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Principal's Message:

Happy Holidays from Rocky Mountain Elementary. We are, as always, thrilled to be a part of your child's life. Every day at school leaves us so glad to be in the profession of educating students. Your children are among the finest! Thanks for all you do.

I'm so excited about the collaborative work that's going on in our school. Teachers are meeting and discussing achievement at an individual student level. They are developing common assessments to ensure mastery of grade specific content goals. Efforts are being made to reteach and extend learning so that no students are left or kept behind. I applaud their efforts. Your students are in good hands.

I hope you enjoy the time leading up to the Christmas holiday as well as the time off from school. Before we know it, we'll be celebrating the coming of 2009. There's still plenty to do before then, though. We hope you can participate in some of the activities planned for this coming month. We invite you to participate in our choir and orchestra concert, our ballroom performance, the Christmas Sing, our "A Book for Every Child" sub for Santa, and any of the regular day to day learning opportunities at Rocky Mountain. It's a great place to be and we appreciate your support.

Thank you for all you do,
David Turner
Principal

*Merry
Christmas*

There will be **NO SCHOOL** from Monday, December 22nd, to Friday, January 2nd, for Christmas break.

**Enjoy the holidays and have
a very Merry Christmas !!!**

December 2008 Calendar:

- **Orchestra & Choir Concert**
Tue, Dec 02, 2008 - 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM | Christmas Concert
- **Ballroom Concert**
Tue, Dec 09, 2008 - 6:00 PM
- **Space Center**
Thu, Dec 11, 2008 to Fri, Dec 12, 2008 | 6th Grade
- **Geography Bee**
Mon, Dec 15, 2008 - 10:00 AM
- **SIPA Board Meeting (Room 007)**
Wed, Dec 17, 2008 - 10:00 AM
- **Christmas Sing**
Fri, Dec 19, 2008 - 9:30 AM
- **NO SCHOOL**
Mon, Dec 22, 2008 to Fri, Dec 26, 2008 | Christmas Break
- **NO SCHOOL**
Mon, Dec 29, 2008 to Fri, Jan 02, 2009 | Christmas Break

Visit the Rocky Mountain website at
<http://RockyMountainElementary.org>
to view the full Dec 2008 calendar

PTA President's Message:

Season's Greetings!

We are incredibly proud of all our reflections entries – many of which went on to region. The reflections awards night, organized by Elaine Bateman and Tiana Nichols, our wonderful reflections commissioners, was a great tribute to the many "wow"-ing students! Parents, thanks for your support and encouragement of your children to go beyond the usual curriculum and everyday studies.

We hope that December will be a special month for you filled with warmth and time to reconnect with your families. Thanks for sharing your awesome kids with us and thank you for your constant meaningful support of the Rocky Mountain PTA!

Merry Christmas,
Andrea Motto
PTA President

Foster Parents Needed

How would it feel to suddenly move to a new school, with new teachers, new friends? That's what happens when children in foster care are placed with families outside their own communities. If there are not enough available foster families in each city or town in Utah County, children are placed in homes outside of their school boundaries, forcing them to change everything that is familiar to them. These changes increase the trauma that they experience.

"We have more children coming into foster care in this area than in the past," says Wendy Bunnell, Area Representative for the Utah Foster Care Foundation's Orem office. "Currently, there are 515 children in foster care right here in Utah County, many of them sibling groups who need to stay together." If you would like to respond to the need to help children in these challenging circumstances, please consider becoming a foster family.

Professional trainers offer free preparation classes and support groups for prospective foster/adoptive families. For more information, contact Wendy at 801.369.7824 or wendy.bunnell@utahfostercare.org.

Rocky Mountain Choir and Orchestra Concert

Come and kick off your holiday season with the Choir and Orchestra concert.

Tuesday, December 2, at 6:00 pm in the gym



(Choir and orchestra students, remember to come at 5:30 wearing your black and white clothes!)