

# Kendrick Lakes

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December 2017



## Message from the Principal

We have approached the MAP testing window and we want to provide our students with the best tools to be successful during testing. Please try to limit visitation to classrooms during this time to ensure a quiet environment within our school.

I was excited to watch our very own KLES choir perform at the Ed Center on Thursday, December 7, 2017. The choir sounded wonderful and did a GREAT job!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff and students for a productive and positive first half of the year. I am looking forward to seeing what we can do in 2018!

Please review our morning policies: Breakfast begins at 7:35 am, supervision outside begins at 7:50 am. When the orange flags are out, have students enter the building and go to their classrooms. If students are having breakfast have them enter the cafeteria at 7:35 am and eat, once they are finished with breakfast they need go to the playground until the bell rings. Please make sure your students are wearing the appropriate attire for our rapidly changing weather in Colorado.

I would like to wish you a happy and safe holiday season with friends and family. Our winter break begins December 21, 2017 and student's will return to school on Monday, January 8, 2018.



Sincerely,

*Dave Singh*

Dave Singh  
Principal  
Kendrick Lakes Elementary

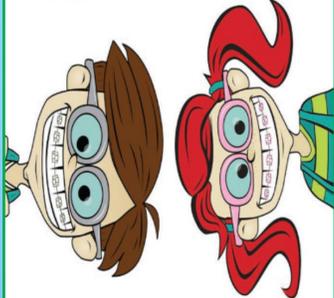
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## December 2017 PTA Newsletter:



### Important Dates

December 12<sup>th</sup> –

**Community Night - Red Robin 5-9pm, 3244 S. Wadsworth Blvd.**

December 20<sup>th</sup> –

**Holiday Classroom Breakfasts - 8:15 a.m.**

December 21st - January 5<sup>th</sup> –

**Winter Break - NO SCHOOL**

January 16<sup>th</sup> –

**PTA/Accountability - 6pm, dinner and child care provided**

### **NO December PTA Meeting!**

We will not have a December PTA meeting.  
Happy Holidays!

### School Calendar

12/20- Holiday breakfast: 8:15-9:30, school sing-a-long after lunches

12/21-1/8- Winter break

1/8-1/31- Kindergarten & Choice enrollment

Sponsorship space in this newsletter is extremely affordable! Reach parents in your local community & a significant portion of your investment goes back to the school! Businesses that want to sponsor this school, please contact TSCA at [info@tscaschools.com](mailto:info@tscaschools.com) or 970-239-1641.



### **Community Night - Red Robin, December 12th**

Please join us on December 12th from 5-9 pm for dinner the new Red Robin 3244 S. Wadsworth Blvd. This is a great way to support our school as Red Robin will give Kendrick Lakes 20% back from our sales! Please give the flyer to your server and tell them you are with Kendrick Lakes Elementary. Please note that the money that we make from these community nights help supply technology to all classrooms throughout the school. When your family participates, every child wins!! We hope to see you there!!

## Fun Run Wrap Up!

We are so proud of our students, parents, and teachers for helping to make our Fun Run a huge success. This year our Fun Run monetary goal is to be able to fund KLES with as many Chrome Books/Tablets and in-classroom technology as possible. Our ultimate goal is to provide every student at KLES with one on one technology. We would love to provide classroom would be able to have a computer or device for every student. This would not only be an asset to each student, but the teacher as well. Every child will benefit from this run! Thanks to all the amazing support and participation, we will be able purchase several new carts of Chrome Books/Tablets and provide in class donations for several classrooms. None of this would have been possible without YOU! Thank you!

## FilmRaiser! Keep Your Eyes Peeled

KLES PTA has partnered with FilmRaiser for an easy and FUN way to support our PTA during Christmas break!!!!



\$1.00 FROM EVERY OPENING WEEKEND MOVIE TICKET, BOUGHT BY KLES Families through the provided Fandango link, BENEFITS OUR PTA DIRECTLY! When the next movie is announced we will send all our PTA members a unique LINK direct to Fandango to purchase tickets. The link tags every purchase on Fandango, made by our supporters, so that it benefits KLES PTA.

## Be on the lookout!

## Cafeteria News

Breakfast is available from 7:35-8:05. All students in the cafeteria during this time should be eating breakfast. At 7:55 students that are finished or not eating are to go the playground. Parents, please remind your students, if they are not in the cafeteria eating breakfast they are not to be in the building and should be going to the playground. Thanks .

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## [Celebrate Diversity During the Holidays](#)

by Carrie Jasper

The holiday season can be a great time for families to celebrate diversity!

Parents and caregivers, you can choose to use this time to teach your children about customs that are different from your own and you can help children to understand and embrace other cultures.

Children learn best by seeing, doing, and being a part of a new experience.

### Engage children through reading.

Engage your child by reading to him or her about how other cultures celebrate holidays during this time of year. The Library of Congress is a great resource for stories about [Christmas](#) and [Hanukkah](#). You can choose to search online for resources about observances such as and the way that people in different countries mark the arrival of the [New Year](#). You also can find information about celebrations that happen on or around the [winter solstice](#). Once you've read together, encourage your child to create something – like a painting, a drawing, a mask or a sculpture – representing some festival or tradition that interests him or her.

You also can head into the kitchen! Try making a special dish that is served during the holidays in a culture other than your own. Plum pudding or candied yams are just two dishes that come to mind.

### Encourage your child to join you in the kitchen!

Parents and families can use this time to teach children about the importance of volunteering in the community as well. A visit to a senior facility is one way children can learn about other cultures; the importance of community; and the incredible wealth of wisdom, values, and history that the elder members of any neighborhood have to share with the next generation.

Another fun activity could be exploring [how other people and countries celebrate](#) and then creating a list of places to visit.

A trip to your local library is always a fantastic way to find new information and fun activities that will allow your child to discover how wonderful other cultures are. Learning about humanity's diversity and richness gives us all so much more to celebrate – during the holidays and throughout the year!

Carrie Jasper is director of outreach to parents and families at the U.S. Department of Education.

Article from HOMEROOM, official blog of the US Department of Education

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# Cranberry Holiday Cake

## Ingredients

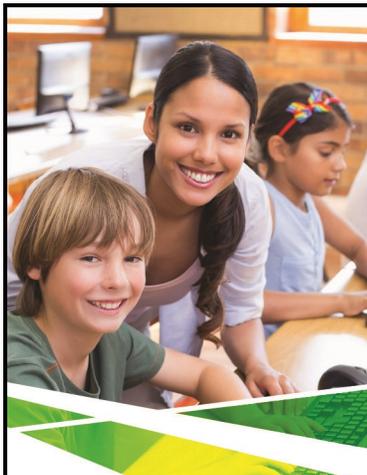
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup butter, softened
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 12 ounces fresh cranberries



Photo by **Judy T.**

## **Directions**

Preheat oven to 350°F. With a mixer, beat the eggs with the sugar until slightly thickened and light in color, about 5-7 minutes. The mixture should almost double in size. The eggs work as your leavening agent in this recipe, so do not skip this step. This mixture should form a ribbon when you lift the beaters out of the bowl. Add the butter and vanilla; mix two more minutes. Stir in the flour until just combined. Add the cranberries and stir to mix throughout. Spread in a buttered 9x13-inch pan. Bake for 40-50 minutes, or until very lightly browned and a toothpick inserted near the center of the cake comes out clean. (I baked mine for 43 minutes.) Let cool completely before cutting into small slices. I cut mine into fairly small pieces, about 1x 2-inches, so that they could be easily eaten at a party. Enjoy!



## **Teachers and Technology Program**

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**Key Dates** - Applications will be accepted October 1, 2017 until January 12, 2018. Grants will be announced and presented between April 1 and May 15, 2018.

**Grants** - CenturyLink will award approximately \$145,000 across Colorado. Grants range from \$500 to \$5,000.

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## EXPLORE THE HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is a magical time to visit Denver with theater, music and dance performances. Plus, Santa sightings, holiday shopping and lighting extravaganzas. There's fun for all ages. Come explore and celebrate the holidays in Denver this year. <https://www.denver.org/milehighholidays/explore-the-holidays/>

### 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

**WHEN:** Nov. 24–Dec. 24, 2017

**WHERE:** Stage Theatre, Denver Performing Arts Complex

Based on Charles Dickens' classic novel, this joyous and opulent musical adaptation traces money-hoarding skinflint Ebenezer Scrooge's triumphant overnight journey to redemption. "A Christmas Carol" illuminates the meaning of the holiday season in a way that has resonated for generations.

### GRAND ILLUMINATION

**WHEN:** Nov. 24, 2017

**WHERE:** Downtown Denver

The **Grand Illumination** features beautiful lighting displays in the LoDo District and **Denver Union Station**. Downtown's unique holiday atmosphere is sure to get you in the holiday spirit. Festivities at Denver Union Station include a countdown to this year's holiday lighting, carolers and treats, drinks at The Terminal Bar and more.

### LIGHT THE LIGHTS

**WHEN:** Nov 24, 2017

**WHERE:** City & County Building, 1437 Bannock St.

The official kick-off to the largest lighting display in Denver happens on November 24 at 6 p.m. at the City & County Building, where 600,000 lights deck the neo-classical building. Enjoy family-friendly fun, food, and live music in the light of the City and County Building at **Light the Lights**.

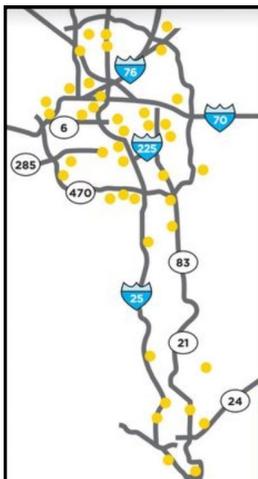
### ZOO LIGHTS

**WHEN:** Nov. 24–25 & Dec. 1–31, 2017

**WHERE:** Denver Zoo

**Zoo Lights** will span 70 acres of **Denver Zoo's** campus with nightly entertainment, animal encounters, Santa meet-and-greets and, of course, illuminated animal sculptures that swing through trees, jump across lawns, hide in bushes and appear in places where they're least expected.

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### SANTA'S VILLAGE

**WHEN:** Nov. 24–Dec. 24, 2017

**WHERE:** Chatfield Farms Botanic Gardens

Explore Chatfield Farms as it is transformed into a magical village. **Santa's Village** is a family-friendly holiday event including hayrides, a trail of light, holiday gifts, Santa's Workshop and so much more.

### BLOSSOMS OF LIGHT

**WHEN:** Nov. 24, 2017–Jan. 1, 2018

**WHERE:** Denver Botanic Gardens

Embrace the holidays with thousands of colorful lights draped in elegant designs at **Blossoms of Light**. The 2017 event features new elements, including the return of the grand illuminated O'Fallon Perennial Walk and the Romantic Gardens. Warm drinks and tasty treats and seasonal entertainment will be available, and thousands of lights in the Gardens' amphitheater are synchronized to your favorite holiday tunes. *Note: Denver Botanic Gardens is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.*

### 9NEWS PARADE OF LIGHTS

**WHEN:** Dec. 1 (8 p.m.) and 2 (6 p.m.), 2017

**WHERE:** Downtown Denver

The **9NEWS Parade of Lights** is the signature event of the downtown Denver holiday season. The countless sparkling lights, marching bands, giant balloons, majestic floats and delightful characters will once again wow hundreds of thousands. Viewing along the parade route is free, and grandstand tickets are sold for seating in front of the beautifully illuminated City & County Building.

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### NEW YEAR'S EVE FIREWORKS

**WHEN:** Dec. 31, 2017

**WHERE:** Downtown Denver

Ring in the New Year with Denver's annual **New Year's Eve Fireworks** with viewpoints along the **16th Street Mall** in downtown Denver. There will be two displays, one at the family friendly hour of 9 p.m. and the other at midnight. Costumed entertainers will interact with crowds between shows, featuring magicians, costumed characters, balloon artists, stilt walkers, comedians and more.

### CREATURES OF LIGHT

**WHEN:** Feb. 23–June 17, 2018

**WHERE:** Denver Museum of Nature & Science

From glowworms, to fireflies, to bioluminescent mushrooms, Mother Nature has her own way of lighting up the darkest places on the planet. This immersive exhibit explores the mysterious world of bioluminescence through lifelike models, simulations, unusual animals, videos and hands-on activities. It's truly an *enlightening* experience.

### THE POLAR EXPRESS™ TRAIN RIDE

**WHEN:** Nov. 16–19, 24–26 and 29–30; Dec. 1–3, 6–10 and 13–23, 2017

**WHERE:** Colorado Railroad Museum

The story of **The Polar Express™** is theatrically re-created and combined with a magical train ride at the Colorado Railroad Museum. Children get to meet Santa and experience all the sights and sounds of this classic tale as if happening all around them.

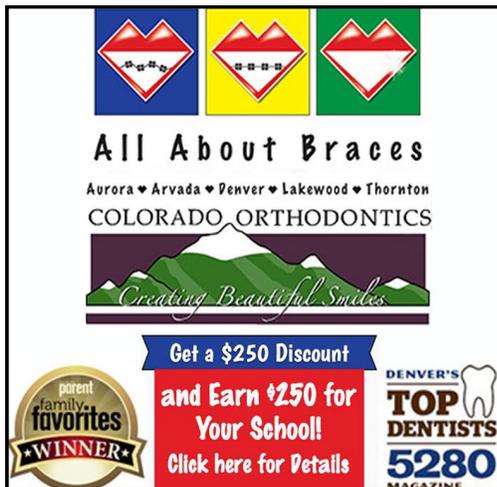
### DENVER CHRISTKINDL MARKET

**WHEN:** Nov. 17–Dec. 23, 2017

**WHERE:** Skyline Park

The **Christkindl Market** includes vendors from Germany and other countries, as well as local artisans, offering high-quality, handcrafted gifts such as traditional hand-carved wooden figurines, handmade candles and ornaments. Traditional German food will tempt your taste buds. Sip on warm Glühwein (hot spiced wine) as you listen to traditional Christmas carols and live German music. Entry is free and the entire family is invited to enjoy this great tradition!

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### [Downtown Denver Rink at Skyline Park](#)

**WHEN:** Nov. 21, 2017–Feb. 14, 2018

**WHERE:** Skyline Park, the corner of 16th and Arapahoe

One of the most popular holiday events in Denver, the **Downtown Denver Rink at Skyline Park** in Downtown Denver returns in 2017 with ice skating and family fun. The rink is free and open to the public with the option to bring your own skates or rent a pair at a minimal cost.

### [COLORADO BALLET'S 'THE NUTCRACKER'](#)

**WHEN:** Nov. 25–Dec. 24, 2017

**WHERE:** Ellie Caulkins Opera House

It's not the holidays until you see visions of sugar-plum fairies dancing before your eyes. Colorado Ballet's "**The Nutcracker**" is a cherished family holiday tradition and the largest production of the holiday favorite in Colorado.

### [ANNUAL TUBACHRISTMAS](#)

**WHEN:** Dec. 17, 2017

**WHERE:** Downtown Denver

Tired of the same old holiday soundtrack? Revive your holiday spirit at the **Annual TubaChristmas** Concert in Skyline Park! Tap your toes to your favorite holiday tunes being played by 300 tuba players from all over the region. Skyline Park will be decorated for the season, making it a perfect setting to experience this holiday spectacular.

### [DENVER PAVILIONS HOLIDAY CAROUSEL](#)

**WHEN:** Dec. 15, 2017–Jan. 2, 2018

**WHERE:** Denver Pavilions

Create Memories for years to come at the Denver Pavilions beautiful downtown **Holiday Carousel**. Throughout December, families can enjoy the magic of the holidays from the perch of a horse on a beautiful carousel. \$3 per ride or free with voucher or a canned food donation.

### [Olde Golden Christmas](#)

**WHEN:** Candlelight Walk, Dec. 1, 2017; Christmas Parades, Dec. 2, 9 and 16, 2017

**WHERE:** 911 10th Street, Golden

**Olde Golden Christmas** includes a community candlelight walk, Victorian carolers, free Newfoundland dog-pulled cart rides, holiday art market, parades, shopping, music and theater productions, Santa Claus, holiday lights, art and more!

### [NOON YEAR'S EVE](#)

**WHEN:** Dec. 31, 2017

**WHERE:** Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus

Enjoy the sights, sounds, and excitement of Times Square, all before bedtime! Each hour, count down to a glittering ball drop and pop bubble wrap fireworks as fountains of confetti flutter all around for **Noon Year's Eve!**

### [NYE GREAT GATSBY WHITE ROSE GALA](#)

**WHEN:** Dec. 31, 2017

**WHERE:** Ellie Caulkins Opera House

Known as one of Denver's Top New Year Eve Parties, the **NYE Great Gatsby White Rose Gala** is a high end and elegant charity event where you are enveloped by musical and theatrical performances that take you back to the Roaring 20's.

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## EXPLORE THE HOLIDAYS , *CONTINUED...*

### [NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW & RODEO](#)

**WHEN:** Jan. 6–21, 2018

**WHERE:** National Western Complex

Held every January, the **National Western Stock Show & Rodeo** is the world's largest stock show, involving more than 15,000 animals. Enjoy rodeos featuring top-notch bull riders, horse shows, livestock competitions and auctions.

### [Santa's Flight Academy](#)

**WHEN:** Nov. 9–Dec. 24, 2017

**WHERE:** Cherry Creek Shopping Center

**Santa's Flight Academy** is a wholly interactive and magical hero's journey that transforms children into key members of Santa's Flight Crew. Create memorable and sharable moments for families, including the Flight Suit Visualizer and the Flight Navigation Station. Experience a powerful and magical snow and light show inside Santa's sleigh, and, of course, a visit with Santa Claus.

### [SANTA'S VILLAGE](#)

**WHEN:** Nov. 24–Dec. 24, 2017

**WHERE:** Chatfield Farms Botanic Gardens

Explore Chatfield Farms as it is transformed into a magical village. **Santa's Village** is a family-friendly holiday event including hayrides, holiday gifts, Santa's Workshop and so much more.

### [Breakfast With Santa](#)

**WHEN:** Dec. 9–10, 16–17 and 22–24, 2017

**WHERE:** Downtown Aquarium

Join Sharkey and Santa for a delicious breakfast buffet at Denver's **Downtown Aquarium!**

### [Santa on the Square](#)

**WHEN:** TBD

**WHERE:** Larimer Square, Larimer Street, between 14th and 15th streets

It's the happiest season of all at **Larimer Square**, where historic charm meets holiday cheer. With festive dining options and boutiques filled with treasures for everyone on your 'Nice' list, Larimer Square help you celebrate in style. There are also carolers, carriage rides and Santa on any given day. Visits with Santa are free and open to the public.

### [Photos With Santa](#)

**WHEN:** Nov. 10–Dec. 24, 2017

**WHERE:** Park Meadows Retail Resort

Colorado's largest enclosed shopping center will offer plenty of time with Santa this holiday season. With events from Pet Nights to Family Portraits, **Park Meadows** offers a Santa experience for the entire family.

Don't forget the easy ways to support KLES PTA and school all year round! King Soopers/Safeway Cards are available, grab yours before school gets out for summer. These funds contribute to events and programs for the kids for the entire school year. Let us know if you need a card at [KLESPTA@gmail.com](mailto:KLESPTA@gmail.com).



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