



# Four Mile Elementary Family Zone



December 2023

## LEADER IN ME FAMILY NIGHT

Thank you to the Four Mile families who attended our first Leader in Me Family Night! We hope that you enjoyed learning about the leadership habits that we reinforce at school each day. Thanks to Four Mile teachers for staying late to lead the sessions! We will have a Family Math and Literacy night in March. Stay tuned!



## FOUR MILE DESIGNATED AS A “HIGH PERFORMING” SCHOOL!

As we briefly shared last month, Four Mile Elementary has maintained a “High Performing” designation in 2023 by the State of Iowa! Our overall score increased from 62.31 in 2022 to 63.27 in 2023. We are excited to celebrate this consistency and growth with you!

While we have many things to celebrate at Four Mile, we will continue to work towards improvement in academic instruction and support in social emotional development.

Four Mile Elementary is committed to the following:

- Providing a safe and positive environment in which students, families and staff feel valued.
- Celebrating students’ attendance at school
- Connecting and actively partnering with students and families.
- Collaborating with stakeholders for each student.
- Building and strengthening our student-centered culture.
- Embracing the ALL MEANS ALL belief when planning instruction and responding to data.
- Helping students build confidence, motivation, and their leadership skills.
- Maintaining a Goal Focused and Data Informed Environment



- Our next Spirit Night is on December 12th from 11am-11pm at the Altoona Applebees.
- There is no monthly PTA meeting in December.



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# Thanks Four Mile Families! Your donations to Caring Hands Food Pantry were greatly appreciated!



## Chill Out With a Book and Help Those in Need Day

A special day is coming up to support our Season of Sharing project. We will be accepting cash donations during our “Chill Out With a Book and Help Those in Need Day” on Friday, December 8th. (Any and ALL donations are appreciated!) Students will have the privilege of wearing pajamas this Friday and all classrooms will participate in a “read-in” at some point during the day. Your child’s teacher will also let the class know whether they are able to bring a stuffed animal, pillow, or blanket.

All money raised during this event will directly support students and families at Four Mile Elementary in need of holiday assistance. Your child may bring their donation on or before Friday, December 8th. (Checks may be made payable to Four Mile Caring Committee.) Thank you in advance for helping support families in our Four Mile Community.

## Winter Party Information

Winter Parties will be on Friday, December 22. Grade level teaching teams will decide on the party time for each grade level. We are asking some families to make monetary donations to help teachers pay for the games/activities. We are also asking that families consider donating snacks, drinks or paper products. Donations are due by 9am on December 22. These parties are for students and staff to celebrate together. We are looking forward to a Winter Celebration with your children! [Here is a link to sign-up to donate!](#)

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday, December 7 - 2nd grade concert 6:00pm; 3rd grade concert 7:00pm
- Friday, December 8- “Chill Out With a Book and Help Those in Need” Day
- Wednesday, December 20- All School Holiday Sing-a-Long. Students may wear holiday headware and festive holiday sweaters!
- Friday, December 22- Winter Parties (times will be determined by each grade level team)
- Monday-Monday, December 25 - January 1 - Winter break - no school
- Tuesday, January 2 - Classes resume
- Tuesday, January 2- February 2- i-Ready Math Diagnostic Screening K-5
- Monday, January 8- Friday, January 19 Winter FAST and aReading screening