



**TIGER GAZETTE**  
**Walnut Hill Elementary**

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**Failure is not an option: EXCELLENCE is our GOAL!!!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

Welcome to 2012

I trust that everyone had an enjoyable and restful winter break. Believe it or not, we are vastly approaching the end of the first semester of school.

Often we approach this month as a month of new beginnings. Often goals are set. Let's set some goals that we can and will accomplish. **Parents**, create a list containing a minimum of five goals that you would like to get accomplished in the next three years. Place this list on your refrigerator door and check off your accomplishments.

**Students:** Complete this-  
**My name is \_\_\_\_\_ . I will accomplish \_\_\_\_\_ while in grade \_\_\_\_ . I**

**will graduate in 20\_\_ . By the time I am 25 years old, I will have accomplished** (list as many goals you plan to have accomplished by the time you are 25.) Put this list on the refrigerator door beside your parents' list. Check off your accomplishments.

**Put Reading First!!!**

Success in school starts with reading. When students are good readers in elementary school, research has indicated that they are more likely to become better learners throughout life.

Becoming a good reader involves developing the ability to use language when talking; developing good listening skills; re-

sponding to stories that are read aloud; reading often, practice so that you may become a fluent reader; learn and use new words and understanding what is read silently or aloud. There are other skills needed to be a good reader, but beginning with these will be helpful. In addition to homework, read a minimum of 30 minutes each night. Let's focus on improving our reading and studying skills for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year.

**Accelerated Reader**

Congratulations to our December Accelerated Reader student of the month, Kevina Johnson and Mrs. Tate's third grade class for being our December AR class of the month. Do you want to be an AR student of the month? All you have to do is read books on your reading level and complete an AR quiz. Parents, please encourage your child to read daily and take the quiz. There are great rewards!

**Special points of interest:**

- 1/10/2012—CiCi's Pizza Night
- 1/10/2012—Division-wide Spelling Bee
- School Board Meeting - 1/11/2012
- 1/16/2012—Schools closed in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- 1/18/2012 Tiger Mart
- 1/24/2012—Benchmark Testing begins
- 1/26-27/2012—Early Release days
- 1/27/2012—2nd Nine weeks end and 1st semester ends
- 1/30/2012— Schools closed for students—Teacher work day
- Boys and Girls Afterschool Program closed: 1/2/2012; 1/16/2012;1/30/2012

**PARENTS GET READY!!!**

We will begin our Parent Honor this month! YEAH!!!

**Birthday Celebrations:**

The following celebrities will celebrate birthdays for the month of January:  
Mrs. Sheehan



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