way to spend some family time shopping for books. The book fair will be set up all week in the Kindergarten hall LGI room. All profits raised from the book fair directly support the purchase of new books and materials for the Center Grange Primary School library. We hope to see you at the Center Grange Book Fair!



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- **12/3**—Bad Rudolph Sadecky puppet show
- **12/4**—Wear Your Favorite Pittsburgh Sports Team Gear Day
- **12/5**—Noth Pole at Todd Lane
- **12/7–12/11** Scholastic Book Fair
- **12/8**—Family Night at the Book fair
- **12/11**—Wear Green Day
- **12/18**—Wear Red Day
- **12/21**—Central Valley School Color Day
- **12/22**—Holiday Hat/Head Gear Day
- **12/23**—Winter Break begins
- **12/23–1/3**—Winter Break
- **1/4/2010**—School resumes



Winter Break

Let it snow! Let it snow! Let it snow!

Who can't wait for Jack Frost to blanket the ground with beautiful, white, fluffy snow?

Winter recess for the Central Valley School District begins on Wednesday, December 23, 2009, and runs through Sunday, January 3, 2010.

School resumes for all students and staff on Monday, January 4, 2010.

We hope that all Center Grange families have a blessed and bountiful holiday season and a prosperous start of the New Year. See you in 2010!

Bad Rudolph Puppet Show

Thursday, December 3, we will welcome back the Sadecky Puppets to Center Grange. This year's show entitled, ***Bad Rudolph***, is one that all should enjoy. Rudolph is causing all sorts of problems for his neighbors at the North Pole and they have had enough. The students will learn about acceptance, honesty, problem-solving and all about Rudolph's problems in this funny and engaging show. Show time is at 10:00 AM on Thursday for all students at Center Grange. PM Kindergarten students are welcome to attend this morning performance, but must be with a parent to stay for the show.



School Spirit Days

Be sure to wear your Spirit Day gear on the following dates!

Wear Your Favorite Pittsburgh Sports Team Gear Day—12/4

Wear Green Day—12/11

Wear Red Day—12/18

Central Valley School Color Day—12/21

Holiday Hat/Head Gear Day—12/22



North Pole at Todd Lane



The North Pole is coming to Central Valley! On Saturday, Dec. 5th from Noon to 4:00 PM, the Central Valley PTA is sponsoring The North Pole at Todd Lane Elementary School. All Center Grange students are invited to attend. Children can visit the ornament-making station, do some holiday shopping at Santa's Workshop, have hot cocoa and a cookie, get photos with Santa, visit the face painting station, and enjoy other festivities. We also will be collecting donations for Toys for Tots and our Local Community Food Drive. For more information, please contact Mrs. Kerry Coombs at 724-774-1522.

1st Grade News

During the week of December 14—18, 2009, our first grade students will become "world-wide travelers" as they participate in our annual "Christmas Around the World" unit. Throughout the week, the children will apply for a passport, pack their suitcases and travel to eight different countries. The students will learn how the holiday season is celebrated in each of these countries. They will also learn many informational facts about each country's culture and history. Souvenirs will be made so that the children will have special reminders about their special journey around the world. The culminating activity will occur after all of the students have returned from their world-wide travels. You never know who might show up to celebrate the holiday season with the students!



Kindergarten Spotlight—Mrs. Jennifer Bechdel

To help our Center Grange Gazette readers become familiar with all Kindergarten staff, one teacher will be highlighted each month. Our December Kindergarten teacher is Mrs. Jen Bechdel. Mrs. Bechdel resides in Beaver with her husband. They are the proud parents of two sons, Eli and Micah. Mrs. Bechdel was born in Beaver and moved to Akron for 13 years before returning to Beaver County. She is a graduate of Clarion University where she earned a degree in early childhood and special education.



Prior to the formation of the Central Valley School District, Mrs. Bechdel taught in the Monaca School District as a 1/2 day Kindergarten teacher and 1/2 day extended day Kindergarten teacher. Before to that, she taught special education for 5 years in the Farrell Area School District. Mrs. Bechdel enjoys working at Center Grange because she is able to work with other Kindergarten teachers in the same building. She states, “It’s fun being able to plan and do activities together.” In her leisure time, Mrs. Bechdel enjoys reading. Some of her favorite books are The Twilight, Harry Potter, and Eragon series. The staff at Center Grange welcomes Mrs. Bechdel with her warm smile and dedication to her students.

2nd Grade News

Second grade students have been working very hard in all the classrooms. Many students have begun to read for the Accelerated Reading Program and are striving to get a star on the school bulletin board by earning 10 points. Children are learning addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers with and without regrouping. Soon students will move on to learn how to gather data and chart the information on graphs. The halls are filled with writing of all kinds from poems to haikus to informative paragraphs. There is a lot of learning going on!

Second Graders might be thinking Spring in the middle of this cold month! Most of the stories in reading, this month of December, have to do with growing plants! So if you want to find out how to grow some things for the next Spring season, just ask any 2nd grader at Center Grange.

Keeping on the subject of plants, some 2nd graders received communication from a scientist who works in the Amazon rainforest in Manaus, Brazil. The scientist sent pictures that he had personally taken of various animals and plants in the rain forest. He urged all students to respect nature and promised to send more pictures.

Students are also preparing to celebrate the holiday season in the 2nd grade hall! Teachers and students plan to be busy with activities that will spread some Christmas spirit. Children will be busy enjoying various activities such as creative writing, crafts and seasonal literature in their homerooms. So be listening for the holiday sights and sounds in the 2nd grade hall. We all wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very happy, healthy New Year too!

Christmas bells will be ringing soon... but you may have heard some wedding bells in the second grade hall too! Miss Anfulecki married over the Thanksgiving break and is now Mrs. Hoyer. Congratulations and best wishes to her and her new husband.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	11/30 Thanksgiving Break Ends No School	1 C School Resumes	2 D	3 E Bad Rudolph Sadecky Puppet Show 10:00AM	4 A Wear Your Favorite Pittsburgh Sports Team Gear Day	5 North Pole at Todd Lane Noon—4:00PM
6	7 B Scholastic Book Fair Begins	8 C Scholastic Book Fair Book Fair Family Night 6:30—8:30PM	9 D Scholastic Book Fair	10 E Scholastic Book Fair	11 A Scholastic Book Fair Ends Wear Green Day	12
13	14 B	15 C	16 D	17 E	18 A Wear Red Day	19
20	21 B Central Valley School Color Spirit Day	22 C Holiday Hat/ Head Gear Day	23 Winter Break Begins No School	24 Winter Break No School	25 Christmas Day No School	26
27	28 Winter Break No School	29 Winter Break No School	30 Winter Break No School	31 Winter Break No School	1/1/2010 New Year's Day No School	1/2/2010

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Central Valley Spirit Gear is on sale NOW! Contact the school office or the Central Valley PTA to obtain an order form.

