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THE WINTER SEASON IS UPON US. BE REMINDED THAT MENTA ACADEMY-BELLEVILLE WILL NOTIFY FAMILIES OF SCHOOL CLOSINGS ON THE MAJOR NEWS CHANNELS IN ST. LOUIS:

KMOV—CH. 4

KTVI—CH. 2

KSDK—CH. 5

MAKE UP DAYS WILL BE COMMUNICATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING THE MISSED DAY.

AS OF RIGHT NOW, WE WILL MAKE UP OUR NOVEMBER SNOW DAY ON MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019

Open House is Upon Us

Come join us at Menta Academy-Belleville on Thursday, December 13. Our Cultural Fair projects will be on display for everyone to see.

All of our students have been studying various aspects of Africa.

The high school students have focused on Morocco. The middle school students have learned all things Egypt.

And, the elementary students have been researching Madagascar. The students and staff have worked hard on the projects and infused all of their academic learning areas within this framework.

You will have the opportunity to meet all of our staff, as we have grown, we have had the opportunity to bring more amazing educators to our site.

And, if those aren't enough reasons to come join us—we will have cookies to snack on and a hot chocolate bar.



Helping Others in Need

At Menta, we work hard to teach our students to be good citizens. We look for opportunities around our community to help out—such as having high school students volunteer at a local food pantry. We also look for chances to help out around the building.

Many of you may not be aware, but we have a Menta program in Taylorville, Illinois. Unfortunately, this community recently experienced a devastating tornado. These types of natural disasters require people to pour out their kindness and compassion for fellow human beings.

Students at Menta Academy-Belleville will be involved in the making and possibly delivering of care packages for those affected by this horrible event. We realize that at some time we may be the ones in need and are grateful for the chance to help in this way.

PBIS Celebration



MAB students volunteering at the Inter-faith Food Pantry

We will be celebrating the end of the first semester at Menta Academy-Belleville. The students have worked hard and learned a lot in the first two quarters of the 2018-19 school year. Through our Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program, students will have the chance to participate in raffles for a variety of desirable items **AND it's just in time for**

the holiday season!

Our final PBIS celebration of the semester will take place on our last day before the holiday break, Tuesday, December 18, 2018.

In addition, we will have a spirit week leading up to our last day. Stay tuned for more information on what we will be doing to get in the holiday spirit!



*“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.”
— Maya Angelou*

December Connections to Community

Students work hard in the classrooms on all of their academic and social/emotional lessons. Students also have opportunities to extend their learning in the community on regular field trips. Field trips are tied to the lessons students are learning in class. And, as previously mentioned, some trips are tied to volunteer and citizenship experi-

ences. This month, students from Menta will have these experiences:

High School Students will visit the St. Louis Science Center.

A Middle School Classroom will go to the Art Museum. Other Middle School Classes will go to the Labor and Industry Museum.

The Elementary Group visits

the Magic House. And several high school students will shop for our School Store and continue to volunteer at the Inter-faith Food Pantry.

On Tuesday, December 11, Menta is proud to host the Coffee Cup Connection for the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. Chamber members are invited to enjoy a hot cup of coffee and learn more about Menta.

In the Classroom

Dalton's class is going to be focusing on Mindful Thinking and Random Acts of Kindness. Our first pay it forward Friday activity was to create Christmas countdowns for the elementary 1 classroom. They worked hard and the elementary

students were surprised and happy with their gifts.

High School students will begin a Christmas Around the World unit. They will be reading/writing about how different countries celebrate Christmas. We will also read The Christmas Carol and

discuss the various story elements associated with it.

High school science/social studies are now studying different types of winter weather before starting our Christmas Around the World Geography/history activities. .