

PTO Meeting

NOVEMBER 6TH
@ 6:30PM
CHILDCARE
PROVIDED

Veterans'
Program

NOVEMBER
11TH @ 9:30AM

4th Grade
Server Night

NOVEMBER
13TH @ STOUT
ALE HOUSE

No School

NOVEMBER
27-29
THANKSGIVING
BREAK

WAKANDA NEWS



November Has Arrived!

With our cooler temperatures, please make sure to send your child with the cold weather gear they need. Many of our mornings have started out in the 20's and 30's already. If your family cannot afford these items, please contact the front office so that we can work with you to find these items. Many local businesses and community events are sponsoring winter gear drives.

Mrs. Orf's music
students learn
about music from
a real-life
musician, Jeanne
Anderson.

Grade Level News...

During the month of October, the **kindergartners** observed the seasonal changes of trees at the Environmental Site. They enjoyed a nature hike, collecting fall leaves, and eating smores! We also learned about fire safety. The Menomonie Fire Department brought their fire truck and taught us important lessons on fire safety. In math, we are working to build our understanding of the relationship between numbers and quantities from 1 to 10. In literacy, we are celebrating our efforts as storybook readers and working to develop our writing and illustration skills.

The month of October has been exciting in **first grade**. In Readers Workshop we received letters from the SSDA (Super Secret Detective Agency) and were asked to become word detectives. The first graders worked through five missions, learning new reading strategies along the way. After completing each mission they received their very own word detective badges! Our Pumpkin math day was big day of investigations. We measured pumpkins, tested to see if they sink or float, counted the ribs, and then cut them open to count the seeds. The different classrooms also tried a couple pumpkin recipes including: pumpkin bars and pumpkin mousse.

Second grade has been learning about using the strategy of predicting when reading and also identifying the parts of a story such as the characters, setting, problem and solution. They are writing gripping fictional stories and incorporating our knowledge of characters, settings, problems and solutions into them. In math they have moved onto a new unit on place value that focuses on understanding numbers and their values. (For example, understanding that $534 = 5$ hundreds, 3 tens, and 4 ones). This will build a strong foundation for other skills we will build on this year. In science second graders are continuing our study of rocks and erosion. We have learned about how to classify and sort rocks, what causes erosion, and landforms we have in our country. We will complete the unit by studying soil, canyons and rivers. The second graders also really enjoyed learning how to roller skate from Mr. Dan from VisionQuest during our physical education time. They were zooming across the gym after 5 lessons!

Third graders had a fun field trip to the Rassbach Museum. They learned about the history of Menomonie and the importance of the lumbering industry that helped form our community. They also had an opportunity to learn through exploration at the Fuller

Counseling News...

Students have been working hard on using their manners, showing respect and kindness to everyone, and working on what to do when someone is unkind. Here is what we will be discussing in November:

K - Feelings and Bullying

1st - Problem Solving

2nd - Following Directions and Friendship

3rd - Bullying and Self-Esteem

4th - Following Directions and Conflict Resolution

5th - Learning Styles

Workshop in the museum. Another memorable event in October was our Special Person's Day. Many grandparents, parents, and other special people were able to join our third graders for a fun morning. Students interviewed their special person, created a bookmark together, made and ate a snack, and showed their special person our school and playground. We have finished our first module in math. Students should be memorizing their x1, x2, x3, x4 and x5 multiplication facts.

In **fourth grade** this month we have been working hard on learning metric conversions in our math unit. We have also been learning how to write persuasive essays during writers workshop. The students are very excited about Halloween and all of the candy they are going to collect!

The Park Rangers of **5th Grade** are underway with their research as we move into our "U" or Understand the Process portion of our L.A.U.N.C.H. Design Thinking Process. Thank you to Ranger Kyle of the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area for his visit this week. Ranger Kyle shared his passion for his park and the earth with us. Our 5th Grade Park Rangers saw first hand what a quality Ranger Talk looks and sounds like. Thank you to Lucy's Dolan's family for arranging this opportunity for us. We are currently working on understanding the seasons of their park and how that impacts the visitor experience. We look forward to hearing from each Park Ranger later on in November as she/he gives an Interpretive Ranger Talk to our classes. Life is good!

World Kindness Day - November 13th

Hello Wakanda Families! On Wednesday, November 13th we will be participating in World Kindness Day! Each of the grade levels will be assigned a specific kind task to complete. All students will also be participating in decorating rocks with kind messages on them as well as taking their picture in front of the "Be the "I" in Kind" poster. Our goal is to shine a light on the importance of kindness so we would like all students to wear as many bright colors as they can!

Early Childhood - Read a story about kindness

K- Kindness coloring worksheet that will be hung up to spell "BE KIND"

1st- Kindness Crown

2nd- Chalk art with kind and positive messages outside

3rd- Kindness Gram to deliver to people at school

4th- Random acts of kindness - placing sticky notes with positive messages around the school

5th- Make kindness cards or an organization outside of the school

Let's make the world a better place!

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