

# LaFayette Big Picture TGIF

2018

DECEMBER 21

We are **STILL PRESENT, POSITIVE** and **PASSIONATE!**



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We had a great week leading up to our break. It included stressors and high emotions, but we were able to keep it together! On Tuesday, students not at internships sites participated in one of our favorite service learning opportunities: Distribution Day. Our group helped to sort and assemble holiday gift bags for children and families in need. The organizers paid our group some wonderful complements on behavior and work ethic. (My early holiday present!) We were able to spend Friday enjoying each other and participated in our annual Reindeer Games. The Reindeer Games included our Door Decorating Contest, Candy Wreaths being delivered with a singing message, Gourmet Hot Chocolate, Holiday Movies, card making, 1980 bead crafts (Friendship Pins.....remember those!), a puzzle, candy cane ornaments, and many more activities. We competed as advisories in eating donuts off a string, making toilet paper snowmen, snowball catapults, reindeer antlers, and snowball chow down. We finished our celebratory Friday with a karaoke battle like none other. Students commented on how fun the day was and I saw many positive interactions between and among students. It was the perfect end to December. When we return from break, we have a focus of internship attainment, completion on new learning plans, and preparing for the January Regents exams.

Please enjoy the next few pages of pictures from our December! See you next year!



## TGIF from Lenny

The week before break in school is typically high energy. Last week was no exception. I worked hard to focus on post-exhibition requirements on Monday to wrap up things early in the week. The 301s finished up PENs, argumentative essays, and another round of STAR screeners. We also read another chapter in our advisory book, which encouraged us to be self-evaluative and disregard other's criticism.

Tuesday was a busy day of internships and wrapping up loose ends on projects. We also put some finishing touches on our door decorations. On Wednesday, David and I took 16 students to PSLA at Fowler for our last exchange of the year. It was another great day of growth and dialogue with our partners at PSLA. We wrapped up the day with a facilitator speak

out. This entailed the student facilitators answering questions that caused them to reflect on the experience. It was sad saying goodbye and it was evident that many new friendships were forged. I want to also say thank you to Andrea and Kofi for planning, organizing and leading all of the dialogue sessions.

On Thursday we were privilege to have our friend Carol from Kenya visit our school. She came to observe and engage in conversations with students and staff. She also shared stories of her experiences with us. It was a short but valuable visit and we look forward to more collaboration with Carol.

Friday was our annual Reindeer Games and it was intense. It is hard to describe the energy level so I'll let the pictures speak for themselves. I hope you all have a restful holiday filled with peace. Take care.









# Reindeer Antlers and Build a Snowman









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