

February 5th

COME CHEER ON OUR WAKANDA STARS MATT AND NOLAN AT THE DISTRICT SPELLING BEE! 4PM @ MMS

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PTO MEETING @6:30
CHILDCARE PROVIDED

February 12th

COME EAT WITH OUR 3RD GRADE HOSTS AT STOUT ALE HOUSE. 20% OF THE PROCEEDS GO BACK TO THE 3RD GRADE!

February 18&20

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES FROM 4-7:30PM.

WAKANDA NEWS



It's a Wrap!

January is officially over and we are moving into February. As you can see here, our students find time to celebrate with a "Minute to Win It" challenge at a Family Meeting. Star Squads and Color Families competed for bragging rights and everybody wins!

**NO
SCHOOL
February
21st**

Grade Level News

The **kindergartners** have been exploring quantities using the language "more than" and "less than" during their recent math studies. In writing, students have been hard at work learning to create How-To Books. Students have learned to write and illustrate detailed steps in sequential order. They will be eager to teach you at home! Our kindergarten scientists have started our materials and motion unit as well. They have been investigating and conducting experiments with wood and water.

First grade mathematicians just finished up a unit that encouraged them to work from solving addition and subtraction problems within 10 to problems involving teen numbers. They learned many strategies including how to "take from ten" and "count on." In Writers Workshop, the first grade authors are busy learning about and writing non-fiction chapter books! Yep... you read it right, chapter books! These busy authors and illustrators are learning all about chapter books including: table of contents, introduction, details (in pictures and words), fun facts, and much more! The three first grade rooms are filled with excitement as the kids share their knowledge and books with one another.

We are continuing to stretch our brain in **second grade!** Our math unit this month is a challenging one, but we are learning a lot in the process! We have been working with adding and subtracting three digit numbers. We have practiced many strategies that lead to being able to solve these problems mentally, as well as a more traditional way. (Many of us call this "the way Mom and Dad do it". We are also continuing to work on mastering fluency with our addition and subtraction facts each day. We have become nonfiction experts in reading and writing as we are almost finished with our units in this area. The animal books we are writing after researching an animal are amazing. We can't wait to share them! Also, poetry has been drifting out of our classrooms as we have prepared for our Poetry and Punch program. Our study of Black History has been really interesting and thought provoking for the second graders. They are very interested in the history of that time period and we have had some wonderful discussions in class.

Third graders finished another module in math. We have now moved onto learning about area of shapes. Students are finding it beneficial to know their multiplication facts for figuring out area. Students had a great time learning about solutions and mixtures in Science. They made a mixture of m&m's, marshmallows,

*Congrats to our
Wakanda Spelling
Bee winners!
Nolan and Matt
will represent our
school at the
district
competition the
first week of
February.*



*Congratulations to
our 5th Graders,
who recently
graduated from
the DARE
program.*

popcorn, cereal, pretzels and solution of lemonade to go with it. In writing, the third graders are finishing up a unit on persuasive writing. They are learning about the importance of supporting their opinions with examples to better convince the reader to agree with their opinion. A reminder note about conferences was sent home recently. They are coming up in February. If your child forgot to give you this very important note, please ask them for it. We look forward to seeing everyone at conferences in a few weeks.

This month in **Fourth grade** we have been working hard in math learning about fractions and creating equivalent fractions. Students are enjoying reading historical fiction books and learning how to write with historical fiction as well. We have also enjoyed learning about energy in our science unit.

Life in **Grade 5** is great! We continue to catch our breath after wrapping up our National Park Project! Thank you again for supporting your student and our fundraising efforts! We recently completed work on two writing assignments, a National Park Reflection letter and the other was on the lost colony of Roanoke. The journey to effective communication is one we thoroughly enjoy in Grade 5! We also took the Math Module 2 Final Assessment. This week we will dive into Math Mod. 3: Addition and Subtraction of Fractions. In Reading, we have begun our "Read Like a Fan" Unit. We have kicked off the unit with a shared reading book called Chasing Vermeer by Blue Balliett. It's a suspense-filled mystery that has us all on the edge of our seats as we search to find clues to put the puzzle together! In Writing, we will begin crafting Literary Essays this week. We will work to open texts and SEE MORE! In Grammar, we continue to learn grammar and punctuation rules to help us become better writers and editors. Stay tuned for more awesome updates from your Elementary Seniors at Wakanda Elementary School!

Counseling News!

Students have been working hard on understanding student differences and celebrating what makes us unique and similar - not what makes us different. Students have also been working on how to solve their own problems when conflicts arise, what to do when we are angry/upset, and how to use the internet safely. Here is what we will be discussing in February!:

- K** - Anger and Careers
- 1st** - Friendship and Diversity
- 2nd** - Teamwork and Learning Styles
- 3rd** - Diversity and Learning Styles
- 4th** - Peer Pressure and Self-Esteem
- 5th** - Phone Safety and Life Skills

Students will also be participating in Pennies for Patients again this year. There will be a kick-off assembly on Friday, February 28th. For two weeks students will be raising money for children who have been diagnosed with leukemia and/or lymphoma. Your child will bring home more information during the kick-off assembly!!