



Winter 2024 EDITION

# Starlight School Newsletter

## Letter from the Director



Mother Nature has let us know that winter is here! So far we have taken two full snow days and had one 2 hour delay. This leaves us with just 4 more full snow days for the remainder of the year. Please remember in the event of bad weather and school cancellations you will receive a phone call or a text message from the school and the information will be on the Whiz News website. If you have not received a call or a text this year, please call the front office so you can be added to our one call list.

We had a great holiday season and the students enjoyed a candy cane hunt, a visit from Santa Claus and cookie decorating. SA1 and SA2 participated in Christmas Around the World and the staff did an excellent job of engaging with the students and making all the activities fun and exciting.

We have several local college students that are completing their practicum and student teaching hours in different classrooms throughout the school. We love showing future teachers and para-professionals how wonderful our students are and the importance of the work that we do.

## Health *AND* Wellness

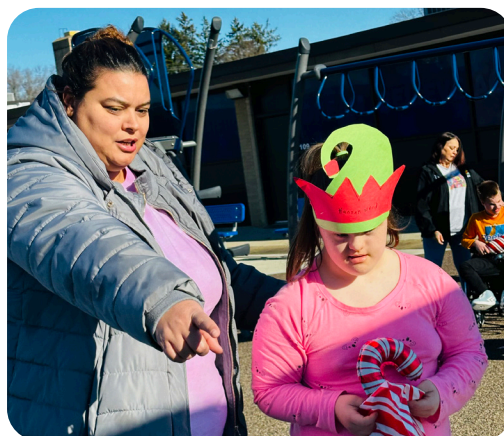
Just a reminder we offer free Breakfast and Lunch to all our students. We follow the Ohio Department of Education's National School Meal Healthy Initiative Program. The menus are reviewed and distributed monthly and can also be located on the MCBDD website.

As always we want to thank you for your continued support and look forward to the upcoming Springtime!

Sincerely,  
*Brent Brannon*

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Director of Educational Services

## Candy Cane Hunt



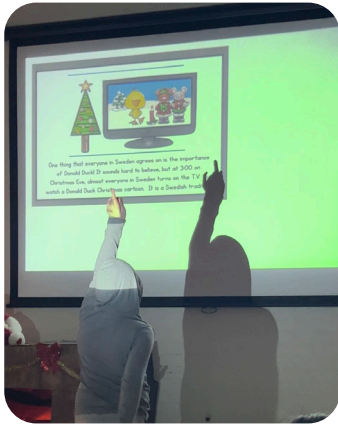
Starlight Preschoolers participated in a Candy Cane Hunt on December 5th, along with Preschoolers from Franklin Local and Zanesville City. The visitors loved our playground and would like to come back for another inclusive event, hopefully during warmer weather!

All of the other grade levels enjoyed the Candy Cane Hunt the following week.





# Christmas Around the World



Starlight students learned about holiday traditions from all over the globe! They created crafts and sang songs to celebrate in many different ways.



## Thanks Home Depot!

Staff from Home Depot taught children and their families how to create a Holiday Sweater Ornament. Everyone enjoyed learning a new skill. The tiny orange hammers and aprons made the activity extra fun!



# Starlight School Calendar

## 2023-2024

<b>August</b>	17 & 18 21 29	Professional Days First Day for School Age Students First Day Preschool
<b>September</b>	4 8	Labor Day – No School Professional Day – No School
<b>October</b>	9 20 27	Columbus Day – No School End of First Grading Period Parent Teacher Conferences – No School
<b>November</b>	10 23-24	Veterans Day – No School Thanksgiving Break
<b>December</b>	20	Holiday Break Begins
<b>January</b>	2 5 15	School Resumes End of Second Grading Period Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
<b>February</b>	19	President's Day – No School
<b>March</b>	8 22 29	End of Third Grading Period Parent Teacher Conferences – No School Spring Break
<b>April</b>	1	Spring Break
<b>May</b>	17 22 23	End of Fourth Grading Period Last Day of School - Students Last Day of School – 9 Month Staff

