

2016

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REMINDERS

"Selfies with Santa"
Monday, December 5th
6:00 pm

**Amelon Christmas
Program**
Tuesday, December 13th
6:00 pm



Holiday Greetings!

As we move into the next season, we ask that you work with us (assisting students with homework, practicing skills, and studying) as we wade through Benchmark Assessments and other academic business to close out the year 2016. We extend our thoughts for you and your family as you prepare for the upcoming holiday. As always, if there is anything we can do, let us know. Together, we can achieve even more!

Along other lines, we remind anyone driving out of the school gate driveway, please remember to turn *right*. The owners of the complex (located in North Carolina) have called several times and are concerned about the safety of their patrons and employees. We are not to drive around the back (where loading and unloading takes place) or direct front (where customers are going in and out) of the stores. It is important for us to turn *right* and the traffic flow out that end.

Exciting news! Upon the retirement of our wonderful school mascot, "Grady", we are pleased to announce, kindergarten teacher, Ms. Gowen, has supplied another mascot for Amelon! His name is "Titus"! The Mighty Titus will join us as our official mascot. He will make an appearance Friday to meet and greet the Amelon Family.

**Welcome Titus to the
Amelon Family!**



AMELON BULLDOGS ARE...

Prepared, **A**ct Responsible, **W**ork hard, and **S**how Respect!

Mrs. Copp
Amelon Assistant Principal



News from Mrs. Copp



Greetings Amelon Family,

The last month of this year has arrived and it is always a busy time for everyone.

We have had several well attended events at Amelon Elementary School and still have a few more to look forward to. "Selfies with Santa" and Santa's Gift Shop, December 5, 6:00-7:30, and our Amelon Chorus Performance, December 13, 6:00 are all great activities to attend that will get us all into the holiday spirit.



Benchmark Testing

The students in grades 3-5 will have benchmark testing from December 5th to December 16th.

Benchmark Schedule:

Third Grade:

Dec. 5- History Dec. 6- Science Dec. 14- Reading Dec. 15- Math

Fourth Grade:

Dec. 8- Reading Dec. 14- Math Dec. 15-VA Studies Dec. 16- Science

Fifth Grade:

Dec. 7- Science Dec. 9- Reading Dec. 12- English Dec. 13- Math

Second Grade will be testing in January.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and safe and relaxing holiday break!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Copp



Compassion is an awareness of the distress experienced by others along with a desire to alleviate it.

This holiday season, our Amelon students and community are participating in several school-wide service projects and acts of compassion. Read below to find out more!



Macy's Believe Campaign

As a school-wide service project, Amelon Bulldogs will be contributing to Macy's annual Believe Campaign, which is a fund raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Each year, Macy's pledges to donate \$1.00 to Make-A-Wish for every letter to Santa turned in to their stores. Amelon students, families and even faculty and staff can write letters to Santa (or draw him a picture!) and Mrs. L. Walker will turn in the letters on December 9th – National Believe Day. On this day, Macy's will double their donations to \$2.00 for each letter!! Some teachers are using this as a writing activity in class, students may write letters at home and bring them to school, or – **new this year** – there will be a Letters to Santa station at our PTO *Selfies with Santa* event on Monday, December 5th!



For more information, you can visit www.wish.org.

Canned Food Drive

Amelon is also holding a canned food drive to benefit the Christmas Cheer Food Boxes distributed by Madison Heights Baptist Church to Amherst County families in need. From now until December 13th, students, families, faculty, and staff will collect canned and non-perishable food items. We can help Madison Heights Baptist Church meet some needs of members of our own community!



Each month students are recognized for showing good character at Amelon, and each month a different Character Counts trait is the focus.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

In November, our focus was *Responsibility*.

Smart Start

Skylar Rosson

Kindergarten

Sophia Hatfield

Kenyon McCoy

Amaya Lewis

Kenzley Mawyer

1st Grade

Helene Saunders

Sadie Ellington

Johnathan Murray

Ivy Headley

2nd Grade

William "Landon" Mays

Ania Thompson

Victoria Howell

3rd Grade

Ian Dawson

Madison Weatherford

Tiffany Nash

Gavin Cassise

4th Grade

Casey Rosson

Hannah Mull

Cameron Feyerherd

Kora Bower

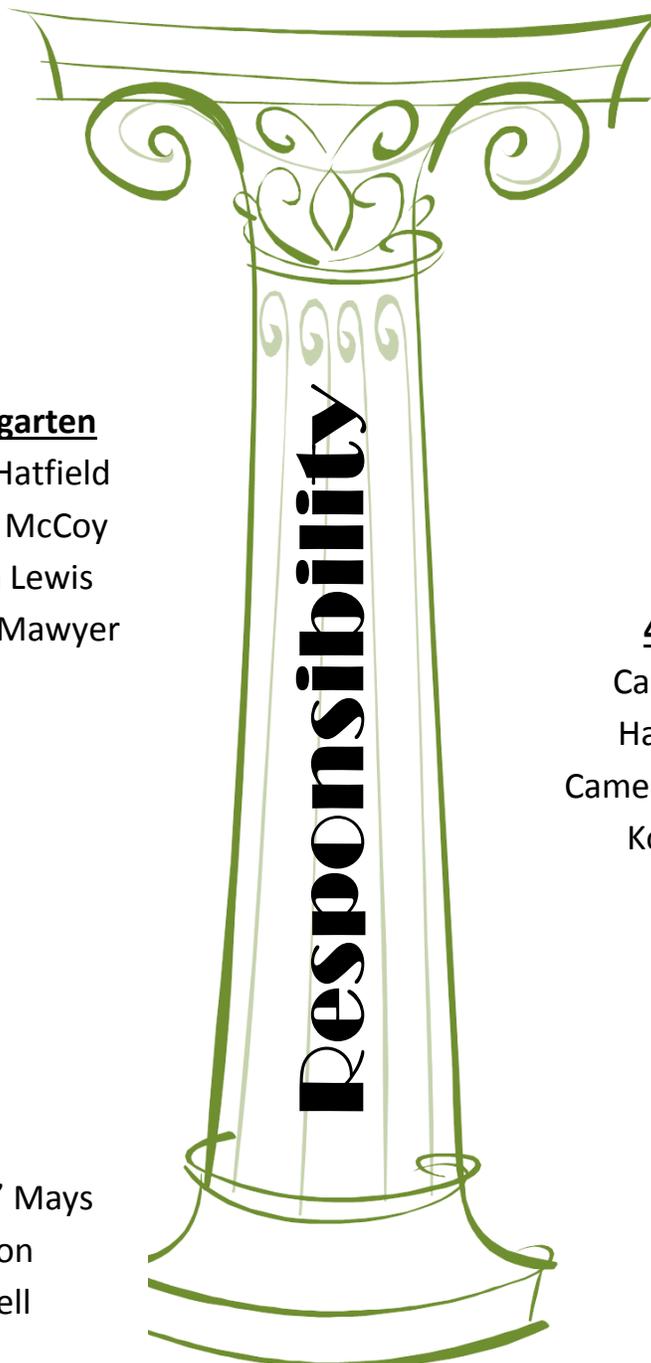
5th Grade

Kaylee Christian

Isaiah Elliott

TreQuan Jennings

Tyah Charlton



In December there will not be a Student of the Month character trait.
Instead, as a school, we are going to practice *Compassion*.