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Greetings to all of our Palmer families,

Over the years December has become the month that most of us associate with giving. Whether giving gifts to celebrate a holiday or contributing to a charity of one's choice, people always seem to extend their generosity as the New Year approaches. It seems only natural then to take a minute to highlight some of the special ways that the spirit of giving is alive and well here at Palmer this month.

We ushered in December with our annual Family Reading Extravaganza night and what a night it was! Under Mrs. Mulcahy's talented direction staff members such as Mrs. Dayton, Mrs. Dibble, Mrs. Flynn, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Jurusik gave their time and energy to provide a night of family fun and reading to over one hundred students here at Palmer. If you weren't able to attend this year, then I encourage you to mark it on your calendars as a "must-do" for next year. You won't be disappointed!

On the heels of Reading Extravaganza was the annual holiday lunch-in for students. Again, countless adults gave many hours of their time and culinary expertise to ensure that the students enjoyed a delicious and festive meal. Mrs. Ashley had no shortage of staff and parent helpers to assist her on the big day! A special thank you also goes out to all of our families who sent in food items for the feast. As I said, the spirit of giving is certainly alive and well here at our school.

Well we barely had a chance to clear the roasting pans and paper products out of Main Office before it began to fill up again- yet this time it was with an impressive collection of baskets that were simply filled to the brim with an assortment of wonderful items. Yes, PATS "Breakfast with Santa" and "Craft Day" was right around the corner and there was much to be done. And yet again, our PATS parent-teacher organization, under the dedicated service of Patti Beaudoin, Dee Morgan, Sheri Abdullah and Rhonda Ashley, was armed and ready to prepare pancakes and eggs for a small army. One hundred and fifty breakfasts later, and almost as many photos of happy kids on Santa's knee, the event began to wind down with many visitors inquiring when we would be "doing it again!" It was gratifying to see the number of community members who joined our school family for this time of fellowship and fun.

And so I leave you with my personal heartfelt thanks for all the time and energy that each of you give in order to make this such a warm and vibrant school, and also for recognizing that being a part of your child's life here at school is perhaps the greatest gift you can exchange this holiday season.

Until next month,

Jamie Bernard