

December 2022

# BULLDOG NEWS

*Stewartstown Community School*

## What's On

- Jan 4- School Board (Wednesday meeting)
- Jan 3-13- AIMSWEB & STAR testing
- Jan 13- Early Release
- Jan 16- Civil Rights day No School
- Jan 20- end of 2nd QTR
- Jan 23- QTR 3 begins
- 8th grade to Colebrook starting Jan 23.
- Jan 27- Report Cards go Home
- Feb 3- Honor Roll Assembly

Happy New Year!  
**Let Today**  
Be the  
Start of  
Something  
New!

## From Principal Humphrey

Hello, I hope you had a nice break and holiday. I am excited to be back at school; I miss everyone when we are not here!

The month of December was short and lots of fun. Students and staff participated in Holiday Cheer week, and we had lots of fun decorating our doors. Each door was unique and full of holiday spirit. Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in the week-long activities.

I know the weather has been unseasonably warm, but please ensure that your students are dressed for winter. Students should wear jackets on the bus and have appropriate winter wear to go outside.

During the first two weeks of January, students will be taking the AIMSWEB and STAR tests. These assessments will measure their growth so far and helps teachers plan and prepare for their upcoming lessons. Please remind your student to get a good night's sleep and to take their time.

Quarter 2 ends this month, and we will move into Quarter 3 starting January 23. The eighth grade will go to Colebrook Academy to take a class for the first period for the entire second semester. They had a wonderful time going to Pittsburg the first semester.

If your student is going to miss school, please remember to call the office and let us know by 8:30. If you are picking your student up or have changes to the end-of-the-day procedure, please let the office know before 2:30 pm. Remember, students can only ride a bus or get dropped off at their normal destination.

Please reach out if you have any questions. Have a Happy New Year.

Thank you.

Principal Stephanie Humphrey

January 13 is an Early Release.

Walkers/Parent Pickup will be dismissed at Noon. Buses will leave around 12:20 pm.

# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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## K/1

**Lolly Stevens**

Lolly always works hard, but especially this past month. She had a really hard time distinguishing between sh, ch, and th, but continued to practice and didn't give up until she no longer struggles with those sounds as often

## 2

**Aubrey Brochu:**

Aubrey has worked extra hard this month to be focused and to slow down when completing work. Although she often wants to be the first one to complete a task, she is stopping to pause and check over her work. Continued carefulness will be beneficial in the future. Keep up the awesome work, Aubrey!

## Junior High

**Delia Jordan:**

Delia has shown that she is a creative leader in our classroom. Delia directed the creation of our Christmas door decoration, but she did so in a way that included the rest of the class members. The end result was a beautiful creation that many helped to make happen. Thank you Delia!

## 3

**Madyson Fogg:**

Madyson Fogg. She has shown growth since the beginning of the year and is a great pleasure to have in class and tries hard at everything she does.

## 4/5

**Jaelynn Rowell:**

Jaelynn is our Grade 4/5 Student of the Month for December. Jae is a quiet learner. The one who slowly takes information in, processes the content, and then uses her newly acquired knowledge effectively. She is consistent, independent, and a student we can all count on. Great work Jae!

## Junior High

**Josh Flagg:**

Josh has shown to have strong math knowledge. He is comfortable sharing answers both orally and on the board to show others his results. Josh has a keen interest in science and shares what he knows also. Despite being absent at times, Josh gets his make up work done. Tim Notke, famous English athlete, said "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard."

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## K/1 Mrs. Hemon

There was a flurry of activity in the K/1 classroom during December. We worked on lots of projects and crafts for our families, as well as read lots of stories.

The Leopard group has learned 13 high frequency words and all the letters of the alphabet. We're cycling back and reviewing the letters again, starting to use them to build consonant-vowel-consonant words. In Math, we focused on counting, reading, and writing the numbers 0 to 20. Those teen numbers are tricky for some! We also started listening to stories about joining groups and writing addition sentences that match.

The Butterfly group focused on words with the digraphs sh, th, and ch, as well as the trigraph thr. These sounds can be really tricky for some of the students. In Math, we are working on addition to 20, learning many different strategies for adding two or three numbers. We have some students who are now adding fluently using mental math, and some students who still need to use manipulatives to solve the problems.

## Grade 3 Ms. Gourlay

The month of December is over and it is on to the New Year! The kids are still working extremely hard and the month of December was a fun one. The kids are still working on honing in on their multiplication and division skills. They have been doing their states and capitals in social studies and studying magnets in science. They have been having a lot of fun in the snow during recess as well!

## Grade 2- Mrs. Ricker

December was a busy month full of learning, holiday fun, and crafts! In Language Arts, we continued reading fairy tales and fables. We will soon be reading about the weather in both Science and Language Arts.

In Math, we continued practicing different mental math strategies for both addition and subtraction. We are now learning how to add two 2-digit numbers together and what it means to regroup. Second graders are loving math and are excited to be adding large numbers!

In Social Studies, we finished up our unit on Economics. Students learned about the difference between wants and needs, spending and saving money, types of resources, how goods are priced, and how to earn money.

## Grades 4/5 - Ms. Wonkka

Since 2022 is now gone, we can take a look back and reflect on what the month of December taught us in 4th and 5th grade. We finished with all the ins and outs of multiplication and just briefly began division (which we will continue with in January). We covered many reading and language arts skills including visualization, point of view, elements of drama, and synthesizing topic knowledge while focusing on the module essential question of "What does it take to meet a challenge?". We explored many aspects of the hydrosphere in Science such as the distribution of water on Earth, the effects of the hydrosphere, and human impacts. Finally, in NH History, we studied some cultural aspects of NH's first people--the Abenaki.

We welcome 2023 with open arms and hope to cover so much more in the months to come. Happy New Year everyone!!

Ms. Wonkka

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## JH ELA/SS- Mrs. Lapoint

Hello, Jr. High School students and families! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break. The students were able to complete some Social Studies projects before the break, and new assignments have been started. Grades 6 and 7 have been working on researching and creating a slide show, or poster on a province or territory in Canada, along with a city located in their assigned area. Grade eight students are researching the history of Jamestown and Roanoke and will use the research to create a project.

For our ELA classes, the students have been reading and analyzing poetry. Their knowledge of the figurative language used has increased so that they can recognize similes, metaphors, onomatopoeia, and personification. They have also learned about how rhyme scheme is used.

Spring benchmark testing starts this week; so please remind your students to get extra rest and eat breakfast daily.

Happy New Year!  
Mrs.Lapoint

## Title 1- Ms. Scott

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday break! Did you read over vacation?

December was a busy month full of winter fun. Over the next few weeks we will be completing winter testing. I cannot wait to see all of the growth students have made so far this year! Happy New Year!

Ms.Scott

## Math & Science- Mr. Kennedy

### Junior High Math

Students are learning how to figure the end result of either adding, subtracting, dividing, or multiplying integers. Sue Bergman, visiting teacher, showed the students a video on when you multiply or divide integers. Same sign-POSITIVE Different sign-NEGATIVE! Now after vacation we are reviewing the Order of Operations. Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally. Does that sound familiar to some of you? Ask someone in Mr. K's math class and see if they know the answer.

### Junior High Science

Science I- What do you know about light and sound energy? We learned in class about different terms such as frequency, wavelength, etc. The students created their own presentation about their knowledge. What are they learning now since we have come back from holiday break? Do you know about atomic structure? Do you know that atomic number of an element shows information more than just how many protons the element has?

Science II- Students are learning about the physical and chemical properties of matter. They recently did a lab before vacation involving created a foil boat to show density. The students had to create a foil boat to hold as many pennies before it sunk. Now students are learning about how matter changes from one state to another.

8th graders are leaning about mollusks. What are mollusks? Mollusks are invertebrates that are slugs, snails, mussels and octopus. Do you know any other invertebrates. Now the students are reviewing their knowledge of the three important cycles found in an ecosystem. Do you know that those three cycles are? If you guessed water, carbon and nitrogen, you guessed correctly!

## Special Education- Mr. Covill

With the month of December fading into memory, we say goodbye to 2022. In Pre-K to first grade I have continued to work on letter and number recognition and rote counting. We have also progressed to writing our names. In the second grade we have mastered glued sounds such as -ang, -ing, -ong, and -ung, along with new trick words. In the third grade classroom I have been working on new forms of multiplication and division. With fourth graders I have been working on sight words, as well as CCV words. In middle school we worked on really interesting new analogies. In math we have worked on how positive and negative numbers interact in mathematics. Let's make 2023 a great year!

# WHATS HAPPENING

## Library- Mrs. Falconer

In PreK/Kindergarten/First Grade we have learned how to use our mice more and more each day. We are learning how to go from one website to another. We still have lots to learn but we all are getting there. We did decorate a 3D printed ornament for the first time. That went well and we are thinking of doing more with this. In the library we read books and talk about what we read and do some activities. We colored many things that went with our Christmas stories. We read books about Christmas.

In Second grade keyboarding class we are moving out our own pace learning the different keys and typing with our hands on home row. The students are doing really well at this and they get excited at their new achievements. The students are doing very good at keyboarding. Then we have computer class where we are learning how to tinkercad and make our own designs so we can make something in 3D printing. We have Library class where we read about Christmas and did coloring that matched our stories and talked about the stories and our own traditions.

Third grade we had keyboarding class where we are doing Edu Typing. In the computer class where we are learning how to tinkercad and make our own designs so we can make something in 3D printing. We have Library class where we read about Christmas and did coloring that matched our stories and talked about the stories and our own traditions.

In Fourth and Fifth grade we did independent typing in edutyping. In the computer class where we are learning how to tinkercad and make our own designs so we can make something in 3D printing. In the library they are having a review about card cataloging. We are still practicing and making sure the students understand fully. Then we will be moving on to more fun things in our learning.

In Sixth/Seventh/ Eighth grade in computer class we are learning how to use Canva and become familiar with this program. We just started working on the year book and are very excited on how it will turn out. In Intro to Business class we are learning about how to make a business plan and what is an elevator pitch. This can be very hard for students but we will get there together. I can not wait!

## SAP- Mrs. Crossley

In K-1, we are starting a 6 weeks program called Sippi the Canine with Character Program. This program discusses Kindness, Citizenship, Honesty, Courage, Trustworthiness, and Respect.

In 3rd grade we are continuing with social skills and learning the States and Capitals.

In 8th grade we are continuing with Social Skills -discussing how to support a friend when they are in trouble.

I also have been assisting students independently and in the classroom as needed as well as assisting on school projects

## Title 1 & Math- Mrs. Joos

Math II:

In the short month of December, Math II students learned inequalities. They simplified, solved, and graphed one- and two-step inequalities on a number line. 8 grade dug deeper and worked on solving inequalities with grouping symbols and variables on both sides, as well as inequalities involving decimals and fractions. It was not the easiest unit to learn, and I am proud of all the student's hard work.

RTI:

In December I continued providing math and ELA support to Grades 3-7. I resumed using Xtramath for math fact fluency for younger grades. In writing groups, we continued with daily quick assignments in Writable to improve students' writing skills.

## Officer Stepanian

Greetings Friends,

I sincerely hope that everyone had a joyful holiday season, I do believe winter may arrive sometime soon. As the safety officer at SCS I would like to ask you to please use caution while traveling on snow/ice covered roads. Please take a moment to clear all the snow off your vehicle before driving. I would also ask that you always make sure your children are properly fastened in their seat belts each and every time they get into the vehicle.

While I am at it, when was the last time you checked the batteries in your smoke detectors in your homes. If you do not have an emergency evacuation plan in place, now would be a perfect time to have a family meeting and make sure your child/children know the plan. Do your children know how to contact emergency services?

I truly enjoy spending time at school with your children. In two short months I see the benefits of having an SRO here at the school. Thank you for your continued support.



# WHATS HAPPENING

## After School Program

Thank you for your help with communication in the month of December! Popcorn was a huge hit for our snack this month. Our cool December activities included snowman bowling, cookie decorating, marshmallow challenges, and ornament making. We are looking forward to January's exciting activities!



## Music Class

All of the students showed great enthusiasm for our December music activities, I was very proud of them! Grades kindergarten through 3rd grade did a great job singing their Christmas carols for the school, and they got to play various holiday songs with Boomwhackers and pitched bells.

The fourth through eighth grades each read through a holiday themed reader's theatre and did great, it is something we will be doing again soon, hopefully with an audience this time!

## Holiday Cheer Fun



## Competency- Based Education

Curriculum gives learners a clear indication of what is expected of them in terms of performance, conditions, and standards. It is what the student will know or be able to do at the end of a lesson.

### I Can Statements



As a district we are working towards being Competency based. What is CBE you ask? Check out this space each month for more information!