

# Eagle Eye News

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## United We Soar!

**Peace is not just the absence of conflict; it is the creation of an environment where all can flourish.**

### CALENDAR

**December**

**18 Christmas Program**

(students arrive at 5:15pm, show starts at 6pm)

**19 Noon Dismissal**

**last day of school for 2025!  
(no after school care)**

**January**

**6 (Tues) Students return to school**

**15 Parent Meeting, 6pm**

Re: Texas Education Freedom Accounts



### **A Message From The Principal:**

*Luke 2:14 – Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.*

Jesus came into the world to restore what was broken and to teach us a new way of living with one another. His birth reminds us that peace begins when we allow God's love to shape our hearts.

Christ's peace calls us to look beyond ourselves. It invites us to show goodwill through patience, empathy, and grace—especially when it's difficult. In our school community, peace is built when we listen carefully, speak kindly, and choose unity over division. These everyday choices reflect the spirit of Christmas far more than decorations or gifts ever could.

As we celebrate this season, let's allow Christ's peace to guide our actions and strengthen our relationships. When we carry His peace with us, we become part of God's answer to a world longing for hope, healing, and harmony.

Blessings,  
Ms. Ellis



# Meet our EXCELent Eagles!



**Genesis  
Kinder**



**Q: Do you have a favorite Bible story?**

**A:** Stories about Jesus because He loves me.



**Q: What's something fun you do with your classmates?**

**A:** Play at recess.



**Q: Do you have any pets?**

**A:** Four fish. My grandma helps me take care of them.



**Q: Which Bible character do you admire?**

**A:** David, because he was brave and a man after God's own heart.



**Q: If you could go pro in any sport, which would you choose?**

**A:** Football, as a wide receiver.



**Q: What is your favorite thing to do outside of school?**

**A:** Just chill. I like going to Urban Air.

**Follow-up Q: What's Urban Air?**

**A:** It's like a trampoline park.



**Samuel  
8<sup>th</sup> grade**

# Storytime



## Candy Canes

"Mmm...I love candy canes! They're my favorite Christmas treat," Abbie said as she licked her sweet candy.

"They are yummy," said Mom. "But what makes them my favorite Christmas candy is the story they tell."

"Candy canes tell a story?" Abbie asked.

"Yes," Mom said with a gleam of excitement in her eyes. "Flip your candy cane upside down. What letter do you see?"

"It's the letter J," Abbie replied.

"That's right," Mom said. "And at Christmas we remember the birth of...?"

"Jesus!" said Abbie. "The J stands for Jesus!"

"You got it. The candy cane reminds us of Jesus at Christmas, and it also reminds us of two special groups of people who came to visit Jesus after He was born. If you turn your candy cane upright again, what does it look like?"

"A shepherd's staff!" Abbie exclaimed.

Mom nodded. "The staff reminds us of the shepherds who came to visit Jesus—and also that Jesus Himself is our Good Shepherd. And as you taste your candy cane, the sweet peppermint flavor tickles your tongue, which can be a reminder of the spices the wise men gave to Jesus."

"This part of the story tastes good," said Abbie, giving her candy cane another lick. "What do the colors mean?"

"The red represents the blood Jesus poured out for us when He died on the cross for our sins, and the white reminds us that when we trust Jesus as our Savior, He washes our sin away and makes us clean."

"I never knew the candy cane told a story before!" Abbie said as she munched on a hard piece of her candy cane.

"Every part of the candy cane tells a story. Even the fact that the candy cane is hard points to Jesus being our solid rock."

"Wow, that's amazing! Would it be okay if I give some candy canes to my friends at school? I want to tell them the story of the candy cane too!"

"That's a wonderful idea," Mom replied. "Telling others the story of Jesus is one of the best gifts you can give your friends."

"Yeah," said Abbie. "And it tastes good too!"

—Rachel Vruggink

### How about you?

Do you have a friend you could tell the story of the candy cane? Telling others about Jesus's birth and how He died on the cross for their sins and rose again is a wonderful story to share at Christmastime. The shepherds were so excited when they saw Jesus that they spread the good news! Who can you share the good news of Jesus with this Christmas?

When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child.

Luke 2:17 NIV



Ms. Winsome - 12/4

Khamry - 12/7

Amahra - 12/9

Khristian - 12/31

Yvonia - 1/1

Ihechi - 1/4



## RIDDLE OF THE WEEK

Why are Christmas trees so bad at sewing?



Answer: They always drop their needles!