



# Bear Express



The Official Newsletter for Summit Charter School

## CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

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Dear Summit Families and Friends,

The Holiday season is upon us, and Summit is once again participating in the annual Cashiers Christmas Parade this Saturday, December 9th at 12:00 p.m. Please contact Melanie Jones for more information at 828-577-3966.

Congratulations to coaches Brad Hughes, Paul Yanik and Summit's two Lego Robotics Teams (The Lego Lords and Accidental Genius) for their outstanding performance in Saturday's First League Competition in Cherokee, NC. Both Summit teams placed in the top 13 out of 45 Western North Carolina teams to advance to the state competition, January 20th in Greensboro, NC. The team members for the Lego Lords are Liam Kennedy, Camden Myers, Owen Yanik, Elizabeth Sealy, Tyler Stewart-Payne, Chloe Stiwinter, Kayla Koonts and Trip Grube. The Accidental Genius members are Edward Marquina, Eduardo Tepepa, Josh Handy, Sam Stiwinter, Nico Cotton, Zimmerman Boswell, Taylor Ball, Ryan Collins-Neil and Riley Stose.

The Accidental Genius team also took home 1st place in the Innovative Solution competition. Again, congratulations to both teams and our coaches for representing Summit so well in Western NC.

Our i-Ready assessments began today and will go through December 12th. These assessments assess the growth students have made from the beginning of the year in Language Arts and Math to this point. Please see the assessment schedule on the back side of the Bear Express.

Spirit week is off to a great start with Red, White and Blue day today. Tomorrow is Superhero day. Please remember that students who choose not to participate must be in regular dress code. If your student chooses to participate, it is considered free dress as well. Let's show a lot of Summit school spirit this week!

Picture Day Makeups and Retakes will be this Thursday, December 7th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Library/Music room. All students and faculty that were not here originally for pictures, or would simply like their picture taken again, are welcome to come to the Library/Music room that day. **Please remember that students must be in Summit dress code for school pictures.**

Our boy's and girl's basketball teams have a busy week as well. They will travel to Highlands today with the girls playing at 4:30 and the boys to follow. Wednesday evening, we host the Blue Ridge Bobcats at the Cashiers Rec. Center beginning at 4:00 p.m. Thursday, our boys host Eagle Ridge at 4:00 p.m. at the Cashiers Rec. Center.

Looking for Volunteer hours? Help is needed with movement of outdoor classroom components. So far all the apple trees need to be relocated to a permanent place. There is also a weather station that needs to be moved and some trail clearing. Please contact Janis Brannon [jbrannon@summitschool.org](mailto:jbrannon@summitschool.org) if you can help with any of these moves.

Box tops are due this Friday, and the class with the most Box tops will win a Free Dress Day on Friday, December 15th.

Have a great week!

*Danny Howell*



# SFA NEWS

The 43rd Annual Cashiers Christmas Parade is this Saturday, December 9 at 12:00 pm. With a parade theme of Silver and Gold Bells, we would love donations of only Hershey Kisses with silver or gold foil. For parents who wish to donate things other than Hershey Kisses; Dollar Tree, Walmart and Dollar General stores usually have pencils in a variety of colors including silver and gold.

We would love those!

Melanie Jones will provide float riders with silver and gold bells to ring, as well as reindeer antlers. The overall theme of the float will be a scene from Rudolph.

Contact Melanie at [brfreedental@gmail.com](mailto:brfreedental@gmail.com) or 828-3966 for more information.

## 2017-2018 Basketball Schedule

\* All girls games begin at 4:30 and boys games at 5:30 unless otherwise noted\*

Tuesday 11/28 Summit @ SME (4:00 GIRLS ONLY)

Wednesday 11/29 Summit @ TFS (3:30)

Monday 12/4 Summit @ Highlands

Wednesday 12/6 Blue Ridge @ Summit (4:00)

Thursday 12/7 Eagle Ridge @ Summit (BOYS ONLY)

Tuesday 12/12 Summit @ Eagle Ridge (BOYS ONLY)

Thursday 12/14 RG @ Summit

Monday 12/18 Nantahala @ Summit

Thursday 1/4 Summit @ Blue Ridge (4:00)

Monday 1/8 Summit @ HCA (Webster Baptist Church)

Thursday 1/11 Highlands @ Summit

Tuesday 1/16 Summit @ SME (4:00 GIRLS ONLY)

Thursday 1/18 TFS @ Summit

Monday 1/22 Summit @ Rabun Gap

Thursday 1/25 Summit @ Nantahala

Monday 1/29 1st Round Semi-Finals

Wednesday 1/31 2nd Round Semi-Finals

Saturday 2/3 Tri-State Championship

## i-Ready Assessment Schedule

December 4: 1st Grade A & 1st Grade B (AM), 2nd Grade (PM)

December 5: 2nd Grade (AM), 1st Grade A (PM) & 1st Grade B (PM)

December 6: 3rd Grade & 4th Grade (AM), 5th Grade (PM)

December 8: 6th Grade (AM), 3rd Grade & 4th Grade (PM)

December 11: 5th Grade & 7th Grade (AM), 8th Grade (PM)

December 12: 8th Grade (AM), 6th Grade & 7th Grade (PM)

December 13-15: Makeups

Need hours? We need your help cleaning up the Summit Cottage!

During the construction of our new gym and high school, the project manager will be living in Summit's cottage across from the school. We need a group of parents to help give it a final cleaning, make beds, and just general last minute touch-ups. If you would be willing to help, please call or text Katie Bumgarner at 828-508-2274 or email [katie.r.bum@gmail.com](mailto:katie.r.bum@gmail.com).



December 4-8: Spirit Week

December 4-12: i-Ready Assessments

December 7: Picture Day Makeups & Retakes

December 8: Box Tops Due

December 9: Cashiers Christmas Parade at 12:00

December 11: SCS Board Meeting at 5:00

December 15: Free Dress Day for Box Top Winner

December 19: Ugly Christmas Sweaters & Free Dress Day

December 20-January 2: Winter Break

December 20-January 10: Boys & Girls Club Closed

January 3: School Resumes

January 11: Boys & Girls Club Resumes

STARTS MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 4TH

Monday: America Monday  
Dress in Red, White, and Blue

Tuesday: Superhero Day  
Dress as a Superhero

Wednesday:  
Green & White Day

Thursday:  
Teacher Dress up Day  
Dress up as any teacher

Friday:  
Flashback Friday  
Dress like your favorite decade

