

# ASPEN Update

Aspen Academy Weekly Newsletter

December 20, 2023



- 12/20.....Eagles' Nest - January Calendars due
- 12/21.....January Meal ordering closes
- 12/21-1/1..Winter Break
- 12/27.....Winter Get Together-Skateville 12-4
- 1/2.....Scholars return to school
- 1/5.....AAA Winter 2024 Session registration due
- 1/8.....AAA Winter 2024 Session starts
- 1/8.....Winter Choir Concert 6 pm
- 1/9.....PTO Meeting 4:20 pm
- 1/12.....Middle School Dance

Greetings Aspen Academy Families,

As we close out 2023, I would like to remind you of how grateful we are for the gifts of your continued support, participation, and partnership in the education of 'our' scholars. We know it takes much more than teaching just academics to prepare our children for their future. To truly educate includes the teaching and support for each child through life lessons, emotional growth, and social development. These lessons often occur authentically, and we successfully navigate through these learning opportunities, in collaboration with you. We appreciate the gift of working in concert to best support our scholars.



Your generosity of the gift cards which were collected and shared with all staff members was truly appreciated! All of the extras you do year round to demonstrate your support and care is amazing. Please know we are very fortunate and thankful for our stakeholders.

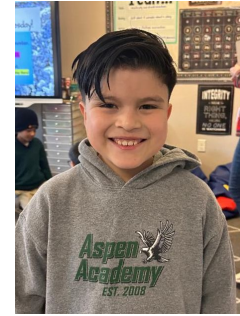
Enjoy the winter break! I am actually hoping for a little bit of a white holiday - I will be careful what I wish for with December weather in Minnesota! Here's hoping your holidays exceed expectations! See you in 2024.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs. Melanie Jiskra

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## Congrats to our 3rd Grade Scholar!

Congratulations to third grader, Jaime Jimenez Salazar, who was announced as the winner of the Scott County Best Poster for Recycling Contest! This contest was open to students in Scott County in grades 3-5. We are extremely proud of Jaime and his commitment to the recycling program we have started at Aspen Academy this school year.



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## Gingerbread Houses



First grade scholars and their families and special friends enjoyed a fabulous day of Gingerbread House making and decorating on Monday, December 18th! This is a tradition in first grade and it aligns with the Core Knowledge story of Hansel and Gretel. It was a full day of delicious and fun gingerbread treats and crafts.

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## AAA Winter 2024 Sign-up

Winter Sign up is open. See link for flyer below.  
Questions, please contact Ms. Berndt,  
[mandi.berndt@aspenacademymn.org](mailto:mandi.berndt@aspenacademymn.org).

\*\*Note-the flyer has been updated with a basketball option.

[AAA Winter 2024 Flyer](#)



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## Skateville Get-together

Aspen Winter Get-together - Sponsored by the PTO

Looking for something to do over Winter Break?  
Want to meet and hang out with other Aspen families?

Skateville: Wednesday, December 27th, 12-4 pm

All grade levels welcome to skate together! (Skateville will be open to the public during this time.) \$10 Admission fee, plus \$4 skate rental (if needed) and nominal locker fee.



Questions? [pto@aspenacademymn.org](mailto:pto@aspenacademymn.org)



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