### FEBRUARY 2022



THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES





### **Upcoming Events Principal Letter:**

- Mar 7-11 Read Across America week celebrated
- Mar 7- Burke Mountain
- Mar 7- School Board Meeting
- Mar 14- Burke Mountain
- March 17 Early Release
- March 18- Admin Day
- Mar 21- Burke Mountain
- April 1- Quarter 3 ends
- April 4-15- AIMS web & Have a wonderful March! STAR testing
- April 4- Quarter 4 begins
- April 8- 3rd Quarter report cards go home
- April 15- 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

From Principal Stephanie Humphrey

Hello.

The month of February was short but exciting. Students and staff have been working very hard and had lots of fun. The week before February break, we had spirit week and winter carnival. The eighth-graders helped lead the teams and ran the various stations. It was an enjoyable day and was fitting right before we went on break.

It was so much fun participating in both spirit week and winter carnival. Coming up for March, March 17 is an early release, and on March 18, there is no school for students. On the early release, students will begin to be dismissed at noon for parent pick-up, and the buses will arrive at SCS for pick-up at 12:15ish.

Please remember no toys at school. Also, as the weather is changing, please send appropriate clothing for breaks/recess. We are still in a cold-weather month, and getting students outside is important.

Principal Stephanie Humphrey



CONGRATS M & ZOE For successfully completing the Express Course from CODE.org



# Students of the month

### February

Keep up the hard work Bulldogs!

Kindergarten: Ryder Glover. Ryder prides himself on following the directions the first time they are given. He hasn't needed any reminders of classroom expectations and sets a great example for his classmates. Keep it up, Ryder First Grade: Ava Johnson. Ava Johnson has worked extra hard reading this month. She has been slowing down, taking her time, and putting in extra effort to read. Ava often volunteers to read and is excited to be able to read more challenging books. Keep up the great work, Ava! Second/Third Grades: Lilyana Mills. She has made great improvements this year. She continues to work hard and she is a pleasure to have in class. Keep up the great work Lily Fourth/Fifth Grades: Leah Berry. Leah has shown great determination and consistent growth in the area of reading. She always volunteers to read aloud whenever she can. Leah has also expressed her creativity and style in various projects we've completed. This is where she shines the brightest. Congratulations on being the Grade 4/5 February student of

Sixth/Seventh Grades: Sam Thomas. Sam is a dedicated, helpful, and creative student. Sam makes sure that the American flag is flying every day that we are in school. He also helps other classmates often and continues to take pride in his own accomplishments. Thank you, Sam.

the month.

# Winter Carnival Fun!









# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kindergarten in the classrooms

February may be a short month but is jam-packed with lots of learning. The Kindergarten students have been learning how to compose and decompose numbers 11 to 19. In Science we learned about the different states of matter and how water looks and feels different in each state. We read lots of books about our favorite type of water-character: snowmen. We learned about feelings, naming them and describing what body language we notice with each emotion. We read a great story called The Invisible String, then drew and wrote about things we love. We are continuing to learn to read and write cvc words, and have added several high frequency words (called Trick Words in Fundations): the, a, are, and, to. We have also been working on retelling a story in the correct sequence. When we come back from our well-deserved break, we will be reading some favorite stories by Dr. Seuss.





Mrs. Hemon







# First Grade

February has flown by! We have been very busy this month in first grade. We enjoyed celebrating the 100th day of school and had an awesome Valentine's Day celebration!

In LA, we read different books and passages about Arctic and Antarctic animals. Students then wrote facts about each animal. After we learned about many different animals, students picked their favorite arctic animal to write an informational writing piece. After vacation, we will be reading Dr. Seuss books.

In Math, we have been learning how to add and compare numbers using many different tools and strategies. Ask your first grader about their tools! (Alligators, base ten blocks, and hundreds chart.) We are doing a great job trying our best even when math is difficult! Next, we will work on subtraction.

















# Second & Third Grade

Wow February flew by in the blink of an eye. The kids have been working really hard. The kids going with the ski program are having lots of fun so far! The 3rd graders are diving now into fractions and the second grade is starting on 3 digit and 4 digit numbers! We are continuing to work on our biomes unit for science. Let's make March a great one!

Miss Gourlay

## Fourth & Fifth Grade

Short months like February seem to fly by faster than the speed of light. Fourth graders started working with fractions while fifth graders finished dividing decimals. Both grades will continue with fractions in March. We started new chapter books in ELA—Chocolate Fever and A True Patriot. As we read, we work on new vocabulary acquisition, figurative language, finding text evidence, and so much more.

Science topics were gritty and down to earth. We covered rock types, the rock cycle, and soils which culminated in a project created on the iPads using the Explain Everything app. Finally, in Social Studies, we started learning about the conflicts, we as colonists, we're having with Britain. We learned about some of the things that led us to fight for our independence in the American Revolution. In March, we'll continue this study of major battles and the try work that went into building our country from the ground up.

Ms. Wonkka

## Junior High ELA/Social Studies

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The Jr.High students have now achieved learning their 100th new vocabulary word for the school year. This also puts us more than half-way through the school year. Our incredible goal for the year is 160 new vocabulary words. The writing assignments and activities that go along with learning these words have been challenging, but also they are highly-effective. Students create a list of synonyms that they use as a tool to help relate words they already know to their new vocabulary words. They enjoy playing a game with the words that involves spelling, knowing the meanings, and using the words in sentences. I have added an exercise component to the game to add to the fun.

Reading classes have about reached the half-way mark for both The One and Only Ivan , and Ground Zero. There are many life lessons to be learned from both of these novels. Ivan, Brandon and Reshmina , the main characters in the selections, face some extraordinary problems and the students have been surprised by the bravery of these protagonists. We are looking forward to Read Across America Week and the fun-themed days. Before we know it Spring will be here.

Mrs.Stebbins

#### 6th Grade

Grade 6- Do you know the difference between the volume of a 3D shape and its surface area. Students have been showing how to determine shapes like a cylinder, triangular prism and a rectangular prism. Not only have the students calculated the shapes, but they also have created one by folding paper.

Grade 6 What is the best way to show Newton's Laws of Motion? Create a balloon car! Students used balloons, straws, tape, cardboard and creativity! Once the cars were created students calculated the speed of each car. What is next in the science for grade 6? Friction, simple machines and a Rube Goldberg project!

#### Grade 7

7th graders finished their big unit on factions and mastered the next one on ratios and proportions. They've learned to identify equivalent ratios and to write rates, as well as how to find unit rates and unit costs to determine a better buy. They also practiced finding the missing term in a proportion.

Grade 7 Students have been learning about three important cycles found in the ecosystems. What are they? Water, carbon and nitrogen is the answer. All three are critical for the lifestyle we enjoy. What is the most important part to all three? Plants! Next time you walk by a plant, thank it! Why? Plants produce oxygen that we breathe each day. Without plants, you and I would not exist.

#### Grade 8

Do you know how to add, subtract, multiply, and divide monomials? Students have been working on different types of mathematical problems. They also were engaged in a bingo game which was entertaining for all. What was the best way to solve a problem involving multiplication? The F.O.I.L. works best. Remember...First, Outer, Inner, and Last! For example: (2x +3) (4x +7)

What natural disasters have the 8th graders been learning about? With their knowledge about tectonic plate movement, students have been learning about earthquakes and the Richter scale. They made their booklets showing the scale and how it works. Each level increases by a power of 10. What other disaster have the students have learned? Volcanoes are the answer. Students had to research a volcano of their choice and find important facts about

it.

### Library & Computer Class

Hello from Mrs. Falconer,

In PreK/Kindergarten we played on ABC Mouse, ABCYA! in computer class and in the library we read and do a color page for each book. We talked about the book and what they had for thoughts.

In First grade we did ABC YA!Epic and ABC Mouse for the computer class. They practice how to get around the internet and use the mouse and the keyboard more and more each day. In the library we read books and do color pages while talking about the book we read. Then we exchange books and talk about what they want to read next week.

In Second and Third grade we had keyboarding class and did more edutyping and edutyping games. We got to talk to each other during class. In the computer class we are learning how to highlight words and change fonts and change color of the words. In the library we are reading books and doing color pages or word search or scavenger hunt in the library

In Fourth and Fifth grade we did independent typing in edutyping and they also did some edutyping games. In the computer class we are learning how to do docs and some are doing spreadsheets. I was excited to see what they already know and I believe they enjoyed it. In the library they read books independently and they did ask for me to

read a book to them. We talked about books and the library and It seemed that they enjoyed the library. In Sixth and Seventh grade we are continuing the reading challenge and filling out the book logs. In computer class we are learning how to do spreadsheets. In the Library we are also learning how to take care of books and help others doing the same.

In Eighth grade they did their reading challenge in the library. In their computer class we worked in Canva for the yearbook and took pictures of the class working on the project. We had a winter carnival and the Eighth grade took

pictures for the yearbook. We all are having fun doing the yearbook.



### After School Program

This month we celebrated Groundhog Day with oatmeal groundhogs. We conducted many experiments such as a gemstone dig and a dancing heart experiment. We also used Mrs. Hemons' recipe to make our very own playdough!

### **Student Assistance Coordinator**

#### Hello from SAP!

In February we continued with Second Step activities for Social emotional learning in Kindergarten. In grades 2,3, 4,5 we have continued learning about Life skills with the focus on being kind to one another . In grades 6,7 students began Project Alert Lesson 1.

Ms. Crossley



### Title 1

I can't believe it is already March! February was a fast and busy month. Around the school we have all been working hard to improve our skills! We have had lots of fun reading. Keep an eye out for monthly reading challenges. Keep up the good work. Ms. Scott

In February, walk-to-read groups worked on a big unit on arctic animals. In my writing part of this unit 1st graders were writing the highlights on each of the 10 animals. They've done a great job spelling new words and writing full sentences, whereas 2nd and 3d graders wrote short paragraphs on the same assignment over the 2 weeks' time. My 6 Grade RTI group has worked on writing on various prompts as well as different types of essays. They practiced grammar and mechanics regularly to perfect their writing. 8 Grade RTI group worked on assignments reviewing benchmark math concepts learned in the last 2 years

Mrs. Joos

### **Miss Miller**

Hopefully everyone enjoyed a relaxing, but fun-filled vacation!

During February, my "littles" continued to increase their sight word knowledge and reading fluency/comprehension in ELA and telling time, counting money, & addition of 2-digit numbers with regrouping in Math. My older students continued to receive my services in the regular classroom for ELA and Math. All of my students made great progress. Keep it up! My caseload recently increased by 2 new students! Yay!

Here are some ideas for the upcoming St. Patrick's Day. Check them out!

(https://www.familyeducation.com/fun/st-patricks-day-crafts-

- activities/7-fun-st-patricks-day-activities-families)
- 1. Play St. Patrick's Day games. 2.

3.

- Go to a parade.
- Make St. Patrick's Day crafts. Research your family history.
- 4. 5. Enjoy Irish movies and music.
- 6. Eat Irish food and green treats.
- 7. Learn about the history of St. Patrick's Day.

To the world, you may be one person; but to one person, you

may be the world.

(Dr. Seuss)