



IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday, January 2- Classes resume
- Monday, January 6-Friday, January 17- Winter FAST and aReading screening
- Monday, January 6- Friday, February 7- Winter K-5 iReady Math Diagnostic screening
- Tuesday, January 14- PTA Meeting at 6pm
- Friday, January 17- Four Mile "Pack the Stands" night at SEP HS Basketball game (6:15pm) - 1 student free with each paying adult
- Monday, January 20- No school. Teacher Professional Development Day
- Friday, January 31- PTA Bingo Night at Four Mile 5:30-7pm
- Friday, February 7- Riordan and Sandmann's classes to ELC for snowshow activity with Polk Co.
- Friday, February 7- World Read Aloud Day
- Friday, February 7- Super Bowl pregame- everyone wear sports shirts/jerseys to school
- Tuesday, February 11- PTA at 6pm
- Thursday, February 13- Student Lighthouse Team makes comfort quilts in the FM Library, 3:45-5pm
- Friday, February 14- Valentine Party Day
- Saturday, February 15- National SRO Appreciation Day
- Friday, February 21-1st grade and 2nd grade field trip to Civic Center
- Friday, February 28 Read Across America Day Celebration at Four Mile (it's actually on Sunday, March 2)

FOUR MILE SEASON OF SHARING HELPS 35 FAMILIES AND 83 CHILDREN

The generosity of our community this holiday season has been incredible! We are so thankful for all those who have helped to make this season brighter for so many of our Four Mile families in need. Through Season of Sharing 2024, we were able to help 35 families and 83 children with gifts, food, blankets, household needs, and clothes. We are forever grateful for this incredible community!

Thank you...

- Shannon Newton and New Life Church
- Abbey Sinclair and Channel Prime Alliance
- Altoona Lutheran Church of the Cross
- Elks Lodge
- Southeast Polk Class of 1985
- Keystone Bank
- East Coast TaeKwonDo Club
- Pleasant Hill Police ~ Cops 4 Kids
- The Shriners
- Mrs. Messer
- Mrs. Parrie
- Nurse Andrea

And finally, thank you so very much to our incredibly generous Four Mile families and staff who have gone above and beyond this year to make the holidays a little brighter for everyone! Thank you for bringing joy and kindness to so many!

FOUR MILE ATTENDANCE

Four Mile families- we continue to make great progress in improving our students' attendance at school! In December 2024, our FM students' chronic absenteeism rate was 14%. This is a 3% decrease from 2023 when our rate was 17%. Iowa's state chronic absenteeism rate in December '24 was 13%. We only exceeded the state average by 1%. Let's keep working hard on this. We really want to have a chronic absenteeism rate of less than 10% each month. We can do it!

Leadership Portfolios for our 3rd-5th Grade Students!

The start of a new year is a great time to set goals. Research has shown that the simple act of writing a goal greatly increases the chances of accomplishing the goal. If the goal is broken down into action steps and the action steps are tracked, goals have an even greater percentage of success. This procedure builds momentum, but also instills a sense of accountability and purpose.

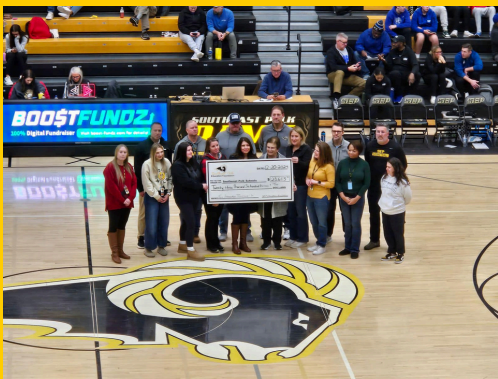
At Four Mile, our third through fifth grade students embrace this process through their Leadership Portfolios. They write their academic and personal goals in their Leadership Portfolios. The notebook is divided into 5 different sections; My Self, My WIGs (Wildly Important Goals), My Learning, My Leadership and My Celebrations. Students document their academic and personal goals, reflect on their growth, and celebrate their achievements.

Through this process, students not only build essential organizational and goal-setting skills but also develop a strong sense of ownership and pride in their growth and accomplishments.

Leadership Portfolios will be shared with caregivers during our student led conferences in the spring.



SEP FOUNDATION AWARDS TWO GRANTS TO FOUR MILE!



Mrs. Dehrkoop, Miss McCrory and Mrs. Davenport represented Four Mile during a check presentation at the SEP Varsity Basketball on December 20. Four Mile was recently awarded a Southeast Polk Education Foundation grant for sensory pathways and a shared grant with Willowbrook for Spintronic Kits.

A sensory pathway is a series of visual and tactile cues that guide students through a physical activity to help them develop gross motor skills, improve balance and coordination, and process information. It can also provide a calming response that aids in regulation of emotions. The Spintronic Kits teach mechanical engineering and gears and they will be a great resource in our TAG program.

REMINDER- there is NO SCHOOL for students on January 20 while teachers engage in Professional Learning and Collaboration.

A NOTE FROM PTA...

Our Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser raised \$1,500 for our PTA! THANK YOU for your support!

Our January Community Spirit Night will be on Wednesday, Jan. 15th from 4:00 - 7:00 at McDonald's in Pleasant Hill. 20% of all INSIDE sales will be donated back to our PTA!

Family Bingo Night is back! Save the date: Friday, Jan. 31st at 6:00p.m. More details to come!

We are planning to reschedule our Vendor Show, and will decide at our next PTA meeting when that will be, so stay tuned!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the Four Mile Library. Free childcare! Hope to see you there!