

# WAKANDA NEWS

| Welcome 2020! |

## School Resumes

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## 5th Grade Parent Meetings...

January 7th, 2020 @ 5pm our 5th grade team will host a parent meeting in the cafeteria. All 5th grade families are invited.

## PTO...

PTO - January 8th at 6:30pm in the library. Childcare provided.

## DARE graduation

5th graders will be graduating from DARE on January 9th at 2:30pm in the gym. Parents are welcome.

## Chili Dinner

5th grade will host a Chili Dinner Fundraiser celebrating the study of our National Parks on January 14th from 4:30-6pm. Tickets are available for purchase from any 5th grader.

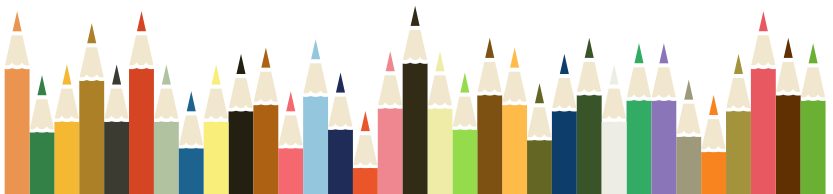
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## Welcome 2020!

As we welcome in the new year, I want to thank all of our families for your continued support. Wakanda staff appreciate all of your kind words, gifts of time and talent, and support for our school. Our students are showing continued growth and achievement due to your efforts to support what is happening each day in the classroom. We couldn't do what we do without you!

In the picture above, some of our youngest students received gifts of homemade dolls this holiday season from a volunteer in our building. Each child was sent home with a doll, blanket and matching bag. Clearly they are loved!





## Grade Level News

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**Kindergarten** has begun investigating the weather and observing seasonal changes in our Science unit of study. In Social Studies, we are learning that each of our families is unique and may have different ways to celebrate holidays during the winter season. We are celebrating the holidays at school by making crafts/gifts in each of the kindergarten classrooms. In Math, we have been identifying 2D and 3D shapes. Many of the classrooms have also begun exploring measurement as well. In Literacy, we are continuing to practice super reader strategies that help us read independently.

**First Grade** has been focusing on kindness this month and has learned that the best gifts come from our hearts, not from the store. Over the past three weeks in December they have given gifts from their hearts to many areas and people in our building including: writing notes of kindness, writing thank you notes, giving compliments, playing with new friends at recess, and creating cards. First grade is also working hard on subtraction and is practicing strategies that include both counting on, counting back and using pictures to solve math problems.

**Second grade** has been focusing on the characters in the books we are reading. We learned to use what the character says and does to make inferences about the character. We also have been working with the students to master reading and writing their second grade snap words. In math we have been continuing our unit focusing on two digit addition and subtraction. Our next unit continues on addition and subtraction strategies, but takes it to 3 digits! Our social studies unit has continued to study pioneers, their journey west, and their daily lives. We will wrap this unit up after break and will begin a unit on Black History.

**Third graders** have been learning about forces and motion in science. The students have a new understanding of the invisible pushes and pulls that operate in the world around them. They were busy making a paper clip “float”, building a sturdy bridge from paper, and using the pull of a rubber band to send a cardboard “hopper” flying. Multiplication continues to be the focus in math. Third graders are now learning  $\times 6$ ,  $\times 7$ ,  $\times 8$ , and  $\times 9$  facts. Extra practice at home to get these facts memorized would be very helpful. In writing/social studies, they’ve been learning about family traditions and writing about their own traditions. They also used their creativity to write a winter story.

In **fourth grade** this month we have worked hard on learning about and writing poetry. We have also been making excellent progress in learning long division and 2 digit by 2 digit multiplication.

The high-achieving **5th Grade Park Rangers** have published feature articles on their National Parks and are eager to share them with all of you on January 14, 2020, from 4:30-6:00 at our annual National Park Night and Chili Dinner Fundraiser! We would like to extend a huge thank you to Coach Jim Lake and the UW-Stout Staff for our EPIC field trip today to cheer on the Women's Basketball Team! Go Big Blue!

### Counseling News!

Students have been working hard on learning how to be a good friend, how to resolve their own problems, working together as a team/group, and what they can do to increase their self-esteem! Here is what we will be discussing in January!:

- K** - Conflict Resolution and Problem Solving
- 1st** - Anger/Upset, Conflict Resolution, and Self-Esteem
- 2nd** - Bullying and Self-Esteem
- 3rd** - Teamwork, Conflict Resolution, and Friendship
- 4th** - Cyberbullying/Internet Safety and Friendship
- 5th** - Conflict Resolution, Diversity, and Stress