

# Latham checks

A word from Latham on its holiday activities



Left: Gingerbread was the theme at Latham the last week before Winter Break. The kindergarteners in Mrs. McMichael's room listen carefully to the clues as the class decides where they need to look for the missing Gingerbread Man.



Evan Bunce and Ethan Martini begin the process of building their Gingerbread Houses during Latham's Annual Gingerbread House event.



## Spending time with family during break

Time is at a premium for today's families. The challenge often lies in finding ways to spend quality time together as a family. Although that can sometimes feel impossible, families can find time with one another.

1. Adjust wake-up time. Have the family get up with the earliest riser. Then everyone can enjoy breakfast together and touch base about their day to come. Many activities that keep families busy occur after school, so this ensures at least one family meal together every day.

2. Take off for school holidays. Working parents can adjust their schedules to include a few vacation days used on school holidays. This way everyone benefits from sleeping in and spending time together.

3. Schedule a family day off. Preplan for a weekday when the entire family stays home from work or school. Museums, indoor play areas, movie theaters, and other attractions are less busy during the week than during the weekend. This allows families to have more fun together.

4. Turn chores into family projects. Work around the house will get done much more quickly if everyone pitches in.

5. Host a family reunion. Extended families may only have the opportunity to see each other a few times a year. Annual family reunions help strengthen the bond adults and children have with their extended families and provide a fun reason to get together.

6. Schedule a weekly family night. Families can make sure that at least one night each week the schedule is free so that they can spend time together playing a game, watching a movie or doing another family-friendly activity.

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## Students of the Month

### LONDON SCHOOL



**JAMIE WITT**  
Our December Student of The Month is Jamie Witt.

She is a 6th grader in Mr. Loeb's Middle School Class. Jamie is a very diligent and hardworking student. She pays attention to the details of her work and is a very helpful group member. Jamie always wants to get her work done first, which is appreciated by her teacher. She is an athlete and a dedicated reader. Jamie is a team player and a good friend. We are proud to nominate Jamie as our Student of The Month.

### DORENA ELEMENTARY



**MEAGHAN HUSTED**

Meaghan is a middle school student at Dorena School. She is a hard worker and kind to everyone. Meaghan can usually be found with a good book in her hand. Meaghan had perfect attendance for the first trimester of the year and that perfect attendance won her parents a \$20 gift certificate to Walmart. Keep up the great work and attitude Meaghan.

### HARRISON ELEMENTARY



**OLIVIA STRAND**

Olivia is a role model student in our classroom. I love her happy, enthusiastic attitude which lasts all day! She is cooperative, hard-working and insightful in her classwork. Olivia is patient and compassionate when working with her classmates, helping them be successful as well. I appreciate the kindness she extends to everyone she meets.

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### LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL



**JOEY BARTRAM**

Joey Bartram is Lincoln Middle School's December Student of the Month. Joey truly stands out in his classes. He is a great teammate and is also a leader by example. Joey has great work ethic and gives best effort in everything he does. He is kind, respectful, helpful, caring. It seems like everyone is a friend to Joey. He put in tons of effort, cares about his work and wants to help others do well too.

### ELKTON HIGH SCHOOL

#### KASSANDRA YEANEY

Kassandra is a positive, cheerful and kind student with an infectious smile! She is a conscientious and diligent student. She is currently our Freshmen Vice President. Kassandra is a very kind and friendly student that is always willing to help others. She gets along great with all students and staff!

### KENNEDY ALT. HIGH SCHOOL



**SOPHIE SOMERVILLE**

Sophie is a focused student who is working hard on taking advantage of various opportunities at Kennedy.

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