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December 2019

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# Otero Elementary

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## Notes from Otero Leadership Team:

During the month of November, I always take a moment to reflect on the many things I have to be thankful for. Otero staff, students and families continue to remain among the top of my list. A few celebrations include -

- Veteran's Day was a special moment for our school community. We were blessed with the support and participation of the many men, women and families who sacrifice for our freedom daily.
- 22 Otero Families were provided Thanksgiving Dinner with the help of our community.
- Although we were sad that we weren't able to host our annual Turkey Trot and Thanksgiving dinner, we were glad that everyone was able to stay home safe and sound.
- A special thanks to Matt Campbell and his church congregation for providing 19 Thanksgiving baskets of food for our Otero Panther Families.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Otero community and I couldn't be more fortunate to work daily with our scholars and the Otero community. I hope that as we closeout 2019 we hope that families make time to enjoy family and friends. When we return we will be working hard to show what we know. There are many exciting events in the coming year!

At your service,  
Amy Karbowski  
Principal  
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## Upcoming Events

### December 3

Chick Fil A Day

### December 10

Holiday Shoppe Begins

### December 19

Winter Awards Assembly

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## Instructional Highlight



Reading Corner Success!!

## By The Numbers

### Attendance

Otero's goal for student attendance is a rate of 95%. Please support us in achieving this goal by:

- Allowing your child to eat FREE breakfast each day at school starting at 8:00 Tue. - Fri. and 9:30 on Mon.
- Ensuring your scholar is in their classroom seated by 8:35 am Tue. – Fri. and 10:05 on Mon.
- Scheduling appointments around school hours, whenever possible
- Absences must be called into our Attendance Line 719-579-2111 by 9:00 am
- 5 Unexcused Absences will result in a student attendance contract.

### Reminders

- District policy states that dogs are not permitted on school grounds due to liability issues. Please feel free to wait off campus for your child if your dog comes with you.
- School Hours
  - Doors open at 8:00 AM T-F or 9:30 AM Monday
  - First Bell rings at 8:30 AM T-F or 10:00 AM Monday
  - Tardy Bell rings at 8:35 AM or 10:05 AM Monday
  - Classes End
    - M-F 3:35 PM
- Visiting Otero
  - Bring a picture ID or Driver's License
  - Please check into the front office and get a visitor tag
  - Check out through the front office

## Recent Happenings

### Foster Grandparents – Volunteers of America



We are so thankful to be partnering with Foster Grandparents of America this school year! Grammy Barb has been such an instrumental piece to Ms. McAuley's class!

### Holiday Giving Tree



We are so thankful to our community and the Winter Dance participants to support our many students in need this holiday season!

## District Corner News – Dember 2019

Parents and Guardians, you have many great choices for education in Harrison School District Two! Choice Enrollment for out- of- district students and in-district students who wish to attend a school other than their home school for the 2020 -2021 school year opened Monday, November 18th. Visit our website for details.

- Middle School Information Night is Tuesday, December 3rd 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Harrison High School 2755 Janitell Road. We invite our 5th grade parents to come and hear about the middle school options in D2. Other grade level parents may also attend.

- We also invite our 8th grade students and parents to attend our high school information nights and learn more about the high school options in D2.

- o Harrison High School Information Night Thursday, December 5th 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

- o Sierra High School Information Night Thursday, December 12th 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

## Noticias del Distrito – Diciembre 2019

Padres y tutores, ustedes tienen muchas opciones excelentes para la educación en el Distrito Escolar Dos de Harrison. Inscripción por elección para estudiantes fuera del distrito y estudiantes dentro del distrito que desean asistir a una escuela que no sea su escuela por domicilio para el año escolar 2020 -2021, comienza el lunes, 18 de noviembre. Visite nuestro sitio web para más detalles.

- La Noche Informativa de la Escuela Media es el martes, 3 de diciembre de 5:30 p.m. a 7:00 p.m. en Harrison High School 2755 Janitell Road. Invitamos a nuestros padres de 5° grado a que vengan y conozcan las opciones de la escuela media en D2. Otros padres del nivel de grado también pueden asistir.

- También invitamos a nuestros estudiantes de 8° grado y a los padres a asistir a nuestras noches informativas de la escuela secundaria para conocer más sobre las opciones de la escuela secundaria en D2.

- o Noche Informativa de Harrison High School Jueves, 5 de diciembre 5:30 p.m. a 7:00 p.m.

- o Noche Informativa de Sierra High School Jueves, 12 de diciembre de 6:00 p.m. a 7:00 p.m.