



What is your **Holiday** tradition?

Rachel Childers,
Student Teacher
"On Christmas Eve, my siblings and I would get Christmas PJ's. We would hear Santa's sleigh bells and go outside to see if we could find him, but we never did. We came back inside to find our pajamas. According to my parents, they were from the elves."

Travis Dube,
HS Principal
"On Christmas Eve my wife cooks Venison Chili and corn bread for our family. It is my mother-in-law's recipe and it's a family tradition to cook this at Christmas."

Rachel Trussell,
5th
"I love this time of year because of all the pretty Christmas lights. A bunch of my family members come over to my house and we play white elephant. I always luck out and get an awesome gift."

Brody Brooks,
Kindergarten
"We went to my Aunt Kim's for Christmas. We decorated cookies and she let me decorate the tree all by myself. And I saw Santa putting my remote control car underneath the tree."

Sydney Branson,
7th
"A tradition that my family does is frost cookies at my grandparents' house. I frost the ornament cookies and I frost them yellow, blue, green, and red. While we do this we listen to Christmas music."

Raul Sanchez,
7th
"At Christmas we travel down to San Antonio to visit my grandma on my dad's side. My grandma has a big feast for all of us, and I always go back for fifths. I love her turkey!"

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Seasonal Color Middle School groups lend hand to Down Home Ranch

In the season of good cheer, the National Junior Honor Society and the middle school student council sold poinsettias from the Down Home Ranch. To ensure the poinsettias looked beautiful for their customers, the students were involved in preparing the poinsettias. Each student was assigned a specific job to increase productivity.

"When we picked out the poinsettias, we cut off any branches that would not survive the ride back to Thrall," Brooke De Angelis, 7th, said. "Then, we had to place the poinsettias into this wooden paper thing with foil covering the pot. Next, we had to place the flowers on a post and align everything so it would be pretty for the delivery."

While they were working, 8th grade students Andrew Ball and Matthew Leschber placed foil on their heads and pretended to be Spartans from Halo. After the students had finished, Andrew and Matthew talked with the members of Down Home Ranch.

"They said that they were really thankful for us coming out there to help with the deliveries," Matthew said. "It was worth all our efforts to bring a smile to their faces." The fund-raiser earned \$900.

