

# *The William Bick Primary Communicator*

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## William Bick Primary Vision

Educate the child today to promote success for tomorrow.

## William Bick Primary Mission

At William Bick Primary, we will strive to create a caring, safe environment, which enables every individual to learn. We will foster intellectual, social, physical, and creative development in each child.

## **Family Fun Reading Night**

**WHAT:** An evening of holiday fun for the whole family!

**WHEN:** Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** William Bick Primary School

**Drop in for some holiday fun at our Family Fun Reading Night!**

**There will be activities for the whole family to enjoy:**

- Listen to Holiday stories in the library!
- Have your picture taken with Santa!
- Make a holiday craft!
- Write a letter to Santa Claus!
- Find a place to curl up together and read a great story!
- Take A.R. quizzes!
- Shop at the Santa Shop!
- Enjoy cookies and milk!
- Check out a library book!
- Go on a scavenger hunt!

## **Early Release Day**

In order to provide the best instruction for your child the district is committed to continued training and in-service time for staff. Our next early release day is **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. On this day car riders and bus riders will be dismissed at 1:25 p.m. to go home for the day. Since there will be no one available to supervise students, all students must leave school grounds at the end of the school day. Our remaining early release days are scheduled for **February 13 and April 24**.

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## Superintendent's December Update

By Jim Smith

The voters have spoken. With the passage of State Issue 5, smoking is now banned outside of exterior doors leading into public buildings. As a result, we are removing outside ash receptacles from the high and middle schools and are asking the public to cooperate with this new state requirement. Smoking is still permitted in other outside areas beyond the exterior doors.

Through the generosity of Wichards, Southside and the High School Tiger Boosters, new scoreboards will soon be installed beyond the home run fences on both the baseball and softball fields at our high school athletic complex. The scoreboards are quite large and will provide up to date information for fans attending games. We do expect the scoreboards to be fully functional in time for spring baseball and softball seasons.

Both the middle and high schools have recently undergone Technical Review Visits (TRV) from outside education experts. The reviews are designed to evaluate the progress each school is making with their continuous improvement plans as well as areas that need to be addressed for future improvement. The review teams are made up of individuals assigned by the state as well as area educators from schools that participate in the High Schools That Work and Middle Grades That Matter reform models. Team members sit in on classes as well as interview students and teachers about their educational experiences. While we are pleased with our district "excellent" rating, we will not rest on our laurels. As state and federal requirements continue to grow, we need to respond accordingly. That's how we got to be excellent and that's how we can stay excellent. The reviews are simply part of that process.

December is typically the month for holiday concerts, sporting events and plays with plenty going on in each of the buildings. Check out our web site at [www.betheltate.org](http://www.betheltate.org) for a complete list of upcoming events. In closing, the board of education, staff and I wish the very best for you and your family for the holidays and the new year to come. And again, thank you for your support of Bethel-Tate Schools.

### School Closings and Delays

In the event of severe weather conditions on a school day, please listen to the radio. We recommend WLW 700 AM or WKRC 550 AM. School closing and delay information will also be posted on our school website, [www.betheltate.org](http://www.betheltate.org). If we have a one or two hour delay to the start of school, we will not serve breakfast.

#### Calendar

- 12/11/06-11/14/06 Santa's Gift Shop
- 12/12/06 Early Release Day
- 12/12/06 Family Fun Reading Night
- 12/20/06-1/1/07 Christmas Break – No School







