



# DESERT HAPPENINGS

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December 19	Dec 23-Jan 3	January 6	January 15	January 17
Christmas Program	Christmas Vacation	Classes Resume	Minimum Day TCP	2nd Quarter Ends

## Christmas Program Changes

*Due to scheduling conflicts we are pushing our DAA Christmas Program on the 19th from 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Thank You for making this change on your calendar.*



## Christmas Program Updates

**T**he students and teachers are working hard to get ready for this year's Christmas program. This year will be a little different from years past. Each class will show their talent in a variety of ways. There will be singing, bells, chimes, scripture reading, and a time to sing Christmas songs together. It will be a wonderful time remembering that Jesus is the reason for the season. The Christmas program is on De-

cember 19 at 7:00 p.m. Students are to encouraged to wear church clothing in Christmas colors. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.



**You Are Invited to support**  
**DAA Bell Choir**  
 Neuro Vitality Center  
 Thursday, December 12  
 11:30 am.  
 Westfield Palm Desert Mall  
 Thursday, December 12  
 5:00 pm  
 Palm Desert Oasis Church  
 Saturday, December 15  
 10:30 a.m.  
 Thursday, December 19  
 DAA Christmas Program  
 7:00 pm



**On Thursday, December 5,  
 DAA Bell Choir Visited  
 Manor Care**

## Late Procedure Reminder

**A**ll students who arrive late to school—8:15 or later need to check in with the office and receive a "Tardy Slip" to enter their classroom.

This procedure will help make sure your child's absence is changed to a tardy and hot lunch will be ordered if necessary.

Hot Lunch:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Dec. 9-12	Pizza	Quesadillas	Macaroni 'n' Cheese	Vegetarian Tacos



## Gingerbread Fun Facts:

- June 5th & November 21st are National Gingerbread Day.
- At first, European gingerbreads were only made by Catholic monks and were usually created in the forms of angels & saints.
- The gingerbread house became popular in Germany after the Brothers Grimm published their collection of fairy tales that included "Hansel & Gretel" in the 19th century.
- A doctor once prescribed gingerbread for the Swedish King Hans to cure his depression.
- Queen Elizabeth I of England is credited with the first gingerbread man.
- Nuremberg, Germany has the title, "Gingerbread Capital of the World."

## Bible Text of the Week

*While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them*

Luke 2: 6-7 NIV

## Box Tops for Education

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## CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT:

### GRADES 5TH & 6TH REACH OUT TO REFUGEES

**T**he 5th and 6th graders have been getting back into the swing of things after having a nice Thanksgiving Break. With the start of the Christmas season fast approaching, the 5th and 6th graders were able to share a little joy to those around them. Mrs. Goen has a friend from college named Bethani King; she is currently living in Columbia, helping to provide care for refugees who are walking from their country, often leaving everything behind. She is providing aide to them as they walk, either at shelters for the night or by providing as much

food, medical care, and transportation as possible. She reached out to our class to ask if we could write encouraging notes for those who are traveling far. The students were excited and happy to help out in this way. One of the big struggles was that they had to write their notes in Spanish. The students had fun looking up the verses in English so they could know what the verses were saying. This small act of kindness may not seem like a huge deal to us, but to those who will receive these messages, will hopefully be encouraged to

know that there are other people who are thinking about them.

If you would like to know more about my friend Bethani and all the work she is doing you can visit her at [www.onthgroundnow.org](http://www.onthgroundnow.org)

Mrs. Goen

