Mrs. Olsen’s Counselor’s Corner

For the month of December, your child will continue to engage in a counseling lesson with the theme of Personal Safety and Decision-Making. Then beginning in January, the theme will be Character.

Starting in January, we will be adding a little pizzazz to our Mondays. I’m happy to announce our January Madness Mondays! Join us in showing your school spirit!

- **Monday, January 3rd**: Crazy Socks Day
- **Monday, January 10th**: Mismatched Clothes Day
- **Monday, January 17th**: No School for Students
- **Monday, January 24th**: Crazy Hair Day
- **Monday, January 31st**: Hat Day

Speaking of school spirit, don’t forget to order spirit wear from the Arbutus Elementary PTA Spirit Wear store. Just click [Arbutus Elementary PTA Spirit Wear Store](#).

AES is extremely thankful to Toyota Baltimore Parts Distribution Center for their very generous donation of school supplies. Kindness changes everything!

The AES Winter Giving Garland and Clothes Drive will begin on December 6th and continue through December 17th. With temperatures dropping, many people are in need of ways to keep warm. Please help our school as we collect new or gently used hats, gloves/mittens, scarfs, socks, blankets, coats/jackets, sweaters/hoodies, and clothes of all sizes (children/adult).

Thank you for your generosity!

Important Upcoming Dates

- **December 8th** – PTA Holiday Fundraiser at Sorrento of Arbutus from 5-8 p.m.
- **December 15th** – PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- **December 22nd** - Holiday Sing-Along (for students only)
- **December 23rd** - Winter Break Begins at the End of the School Day; Schools and Offices Close 3 Hours Early
- **January 3rd** – Schools Reopen
- **January 12th** – Picture Make-Up Day - 9:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- **January 17th** – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Schools and Offices Closed

Technology Reminders

- Students in grades 1st through 5th should charge their computers at home each night in order to be prepared for the next school day.
- Students should add **Bring my computer to school** to their morning checklist to be ready for the start of the school day.
- If your family borrowed a BCPS hotspot, please return it to our school Library by December 17th. The Kajeet SmartSpot should be returned with the charger and case. There is a replacement fee for a lost hotspot.