



Fairview School

“Above and Beyond”

December 2024



*Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before!
What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store?*

What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more! ~ Dr. Seuss

*On behalf of the staff of Fairview School, we wish you a joyous and
peaceful Christmas and the very best in the New Year!*

**The last day before the Christmas Break is Friday, December 20nd.
Students return to school on Monday, January 6th, which is a Day 3.**



Elementary Christmas Concert

NEW DATE FOR THE ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT:

On **Monday, December 16th**, the Elementary Christmas Concert will take place from 7 to 8 pm, in the Fairview School gym. Please arrive between 6:30 & 6:45 pm. using either the front doors or the back gym entrance doors. You may accompany your child to their classroom upon arrival. After the concert, you are asked to pick up your child from their classroom. Children should eat before arriving for the concert, as food is not allowed in the classroom that evening. There will be a raffle for a \$150 Co-Op Gift Certificate that night. The tickets are 3 for \$5.00.

Salvation Army Food Drive

During the week of December 9 to 13th, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for the Salvation Army. Donations can be dropped off at the boxes at the main doors or brought to the classrooms. Thank you in advance for sharing so others can have a good Christmas.

Christmas Spirit Days

Students are invited to dress up to celebrate our Christmas Spirit Week

Monday, Dec. 16 – Bright Colors Day

Tuesday, Dec. 17 – PJ Day

Wednesday, Dec. 18 – Decades Day

Thursday, Dec. 19 – Christmas Theme Day

Friday, Dec. 20 – Hat Day



School Wide Student Christmas Breakfast

On **Thursday, December 19th**, at 9 am, we will be hosting our annual Christmas breakfast. Breakfast will consist of scrambled eggs, sausages, buns, fruit and juice. We would like to thank the following clubs for their generous donations to our Breakfast / Nutrition Program which makes this breakfast possible; SaskTel and TelCare Members, The Knights of Columbus and The City of Swift Current, Employee Sunshine Club. Thanks to the Louis Doulias for cooking the sausages! Their contribution to our breakfast is greatly appreciated. Last, but not least, a big thanks to our staff members who help prepare and serve the breakfast. Thank you for your Christmas Spirit!

Christmas Re-gifting and Exchange Dates

The SCC Christmas Re-gifting Exchange collection will take place from December 2 to 6th. If possible, please send one or two gently used items to the school for the exchange. Your child will then have the opportunity to pick from a wide variety of the "Gently Used" items to re-gift for a loved one (parent, grandparent, sibling). Our School Community Council and our Student Leadership Committee will assist with the wrapping of the gifts. Some examples of gift exchange ideas are: unwrapped Bars of Soap, unopened Lotions or bubble bath, unbroken / gently used Jewelry, nick-nacks, etc. Wrapping supplies (gift bags, bows) can also be donated. Thank you for making this exchange possible!

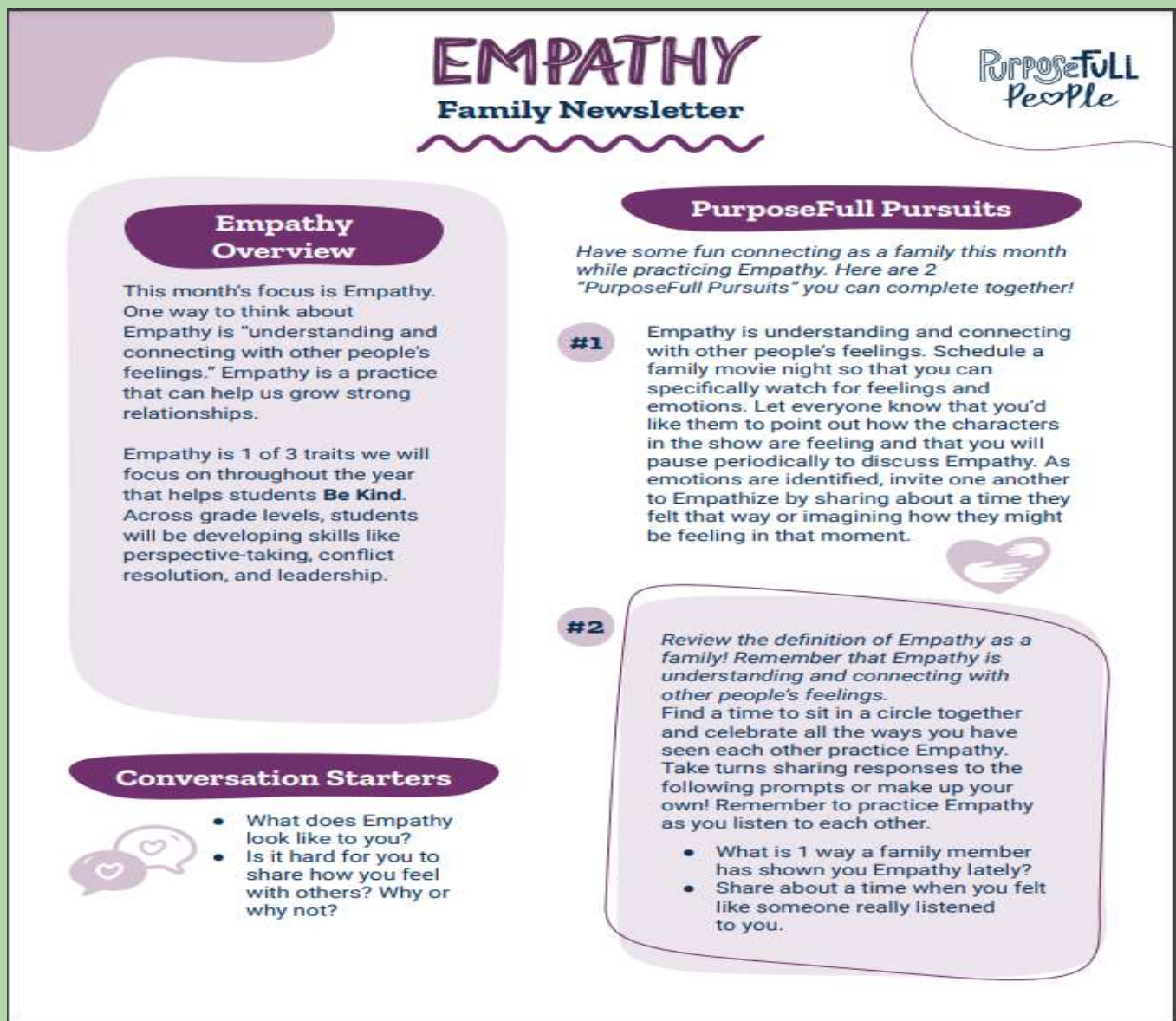
School Wide Ogies Perogies Fundraiser – Thank you!

A big thank you to our Fairview families for making our Ogies Perogies fundraiser a success! Families sold a total of 665 boxes of food. We raised \$4,620. This money goes to providing funds for many activities and special events, and helps to provide additional resources for our programs and classrooms throughout the year.

Top Seller Prize \$50 Sputtergotch Gift Certificate to Claire W. selling over \$1,200.

Top selling class Pizza Party – Mrs. Seibel's grade 2 class.

Thank you once again for your support, it is greatly appreciated! Enjoy those perogies ☺



EMPATHY
Family Newsletter

PurposeFull People

Empathy Overview

This month's focus is Empathy. One way to think about Empathy is "understanding and connecting with other people's feelings." Empathy is a practice that can help us grow strong relationships.

Empathy is 1 of 3 traits we will focus on throughout the year that helps students **Be Kind**. Across grade levels, students will be developing skills like perspective-taking, conflict resolution, and leadership.

Conversation Starters

- What does Empathy look like to you?
- Is it hard for you to share how you feel with others? Why or why not?

PurposeFull Pursuits

Have some fun connecting as a family this month while practicing Empathy. Here are 2 "PurposeFull Pursuits" you can complete together!

#1 Empathy is understanding and connecting with other people's feelings. Schedule a family movie night so that you can specifically watch for feelings and emotions. Let everyone know that you'd like them to point out how the characters in the show are feeling and that you will pause periodically to discuss Empathy. As emotions are identified, invite one another to Empathize by sharing about a time they felt that way or imagining how they might be feeling in that moment.

#2 Review the definition of Empathy as a family! Remember that Empathy is understanding and connecting with other people's feelings. Find a time to sit in a circle together and celebrate all the ways you have seen each other practice Empathy. Take turns sharing responses to the following prompts or make up your own! Remember to practice Empathy as you listen to each other.

- What is 1 way a family member has shown you Empathy lately?
- Share about a time when you felt like someone really listened to you.