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Special Note:

Friday, December 6, is the last make-up day this semester. Students may stay after school to make up time.

December 17 – Parent Resource Night. 5 – 7 pm. Christmas Crafts. Come join the fun!

December 19 is the last day of school for the semester. Students will be released at noon. Grade report will be sent home in the mail over the break.

December 23 – January 3– Holiday Break, No school.

School Resumes on Monday, January 6.

January 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Observed, no school

Be sure to listen to 1420 AM KMOG for weather and snow day information!

Journalism

Mr. Wade
Bethany Blanchard
Lahana Christenson

PEC Volunteers

We interviewed student Jordan Garcia about volunteering at the Tamales for Toys. This is an annual fundraiser to benefit Payson Community Kids.

When we asked him why he did it, he said, "To raise money for the children." He also included how he cooked and cleaned.

The fundraiser was on November 20 at the Senior Center. Jordan said it was fun to hang out with all of the volunteers. Many

Survey: Gifts!

We were curious about what gifts people liked the most and disliked the most for Christmas. We received some trendy and non-trendy answers.

Some survey answers we couldn't even write down for you all to see, they were so sad and horrible. Some were so grand that you would think they were millionaires.

What most people thought were exceptional gifts were new, fabulously trendy clothing, that along with the money, cash, moolah. Some of the most unique responses were a jewelry box, fuzzy slippers, and a puppy.

Some of the funnier answers for worst gifts were someone's two front teeth, not getting Crayola crayons, and a grill for my dad to use on the back porch.

students and teachers from our school attended the tamale making.

Gerardo's and Chili's put it together to raise money for the kids' toys. Jordan said he would definitely do it again if he received the chance.

We asked how the tamales tasted and Jordan said they were absolutely delicious. After making the tamales, other volunteers sold them at Gerardo's.



Of course, the worst gifts given on Christmas are socks, but nothing will compare to receiving nothing at all.

The holidays are the time of year where you expect to receive things you've always wanted. It's also a time for families to come together and celebrate their religious beliefs.

Some kids are unfortunate and don't even get to have a Christmas. That's why we should cherish and be thankful for every little thing we get.

Sugar Cookies

By Bethie Blanchard, who would like a Big Lots gift card

With the holidays coming up very soon, everybody is going to be cooking. Why not kick off the season with original homemade sugar cookies?

It's fast, easy, and delicious! Here's what you need to get started:

- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 package (3 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 egg
- 3 cups Gold Medal® all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

1. Beat butter, cream cheese, sugar, vanilla and egg in large bowl with electric mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy. Stir in flour and salt until blended.

2. Cover and refrigerate dough at least 2 hours but no longer than 24 hours.

3. Heat oven to 375°. Roll one-fourth of dough at a time 1/8 inch thick on lightly floured cloth-covered board. (Keep remaining dough refrigerated until ready to roll.)

4. Cut dough with assorted cookie cutters. Place about 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet.

5. Bake 7 to 10 minutes or until light brown. Immediately remove from cookie sheet to wire rack. Cool completely. Decorate as desired.

From bettycrocker.com

Strawberry & Star Valley Side by Side

Gifts 4 Girls

There are so many gifts to receive on Christmas day. Your imagination could be lost in all the possibilities.

No worries! There are always at least four top things every year. As a teen girl it's hard to pick what you want. Everything would be nice!

For now we will keep the list short. I know some people may think finding gifts would be

Tax Credit

You have an opportunity to take advantage of a tax credit allowed by the Arizona legislature for donations to public schools.

Arizona taxpayers may donate up to \$400 to Payson Education Center for extracurricular activities of your choice and take a dollar-for-dollar credit off your Arizona state income tax liability.

Meetings

Student council meets on Thursdays after school. Any student is welcome to attend.

PEC's site council meets the first Wednesday of the month from 4 to 5 p.m.

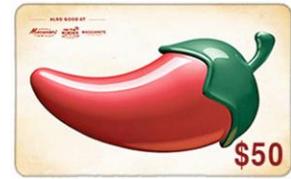
very difficult, but really it isn't. You're not searching for some magical creature, just something simple that's wanted and easy to find.

This list contains the most wanted items for girls from age 13-19. Help make your holiday shopping a lot easier than last year.

1. Cell Phone (I Phone 5, Galaxy S 4,)
2. Clothing (latest trends)

3. Gift card to their favorite shopping place (Starbucks, Forever 21, Nordstrom)

4. Accessories (jewelry, shoes, scarfs, purse, phone case)



By Lahana Christenson, who would like a Chili's gift card.

A donation in any amount is appreciated. This donation may also count as a tax-deductible donation on the federal tax return.

Since we do not receive any funds from property taxes, this is an important fundraiser for PEC.

We use this money for after-school enrichment, group activities, and field trips.

Please visit our website by searching Payson Education Center online or entering the URL listed at the bottom of this page.

The website contains a link to a letter from Mrs. Miles along with the Arizona Tax Credit form.

