Good morning! Now with the change of temperatures, I am noticing that many students are still coming without winter coats. We will walk outside and have recess outside at 20 degrees or above. Please encourage your child to dress warmly. We are down to two weeks before break. Third and fourth grades will be taking MAP testing next week (12th-15th) so please be mindful of this as we want all students to be in school.

**Student Council:** Sagewood Student Council is sponsoring a diaper drive for Lydia House in Omaha.  (If you would like more information about this organization please check out their website at <http://www.opendoormission.org/>).  We will be collecting diapers December 11th through the 15th.  All diapers can be brought and stacked up under the trophy cases in the front of the school.  Lydia House shared that they need all sizes of diapers but sizes 4-5-6 are there biggest needs. There will also be a donation box in the office, if you would rather donate money to their organization!

**The Mitten Tree:** Thank you to all of our families who donated to our giving event. Our gifts are packed up and they will be taken to the school for the families in need to pick up. I am so thankful that we can be a part of making their holidays more special.

**DECEMBER DATES:**

11th Battle of the Books​

22nd Winter Parties 2:15

 Winter Break begins

**NEWS FROM PTO:**

**ELF CLUB:**The PTO is currently doing our holiday collection drive for all staff members of Sagewood. This voluntary and anonymous gift for staff will be accepted now through Friday, December 15th via cash, check or card (via [PayPal.me/sagewoodPTO](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/IXG9Ib9odK3oVRUf4ZI_5w~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcAwGzP0QcaHR0cDovL3BheXBhbC5tZS9zYWdld29vZFBUT1cHc2Nob29sbVgEAAAAAEIKAAEzziFa-yiIIEEIAG0FCT6ajPZSGnNhcmFoa2ZyYW5rbGluQGhvdG1haWwuY29tCVEEAAAAAEeoeyJwZXJzb25pZCI6IjE1NDg1IiwidXNlcmlkIjoiNiIsInNlbnRUaW1lTXMiOiIxNTEyMTY0OTA4MzgzIiwic2VxdWVuY2UiOiIwIiwic2hhcmRpZCI6IjQiLCJlbWFpbFNvdXJjZSI6IkNVU1RPTUVSX0pPQiIsImVudiI6InByb2QiLCJqb2JpZCI6IjQ5MjYiLCJjdXN0b21lcmlkIjoiNDY0MyJ9)). All money received will be pooled to show our appreciation to your child's teachers, teaching assistants, specials teachers, and custodial and office staff, as they all have an impact on our children and their education! While any donation is greatly appreciated to help us meet our goals, it would be absolutely amazing if families could consider giving $5 per student. Please see the attached flier for further details! [(Elf Club Flier)](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/RMU2tfCJHTQm833cYiQIrg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcAwGwP0RSaHR0cHM6Ly9kcml2ZS5nb29nbGUuY29tL2ZpbGUvZC8xbjQxSExMZGxJNDdlUG9FOUpnZlJib3BvbFdzLTkzWjQvdmlldz91c3A9c2hhcmluZ1cHc2Nob29sbVgEAAAAAEIKAAIwziFaqdspAEEIAK0FCZUaZ5dSDkpNaW5pbm9Aa3cuY29tCVEEAAAAAEeoeyJzaGFyZGlkIjoiNCIsImpvYmlkIjoiNDkyNiIsInVzZXJpZCI6IjYiLCJzZXF1ZW5jZSI6IjAiLCJwZXJzb25pZCI6IjExMDkxIiwiY3VzdG9tZXJpZCI6IjQ2NDMiLCJlbnYiOiJwcm9kIiwic2VudFRpbWVNcyI6IjE1MTIxNjQ5MDc3ODciLCJlbWFpbFNvdXJjZSI6IkNVU1RPTUVSX0pPQiJ9)

**TAGG CONTEST:**While you are out shopping and going out to eat this Holiday Season – don’t forget to TAGG! **Sagewood Elementary is having a TAGG contest from *Dec 1 – 31***.  TAGG (which stands for Together A Greater Good) is an app that originates from here in Omaha.    TAGG provides a unique way for schools / non-profits to raise funds year-round **without** the traditional method of going around and asking for donations or selling anything!  Within the TAGG app – select-businesses choose to participate with TAGG and will donate a certain percentage of sales back to the organization of your choice (which is Sagewood Elementary)!  All you have to do is download the app and stop by the select businesses that are listed on the app, TAGG your receipt within 7 days and your TAGG will count for the contest.   Please when you TAGG – be sure to select your child’s classroom.   At the end of the contest a report is ran by TAGG (TAGGs are separated by teacher) so the classroom with the most TAGGs from Dec 1 – 31will be able to receive a popcorn party in January!     Look for the fliers coming home in your child’s weekly folder for further information OR please visit their website and follow the simple steps on how to download the app ~ [http://www.togetheragreatergood.com/](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/tjQH1DRfCcR_NNLyjHnizg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcAwGwP0QkaHR0cDovL3d3dy50b2dldGhlcmFncmVhdGVyZ29vZC5jb20vVwdzY2hvb2xtWAQAAAAAQgoAAjDOIVqp2ykAQQgArQUJlRpnl1IOSk1pbmlub0Brdy5jb20JUQQAAAAAR6h7InNoYXJkaWQiOiI0IiwiZW52IjoicHJvZCIsImpvYmlkIjoiNDkyNiIsImVtYWlsU291cmNlIjoiQ1VTVE9NRVJfSk9CIiwicGVyc29uaWQiOiIxMTA5MSIsInNlbnRUaW1lTXMiOiIxNTEyMTY0OTA3Nzg3Iiwic2VxdWVuY2UiOiIwIiwiY3VzdG9tZXJpZCI6IjQ2NDMiLCJ1c2VyaWQiOiI2In0~) [(TAGG FLIER)](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/cSZLgC5dDP5ircibqSOeWg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcAwGwP0RSaHR0cHM6Ly9kcml2ZS5nb29nbGUuY29tL2ZpbGUvZC8xaTJtRXJXWFJqZGZKQk1BbU8zSXdMNWFEYmJhbmVWblMvdmlldz91c3A9c2hhcmluZ1cHc2Nob29sbVgEAAAAAEIKAAIwziFaqdspAEEIAK0FCZUaZ5dSDkpNaW5pbm9Aa3cuY29tCVEEAAAAAEeoeyJzaGFyZGlkIjoiNCIsInVzZXJpZCI6IjYiLCJwZXJzb25pZCI6IjExMDkxIiwiZW52IjoicHJvZCIsInNlcXVlbmNlIjoiMCIsInNlbnRUaW1lTXMiOiIxNTEyMTY0OTA3Nzg3Iiwiam9iaWQiOiI0OTI2IiwiZW1haWxTb3VyY2UiOiJDVVNUT01FUl9KT0IiLCJjdXN0b21lcmlkIjoiNDY0MyJ9) [TAGG Promo Dec 2017.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/g-Ik8nKK0c1j0i9fnGXkhg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcAwGwP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPUF5SXhtM0lNVW5VJm1hbD04ZTFjZTUwZDM4MTUyNDY5YjFmM2I1OTEzYTYxYjE2M2YzYTQ4ZTM5ZDI3NDFiNTg5YmFiZDc2YmFiZTY3OWQzVwdzY2hvb2xtWAQAAAAAQgoAAjDOIVqp2ykAQQgArQUJlRpnl1IOSk1pbmlub0Brdy5jb20JUQQAAAAAR6h7ImpvYmlkIjoiNDkyNiIsImN1c3RvbWVyaWQiOiI0NjQzIiwic2VudFRpbWVNcyI6IjE1MTIxNjQ5MDc3ODciLCJlbWFpbFNvdXJjZSI6IkNVU1RPTUVSX0pPQiIsInNoYXJkaWQiOiI0IiwiZW52IjoicHJvZCIsInBlcnNvbmlkIjoiMTEwOTEiLCJzZXF1ZW5jZSI6IjAiLCJ1c2VyaWQiOiI2In0~)

**FAMILY DINNER NIGHT:**Our next Family Dinner Night will be on Wednesday, December 13th at Buffalo Wild Wings!!  Make sure you mention Sagewood when paying and BWW will donate 10% of sales back to PTO.  We hope to see you there! [(BWW Family Dinner Night Flier)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pj4iijd6fgamg2NE3Mxody2Wv3CjUDvu/view?usp=sharing)

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT w/ THE LANCER’s:**Sagewood is having a family fun night at the Lancer’s on Friday, January 5th.  Tickets are $14 each and are available for purchase now using this link ([https://lancers.sportngin.com/register/form/474411611](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/dH9No3pltHjssRz7u2WU0Q~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcAwGwP0Q1aHR0cHM6Ly9sYW5jZXJzLnNwb3J0bmdpbi5jb20vcmVnaXN0ZXIvZm9ybS80NzQ0MTE2MTFXB3NjaG9vbG1YBAAAAABCCgACMM4hWqnbKQBBCACtBQmVGmeXUg5KTWluaW5vQGt3LmNvbQlRBAAAAABHqHsic2VxdWVuY2UiOiIwIiwiZW52IjoicHJvZCIsImpvYmlkIjoiNDkyNiIsInNlbnRUaW1lTXMiOiIxNTEyMTY0OTA3Nzg3IiwiZW1haWxTb3VyY2UiOiJDVVNUT01FUl9KT0IiLCJjdXN0b21lcmlkIjoiNDY0MyIsInNoYXJkaWQiOiI0IiwicGVyc29uaWQiOiIxMTA5MSIsInVzZXJpZCI6IjYifQ~~)).  The Lancer’s will be donating between $3 & $6 per ticket back to Sagewood PTO so please tell parents, cousins, and friends to join in the fun!  PLUS…come watch our 3rd graders sing the National Anthem before the puck hits the ice!!!! [(Lancers Flier)](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/jgegPMauYtFnzqCyWV4e1A~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcAwGwP0RSaHR0cHM6Ly9kcml2ZS5nb29nbGUuY29tL2ZpbGUvZC8xLThONTl4azA3ZlVDSVJ1cVphYUlRb3ZiZEpkWHJUZFEvdmlldz91c3A9c2hhcmluZ1cHc2Nob29sbVgEAAAAAEIKAAIwziFaqdspAEEIAK0FCZUaZ5dSDkpNaW5pbm9Aa3cuY29tCVEEAAAAAEeoeyJzZW50VGltZU1zIjoiMTUxMjE2NDkwNzc4NyIsImN1c3RvbWVyaWQiOiI0NjQzIiwiam9iaWQiOiI0OTI2IiwicGVyc29uaWQiOiIxMTA5MSIsInNoYXJkaWQiOiI0IiwiZW1haWxTb3VyY2UiOiJDVVNUT01FUl9KT0IiLCJzZXF1ZW5jZSI6IjAiLCJ1c2VyaWQiOiI2IiwiZW52IjoicHJvZCJ9)

**BOX TOPS:**Please remember to keep sending in your clipped, non-expired Box Tops! The class that brings in the most by Thursday, December 14th will earn a doughnut and juice party! FYI- each Box Top earns $0.10 that comes directly to Sagewood's PTO!

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED:**  The PTO is looking for a 4th grade parent volunteer to be in charge of the 5th grade graduation gift.  If you are interested or would like more info. please contact our PTO president, Jenny Minino at jminino@kw.com.

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