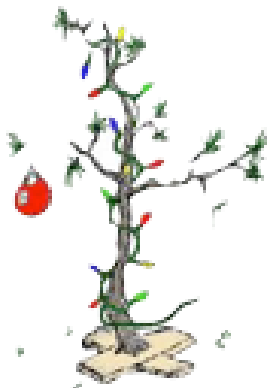


# December Newsletter



## 10th Annual Blue Ridge Food Drive

Blue Ridge Elementary students have set an ambitious goal of collecting 500 items for our annual food drive. Collection boxes will be placed in each classroom and will be available during the Christmas Program on December 14th. All nonperishable food will be donated to the Dickinson County Food and Clothing Bank. **NON EXPIRED** canned goods, granola bars, rice, beans, soups, canned fruit, canned meats, pasta meals, and canned milk are appreciated. Please do not send food in glass containers. Food will be collected from November 27th through December 15th. Food that has been provided to families via the Kansas Food Bank should not be donated. Thank you for taking time to celebrate the holiday season through the gift of giving to our community!

## Holiday Music Program

Mark your calendars for these Christmas music programs!

**Enterprise - Tuesday December 12th @ 7:00 PM**

**Blue Ridge - Thursday December 14th @ 7:00 PM**

Please be aware that our front doors will not open for students, families, or guests until 6:40 as staff are not present to supervise students in their rooms. We also ask that the front parking lot in front of BR be kept open for our guests that have limited mobility.

\*Thank you to the Dickinson County Sheriff's Dept. for assisting with parking for the program.

## DARE Graduation

Parents of 5th grade students are invited to their child's DARE graduation on Monday, December 18th. The ceremony will be held at Blue Ridge Elementary at 2:30 PM.

## Please Help Us!

\* If your child is absent, please notify the office by 8:30 AM. Absences will be unexcused until you call and verify the reason for their absence.

\* Parents, if you drop your child off in the mornings, be sure he or she does NOT walk across the driveway! When in your car, please follow behind the bus line-up and drop them off at the door. After parking, please walk your child to the entrance doors or let them out at the gate in the playground fence to walk on the slab to the building.

\* Bus Passes: Anytime a student is riding a bus to go home with a friend or childcare provider, a bus pass is required. Permission from the bus driver is also needed due to space limitations. Most buses will have room for an extra rider, but are never prepared to transport multiple friends to a location. If a child is having more than one friend going home with them, parents need to make transportation arrangements. Permission is needed from both individuals, receiving and sending.

## From Your Blue Ridge PTO

Below is a reminder of the upcoming PTO dates for the 2017-2018 school year. There will not be a PTO meeting for the month of December.

January 22, 2018

February 12, 2018

March 5, 2018

April 9, 2018

May 7, 2018

\*All meetings begin at 6:00 PM

