

FOUR MILE FAMILY ZONE

Leadership Habit Poster Contest!

All Four Mile students in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to participate in Mrs. Steenhoek's Leader in Me Leadership Habit Poster Contest! Your challenge is to create a poster at home that includes all 8 Leadership Habits, with a short description or picture for each habit.

Contest Guidelines: Posters must be made without technology (hand-drawn or hand-created). Poster size must be smaller than 14" x 18". Please write your name, teacher's name, and grade level on the BACK of your poster (not the front). Turn in your completed poster to the school office by January 16.

How winners will be chosen: Mrs. Steenhoek will select one winner from each grade level (K-5) based on creativity, neatness, uniqueness, spelling and handwriting. The poster should include all 8 habits with a brief description or picture for each.

Winners will receive: a book of their choice (ordered especially for them by Mrs. Steenhoek) and a leadership t-shirt. Good luck, Four Mile Leaders—show us your creativity and leadership!

IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, January 5- Students return to school!
- Monday, January 5 - Friday, February 6- iReady diagnostic winter screening
- Friday, January 9- Hearing rechecks, K & 2nd
- Monday, January 12- Friday, January 23- FAST/ aReading winter screening
- Tuesday, January 13- PTA Meeting, 6pm
- Monday, January 19- No school for students
- Friday, January 23- PTA Bingo Night
- Friday, February 6- Super Bowl Day (jersey day!)
- Tuesday, February 10- PTA Meeting, 6pm
- Friday, February 13- Valentine's Day Parties
- Tuesday, February 17- Four Mile Family Engagement Night (Winter Olympics theme)
- Friday, February 20- Kindergarten field trip to the ELC

FOUR MILE ELEMENTARY
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT NIGHT

WINTER OLYMPIC CARNIVAL

FEBRUARY 17

5:00-6:30PM



Carnival games with prizes!

All students who attend will receive a bag of math and reading materials for home (first 100 students). This is only for PK-5 Four Mile students. They must be accompanied by at least one adult. Supper will be available. Pre-registration for admission and/or supper will be required. Stay tuned for more details! Profits will go to the Four Mile School Improvement Fund.

**SCHOOL RESUMES ON JANUARY 5!
WE MISSED YOU AND WE HOPE YOU
HAD A GREAT WINTER BREAK!**

Season of Sharing

Four Mile's Season of Sharing 2025 was an incredible success! We were able to provide 43 families and 131 children with gifts, food, household needs, and clothes for the holiday season all because of this amazing community! Thank you to all the organizations/businesses, families, teachers, and community members who sponsored whole families, signed up for individual gifts, and who gave to the free will donation for our school-wide fundraiser, "Cuddle Up and Read". We are forever grateful for the generosity that shines so bright in the Four Mile community!

We especially want to thank Shannon Newton and the New Life Church for volunteering their time and facilities to collect and distribute donations to our families. We also want to give a sincere thank you to Abbey Sinclair and the Channel Prime Alliance employees for their amazing financial support of our families year after year providing household needs and treats to EVERY family on our list. We wish you all a safe, merry, and bright holiday season!

Student Lighthouse Team

The Student Lighthouse Team has been busy making a big impact this year! Each day, one of our Student Lighthouse members hops on the intercom to share schoolwide announcements—an amazing way they've taken ownership of communication in our building.

We kicked off the year with our Fall Bracelet Fundraiser, which was a huge success. The bracelets sold out quickly, and we are so grateful for everyone who supported us! Next, the team led our annual Food Drive, collecting and delivering 600 pounds of food to Caring Hands in November. The Caring Hands team expressed heartfelt gratitude for the generous donations from Four Mile.

Most recently, our Student Lighthouse Team has been thoughtfully deciding how to use the fundraiser money they earned. After discussion and collaboration, they chose to purchase a cordless microphone and an LED scrolling sign to place in or around the lunchroom—tools that will help share important information with students in a fun, effective way.

This group has truly been rocking it, and we can't wait to see what they accomplish next!

PTA NEWS

We hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing Winter Break! The PTA has some exciting things coming up for our second half of the school year and we want YOU to be a part of it! Join us for our next PTA meeting, Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00pm in the Four Mile Elementary Library. We will send out the agenda soon, which will include a link if you'd like to join virtually!

Our ANNUAL BINGO NIGHT is January 23rd from 6:00pm - 7:30pm in the Four Mile Gym and Cafeteria. Follow this link if you would like to pre-order Bingo cards, daubers, and/or food for the event:
<https://forms.gle/XrQ8LhnnKYowbcRX9>

Please reach out to us by email at fourmilepta@gmail.com or on Facebook-
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1MSQV9SVeV/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Prioritizing Attendance at School

Families, we need your help! In November '25, we had a slight increase of absenteeism over November '24. We really need to get back to prioritizing attendance at school.

Students' attendance is important for many reasons:

- If students miss a day, they miss that learning, making it hard to catch up.
- All students thrive on routines. Missing school is out of the routine, and sometimes it makes it hard to return.
- Our students learn our curriculum, but they also learn how to share, collaborate, ask for help, and solve problems through their peers.
- Research shows that good attendance predicts better behavior, greater confidence, and higher reading/math proficiencies.
- Being on time, showing up when we don't want to, and managing responsibilities are life skills that our students will carry into their future.

Winter Clothing Drive

Our families and friends showed incredible generosity in donating winter clothing and boots for our students at Four Mile. Their kindness ensured that every child is warm, comfortable, and ready to learn during the colder months. We are truly grateful for the outpouring of support!! These thoughtful contributions make a real difference in our school community and reflect the caring spirit that brings us all together.