



Notes from the Principal

Congratulations to our Girls Basketball team for winning the 2012 Bristol Invitational Basketball Tournament and to our Boys team for bringing home the second place trophy. Great job representing our school.

Any 8th grade student or parent who would like additional information about making your high school selection for next year can contact Mrs. Blake on Mondays and Thursdays at 549-7691.

We have posted the [Draft Long Range RSU 12 Plan](#) along with a survey link on our website. We would like to receive as much feedback as possible from parents and community members as possible. Thank you.

Classroom Highlights

Beck Kindergarten: The K Krew has been busy this week reading and talking about "The Mitten" story by Jan Brett. We have talked about the animals snuggling in the mitten and what other animals we might like to see try to squeeze in! We are learning how to predict and also using comprehension skills as we read and try to understand the story. We have practiced capital letters R, L, M, N, P, B, in penmanship. We had a great time reading our books to our families this week and more are on their way home. We could use WIPIES in our classroom. :)



in the gym. Special thanks to Mrs. Simpson for helping with that! Next week's sharing is SNOW.

Northrup Grade 3: We have finished our N.W.E.A. Testing. The children did an amazing job!!! I am so proud of all of them. - REMINDER - SPACE PROJECTS ARE DUE ON FEB. 3RD. Student of the Week- Bella.

Trask Grade 4: The class has started working with decimals in math this week. Students are reviewing place value of decimals. We will also continue to practice the multiplication facts as we get closer to multiplying larger numbers.

In English the class has finished working with Subjects and Predicates. Students are recognizing that all sentences need them to be complete and make sense.

Cullenberg Grade 5 - 6: Last week the fifth graders have been learning about the Pilgrims and the reasons why they came to America. They also learned the proper way to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich!! The sixth graders passed in some very nice timelines showing events from BC and AD.

This week the fifth graders have started reading a mystery book. The book and the project are due on February 15. They are also working on a booklet about the life of the Pilgrims. The sixth graders are learning about life many years ago in Mesopotamia.

Davis Kindergarten/1: We are busy creating an arctic habitat in our room. We have been learning about what life is like in the arctic for the animals and people that live there. We have been reading about some children that live in northern Alaska and have been studying about the Inuit and Inupiat cultures. Many of the first grade students have chosen a topic for independent research projects this week. We will be working on these at school over the next few weeks. Kindergarten has been practicing letters C and E this week. We have been listening to letter sounds and are beginning to sound out words to read and write. We are in need of baby wipes and snacks in the classroom.

Holbrook Grade 1: Thank you for sending in supplies with your children. A few more still need theirs replenished. We continue working hard in reading groups and the payoff is truly inspiring. The kids continue climbing up the levels.

Lamothe Grade 2: Students completed testing and did a wonderful job. Now we will be able to take the information from the tests to help adjust the curriculum to better help students understand new concepts or review any topics they may have struggled with. Have a wonderful weekend.

Peavey Grade 2: We studied Australian animals this week and students learned about marsupials. They thought being carried in a pouch would be fun! In math we studied line segments and polygons. In language arts students began writing paragraphs using a web organizer. Students earned all their marbles and celebrated by rope climbing



Letsch Grade 7 & 8: Students should be researching and selecting information to use in their speech writing. If a student is concerned, please have them come see me to learn some strategies.

Howell Grade 5-8: Please remind your child that it is important to have the Weekly Math done by Friday. Many students receive low grades for not completing their. Students should not leave these until Thursday night to begin.

Students may also be given additional homework during the week. Make sure your child is keeping up with all assignments.

McCormick Grade 5-8: 6th grade is working on a NASA contest that involves planning a meal for someone who is traveling to Mars. They have been learning about what it is like to live and travel in

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microgravity. 5th grade continues to learn about weather this week has been about air masses and fronts. 7th grade extracted the DNA from bananas and is now working on a lesson plan that teaches others the importance of DNA. 8th grade will be testing on solubility next week. I AM VERY CONCERNED WITH THE LACK OF QUALITY OF WORK THAT I AM GETTING FROM MANY STUDENTS. PLEASE ASK YOUR CHILD TO SEE THEIR ASSIGNMENT NOTEBOOKS AND ANY WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS. FOR SOME REASON MANY KIDS ARE LACKING THE SKILL OF DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN JUST PUTTING SOMETHING DOWN AND QUALITY WORK.

Jones Music: Music classes are starting to put together material for a spring concert. The spring concert will be Wednesday, March 28th. Kindergarten through 4th grade will be the performers. Please mark your calendars! Have a good safe and fun weekend!

Fortin Title I: To improve your children's reading skills limit TV viewing to make time for reading. Even 15 minutes of reading before bedtime can improve your children's skills.

Your child can become a better student by becoming a better "homeworker." Homework offers important reviewing and learning time away from the classroom, helping your child become a more independent learner. On evenings that your children don't have homework, they should spend time reading.

Karass K-4 Resource: I'm back from surgery. I'm in the classroom and available for any updates on student's progress. Please feel free to contact me!!

Seiders 5-8 Resource: Parents of 8th Graders start talking with your child about high school and look around at the options available that fit your child's needs. Reminder for all parents – please ask your child to show you their assignment books each night to help them stay on top of their homework. If they say it is done, have them show you..



Simpson P.E: Free Skiing at Lost Valley in Auburn every Friday in Feb. from 5-9. Courtesy of L/A Harley-Davidson & Lee Auto Mall.

Howard Technology and Library: NWEA testing is complete and we were able to use Symphony Math Assessments as well to compare data math scores. We have already seen that children are testing identically on both tests, so individual support will be easier to set up. Great job to all the students for their hard work.

- "If you carry with you your childhood,
you never become older." – Abraham Lincoln.

Hamlin Art: Congratulations To our 2011-2012 Yearbook Cover Design Winners!!!

First Place & Front Cover: Hayden C. (#11)
Second Place & Back Cover: Amber G. (#3)
Third Place: Allie G. (#8)
Fourth Place: Annabelle H. (#21)
Fifth Place: Savannah C. (#1)
Sixth Place: Sonya J. (#17)

(Third, fourth, fifth and sixth place winners will be featured on their OWNPAGE of the YEARBOOK!!!

Steele-Malley GATE: Congratulations to Traviana H. and Hayden C. for participating in NANOWRIMO <http://www.nanowrimo.org/> last November! These two extraordinary students wrote a novel in a month following the acclaimed NANOWRIMO system and network. This venture has paid off for these two young writers as they recently received feedback and editing help from New York Times bestselling author, Doug Preston - <http://www.prestonchild.com/bios/preston/Douglas-Preston;art63,97>. According to Preston, "This is a fine Gothic thriller, with horror and fantasy thrown in. I think it's terrific. It's a lot of fun (and scary) to read. It has tremendous energy, the pacing is swift, and the story gallops along like a runaway horse. There were many interesting and creative touches in the story, from the shape shifting to the dream sequences."

Lincoln Kitchen News: REMINDER about the New Lunch Policy effective February 1st. If you child owes more than **\$10.00** by Thursdays – the following Monday they will receive a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich. To avoid this please send in a payment or call to arrange a payment arrangement. - Invoices were sent out last month, new invoices will be given to students to bring home. Parents are also able to login into PowerSchool on their child's account and see their Lunch Balance. -- Thank you Kitchen Staff.

PTA: OUR NEXT MEETING IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6th @ 6PM IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY. New members are always welcome. Hope to see you there.

Cub Scout News: Next Mtg: Feb. 6th & 27th at 6:15 in the Windsor School cafeteria.

Family Bowling: Sunday Feb. 12th from 1-3:00 at Splitters in Augusta. The cost is \$10 per person & the pack will pay for each scout. Cost includes bowling, shoes, pizza & soda.

Pinewood Derby: Saturday March 17th in the Windsor School gym with weigh in from 12-12:30. If you have any questions concerning the race please contact Laurie at 458-3499.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION: Yearbooks are \$12 - orders are being taken now. You can also go to the school's website – there is a link on the left for an order form. Please send it in with payment to Mrs. Grady. 8th grade students should be sending in baby pictures to be included in the yearbook.

VALENTINES: The fifth graders are selling Valentine's Day messages with a lollipop. Orders will be taken until February 13. The messages will be delivered on Valentine's Day.



Dates to Remember	
Feb. 6	GJV/GV @ Windsor
Feb. 9	Early Release Day
Feb. 20-24	Winter Break

Have a wonderful Weekend!