

**SIXTH GRADE NEWS**  
**December 9, 2005**  
**DATES TO REMEMBER**

End of Second Quarter    December 21  
Christmas Break            December 22 – January 3, 2006

Parent Input Needed Regarding PSD "Late Start Monday" Initiative

Parents! You may be aware of a PSD initiative to provide a weekly seventy minute teacher collaboration time by starting all PSD schools at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays. The proposal would add eight minutes to our daily school schedule, and would eliminate the teacher workdays we currently use for collaboration.

While we, TCKS teachers, agree that professional collaboration is very important, we feel very strongly that a consistent school schedule and maximum contact hours with our students are paramount in achieving our vision of "educational excellence in knowledge, skills, and character with strong parent-teacher-student partnerships."

We will continue to make time for collaboration without disrupting our school time schedule. We would like you to log on to the PSD website survey labeled [Late Start Information & Sources](#) to express your opinion on this proposal.

This schedule would interfere with all involved in our partnerships.

- Work/Carpool schedules would be disrupted.
- The general flow of our academic schedule would be disrupted.
- The specials schedule would have to be completely reorganized.
- Teacher workdays would be eliminated

Our 2005-2006 Holiday project involves the students filling tote bags with items for the infirm children at the *Salud Northside Medical Center*. These bags will be made by Betsy Ortega and our outstanding parent volunteers. Please refer to the note in this week's Friday folder and, of course, understand that participation in this project is purely voluntary.

Also, we teachers will be attending a *Love and Logic* conference in Denver this Monday. We'll have our wonderful subs: Mrs. Dorlac, Mrs. Cowell, and Mrs. McCuin tending to our precious little darlings in our stead.

Have a warm and wonderful weekend,

The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Team