



## Christmas Caroling and Celebrations

### Christmas Caroling

On Wednesday, December 17th our students in PreK through 3rd grade will go Christmas caroling to Yoakum National Bank, First State Bank and H.E. B. in Yoakum.

Our 4th–8th graders will join this group at the Sweet Home Store and Kitchen for caroling followed by caroling in downtown Sweet Home. We will be downtown at 2:55 p.m.

### Christmas Parties

Texas allows schools three exemption days from the Food Nutrition Guidelines. We will use one of these exemption days on Friday, December 19th for our classroom Christmas Parties. The cafeteria will not serve lunch on this day. (Breakfast will be served.)

We will dismiss all students at noon. Students report back to school on Monday, January 5, 2009.

### Classroom Gift Exchange

Just a reminder...this year the teachers are asking each child to bring an item for each student in the class. This approach to promoting gift-giving rather than receiving was very successful last year. Many items are available in local stores for \$5 or less for the entire class. Here are a few other ideas:

- Open a package of ornaments and write each child's name along with the school year.
- Bake and paint homemade ornaments for the class.
- Cluster Hershey Hugs and Kisses in scraps of material for unique bundles of goodies.
- Make a Holiday Word Search.
- Make a necklace using C-3 light bulbs.

