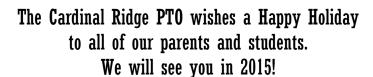


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## Spirit Monkey Sticks

Ready to go!

Spirit Monkey sticks are being distributed this week during a special assembly to tell the kids what they are about and how they can earn more.

Spirit sticks will tie into the Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports (PBIS) program in the school. They will be used as rewards for targeted behavior and program participation. We will also sell a variety of fun sticks as a PTO fundraiser. Thanks to Dr. Kravitz and Kelly's Boot Camp, all students were gifted with a Spirit Monkey starter key chain and a "First Flock" spirit sticks.

Make sure to ask your child about this assembly!



#### **DATES**

#### **DECEMBER/JANUARY**

18 PTO General Meeting

12/22-1/2 Winter Break

#### **JANUARY**

15 PTO General Meeting

19 MLK Jr. HOLIDAY

23 Reading Night

26 Moveable Student

Holiday

### SPRING ASEP

Cardinal Ridge volunteers are starting to think about After School Enrichment Program additions to incorporate in the Spring. Spring ASEP is targeted to begin in March. The children have so far enjoyed the current offerings and those are tentatively scheduled to continue in the Spring. Stay tuned for more updates in early 2015.



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### **Still Looking for Volunteers**



Awesome events at our school, like Bingo Night, would not be possible without the help of parent volunteers. We have had some excellent help already and are so thankful for those who have stepped up. The PTO Board is encouraging more parents to explore the Sign Up Genius link for ways to step up and help. There are big and small opportunities. Take a look at the roles and make 2015 the year to volunteer at your school!

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aa 9af22a1fd0-cres

## Rally for Recess Contest

From all the puzzle pieces collected we were able to complete 15 entries into Dannon Yogurt's Rally for Recess Playground Contest. Winners will be announced in January 2015. It's a long-shot but we're keeping our fingers crossed.



Get Excited, Get Ready!

COMING SOON
HOLIDAYS AROUND THE
WORLD/WINTER WONDERLAND



MORE DETAILS WILL COME IN JANUARY.

## **Reading Night**



The PTO is working on organizing a Reading Night tentatively scheduled for January 23. We are working with the school's reading specialists to set up an event that will encourage students to let their imaginations take over in the books they read. More to come as this gets underway...

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#### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS – Fun Facts



- -The word Christmas is Old English, a contraction of Christ's Mass.
- -The first president to decorate the white house Christmas tree in the United States was Franklin Pierce.
- -Clearing up a common misconception, in Greek, X means Christ. That is where the word "X-Mas" comes from. Not because someone took the "Christ" out of Christmas.
- -The Nutcracker" is the most famous Christmas ballet.
- -Jingle Bells" was first written for Thanksgiving and then became one of the most popular Christmas songs.
- -If you received all of the gifts in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas," you would receive 364 gifts.

### PTO Board Members

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