



# DESERT HAPPENINGS

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November 25-29	December 19	Dec 23-Jan 3	January 6	January 15
Thanksgiving Vacation	Christmas Program	Christmas Vacation	Classes Resume	Minimum Day TCP

## Shoeboxes Begin Incredible Journey

**A** big thank you to all students and families who were able to participate in Operation Christmas Child and pack a shoebox this year. We collected 30 boxes! While your job is complete, your shoebox's journey is only beginning. After delivering it to your classroom, your shoebox was dropped off at Desert Springs Church in Palm Desert. From there, your shoebox will be boxed up and loaded on a big truck where it will be driven to the processing site. Here, boxes are inspected by

volunteers to meet the receiving country's customs requirements, consolidated and prepared for shipment. Next, hundreds of trucks and sea containers are ready to transport your box and millions like it. It will be custom cleared and delivered to local churches and ministry partners in one of many countries in need. Finally, your shoebox is given into the hands of a child during a lively, fun event where a gospel presentation is given and literature is provided in their

language about Jesus. What a wonderful blessing you took part in!



Children receiving their shoebox Treasures.

## DAA Students Are Thankful

**S**tudents were asked to share what they are thankful for this year:

**Jeffrey Smith, TK**—My Staffed animal

**Gemma Eppey, K**—My toys

**Noah Perez, K**—My Toys

**Beckett Smith K** — My Legos

**Chasen Roberson K** —My house

**Mason Roberson 1st**—My mom

**Jakob Trudeau, 1st**—Legos

**Brielle Dial, 1st**—My dog

**Layla Lopez, 1st**—For books

**Greta Emori 1st**—My family

**Daniel Lopez, 3rd**—My snails

**Brody Wade 3rd**— My sister

**Miriam Galan 3rd**—My friends, family, life and phone

**Sydney Rodriguez 4th**— My house, friends and pets

**Natasha Lukemire 4th**—My friends and the cold

**Jonah Candari 4th**—My friends and family

**Zachary Leiske 5th**— My family

**Miguel Sosa 5th**— My dad and mom

**Alexander Leiske 5th**— My dogs and other pets

**Brayden Rich 5th**— Pizza

**Gianna Fernandez 6th**— Family, friends and food

**Rebeca Lopez 6th**—The weather

**Isabella Allen 6th**—Pop tarts and friends

**Ariana Avalos 7th**— My family and God

**Kristoph Stein-Steele 7th**—My dogs

**Emely Gonzalez 8th**— Family and all God's blessings

**Noah Rich 8th**—My cats



Hot Lunch:	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Dec 2-5	Pizza	Bean & Cheese Burrito	Spaghetti	Haystacks

## Christmas Program Changes

**D**ue to a scheduling conflict 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.



## Thanksgiving Fun Facts

- The first Thanksgiving lasted 3 days.
- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird.
- Although, Thanksgiving is widely considered an American holiday, Canadians celebrate as well in October.
- The first Thanksgiving was eaten with spoons & knives, but no forks. Forks weren't introduced to the Pilgrims until 10 years later and weren't popular until the 18th century.
- Thanksgiving is the reason for TV dinners! In 1953, Swanson had so much extra turkey (260 tons) that a salesman shared his idea of packaging it onto aluminum trays with other sides.

## Bible Text of the Week

Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and His wonderful deeds for mankind.

For He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.

Psalms 107: 8-9 NIV



## CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: 2ND-4TH GRADE Saving The Turkey and Other Math Fun

**T**he last couple of weeks on the Scarlet Rose have been full of fun. Fourth grade has been working on distributive property and got to use the Mickey Mouse method, and then all of the pirates had fun working with fractions whether they were figuring out how many parts make up the whole adding fractions or learning how to make improper fractions into mixed numbers. They also had a fun mission where they were asked to go on a very special Thanksgiving task.

Their mission was to disguise a paper turkey in such a way that

the turkey would be saved from Thanksgiving dinner. It was a blast and the Scarlet Rose pirates and their families were incredibly creative. We look forward to Thanksgiving Dinner and then the beginning of the Christmas season where we will be on other missions to make Christmas awesome for every pirate



and those around us.

Mrs. Rivas  
2nd-4th Grades