I feel as if I need a vacation after this holiday weekend - lots of food, festivities, and family. No time (or energy) for shopping! One of the things I am most thankful for throughout the year is that I get to work doing something I love, with people I love, admire, and respect, with families who support me, our teachers, and our students, and with children who make me smile and inspire me to strive each day to be the best I can be to ensure they feel safe, supported, and successful. - Janice

**Paint Party Help Needed!** - We have 2 paint parties 11/27 & 12/3 coming up at full capacity. We need a volunteer or two to help with check ins, supervising, and checking out students. If we do not have enough help, we will not be able to continue to offer this popular event. Please donate an hour and a half to help out.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49A4A92BA5FE3-paint](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0D49A4A92BA5FE3-paint)

**Fire Victims** - The Roark family in neighboring Pelham lost everything in a house fire. Mrs. Roark is an educator at Woodbury School. Avery, a NS fifth grader, and her family have made cards for them and shared that with me. I am passing along this kind, thoughtful gesture if you would like to write/make a note of support and caring. You can send cards, notes to school and I will see that Mrs. Roark gets them. Thank you, Avery for sharing your idea!

**Snow is snow** - much more fun when children come dressed for it. All K-3 students are expected to be wearing boots and snowpants, winter coat, hats and mittens/gloves. Grades 4 & 5 need to wear all but snowpants - UNLESS they plan on playing in the snow. If pants get snowy they will not be able to call home for another pair. Given winter's early arrival last week and the potential for more snow this week, it seems as it we'll be wearing winter gear for some time. A reminder that even if the hot top looks dry, snow hangs around a lot longer on the fields and playground equipment area. Students who don’t wear boots and wear wet shoes into the classroom may create an unsafe condition for peers, and certainly more for our custodial staff to have to clean up. If the cost of winter gear is a burden, PLEASE let me know and we can help out!! I don’t want there to be any reason for a child NOT to come dressed for New England weather!

**Thanks** - to our full day Kindergarten team for giving us a great show before the break. Students were so well prepared, and so, so sweet!

**Night of Lights** - NS will have a select group of students performing with other Salem Elementary Schools at the Night of Lights festival - a great family night! We will be performing at about 5:30. Santa is due to arrive around 6:00.

**Panther Pride Spiritwear** - Thank you to Amy McSweeney and Jessica Lees for putting together a holiday gift flyer!

**Giving Tree** - If you have not sent in a request for assistance, please do so ASAP by emailing me at jwilkins@sau57.org

**Kelley Library** - will host an Art Show featuring some of artists from Salem Schools.

**Congrats and Thanks** - Sam Smith, Alicia Emerson for their float design for today's Salem Santa Parade. I'm sure the Bernards were roped in to help, and a big thanks to the Linehans for the use of their truck! There are a couple of pictures on the Salem NH Parade Facebook page and the float looks terrific - as well as loads of fun!