

The CommuniCat



Cromer School Parent News

December 12, 2007

Dr. Pat Horn, Principal

Beautiful Snow!

What a magical time of the year! The silver snow sparkling on the playground with the bright, beautiful blue sky above brings a joyous song to my heart!! If our K-3 students do not have boots or other moisture-proof footwear, we will ask them to play on the plowed blacktop area. We don't want children to sit in the classroom with wet socks all afternoon. All others will be allowed to play in the snow, so please make sure that they have warm coats, hats, gloves and boots. Our students are allowed to make snowmen, snow dragons, forts, etc., out of the snow; however, they may NOT throw snow or snowballs. Throwing snow or snowballs will result in loss of future recesses! Not only can a snowball to the eye cause permanent damage, but also it is no longer fun when you get snow thrown in your face. Thank you for reviewing this information with your child.

Nutcracker in Bare Feet

Hopefully, your child shared with you the exciting assembly we had last week. The Canyon Movement Company, under the direction of Cromer parent Gina Darlington, did a beautiful job of telling the story of the Peter Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite* through Dance. This assembly was presented by a smart Cromer parent – one who took advantage of the Arizona State **Tax Credit** Program to help schools!

IT IS TAX CREDIT DONATION TIME!!

You only have until December 31st to make a TAX CREDIT donation to our school for 2007. Remember, the money is 100% refunded when you file your State 2007 Income Tax form. Your donation comes directly off your bottom line – so whether you end up owing the State or they owe you, you get your money back! If your family donates **\$400 (the Joint Maximum)**, instead of owing \$700, you would only owe \$300 . . . or instead of getting back \$700, you would get back \$1100. Please keep in mind that ANY AMOUNT is welcome!!! If we had fifty families donate \$50, that's \$2500 that we can use to send students on fieldtrips, bring in guest speakers, etc. The money goes 100% to the STUDENTS at Cromer School, and EVERY donation helps!! If you have questions or if you would like a brochure sent home, please call 773-4150.

Toys for Tots

The Cromer Student Council is again supporting the Marine Corp efforts to collect new, unwrapped toys for needy children in our community! Your Toys for Tots donation must be received no later than Wednesday, December 19th.

Kids Korner

Because of the snow days this week, the Kids Korner Shop will be open through Friday. We will have OPEN HOURS on Friday for any student who brings money to spend for holiday gifts.

This Friday is Holiday Hat Day

The Cromer Student Council is sponsoring a Holiday Hat Day this Friday, Dec. 14th. Students may wear a hat that celebrates their holiday spirit by paying a \$1.00 fee. Money collected by the Student Council for our Hat Days are spent according to the vote of the Council. Past Hat Days have benefited needy families, Juvenile Diabetes Association, etc.

WINTER BREAK: Dec. 24, 2007, through Jan.4, 2008. School resumes on January 7th!