**DECEMBER 2021** 

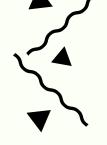
# **BULLDOGS NEWS**

THE LATEST EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES



- January 10- Burke Mountain/Enrichment
- January 13- Quarter 2 ends
- January 14- Admin Day
- January 17, Holiday, No School
- January 21- Report Cards go home
- January 24- Burke Mountain/Enrichment
- January 28- Honor Roll
- February 2- Early Release
- February 7- Burke Mountain/Enrichment
- February 14- Burke Mountain/Enrichment
- February 18- Q3
   Progress Reports
- Feb. 28-Mar 4- Winter Break





## **Principal Letter:**

From Principal Stephanie Humphrey

### Hello,

The month of December was full of wonderful learning opportunities and fun activities to celebrate the holidays. As a school, we celebrated Holiday Cheer week. Students and staff dressed in red and green attire, ugly Christmas sweaters, and wore holiday headwear. Students made gingerbread houses in art class with the help of our 8th students. They enjoyed Christmas cookies and finished the week with hot chocolate and candy canes.

I am looking forward to 2022, and as we continue to grow as learners, our teachers are working hard to support all student's needs.

Please make sure to send warm clothing for your students. The cold winter weather is here, and students need to be prepared to go outside. If your student brings a change of shoes from their boots, make sure the shoes have a bottom sole. Slippers without soles are not appropriate. If we had a fire drill and students evacuated the building, they would not have time to take off slippers and put on boots. This is for their safety.

Do not forget that there is no school for students on January 14, 2022, and for everyone on January 17, 2022. Have a Happy New Year!

Principal Stephanie Humphrey

## Happy New Year 2022!

# Students of the month December

### Keep up the hard work Bulldogs!

**Kindergarten: Ava Sweet.** Ava always looks out for her classmates and tries to make sure everyone is included. She often checks in with her friends to see if they need someone to play with. This friendly attitude is a great character trait to foster

First Grade: Ava Hope. Ava Hope comes to school every day with a smile on her face. She has had a wonderful attitude towards school. She tries hard and never gives up-even when the work gets challenging! Keep up the perseverance, Ava! Second/Third Grades: Daniel Jordan. Daniel has shown consistent growth and is working very hard! Keep up the great work Daniel!

**Fourth/Fifth Grades:** .**Robert Warren**. Robbie is quite deserving of the December Student of the Month award for our classroom. He has shown excellent positivity. He has worked hard on all his math and reading tasks. He also showed great understanding with making electrical circuits and his Mi'kmaq poster. Way to go Robbie!

**Sixth/Seventh Grades: Alexis McKay.** Alexis has been chosen for student of the month for December. She continues to be a focused student who is always prepared for her classes. Her creativity is the highlight of many of her projects and assignments

**Eighth Grade: Hunter Woodburn.** Hunter has proved himself to be the student of the month for December. I have noticed a change in attitude to a positive direction towards his studies in both math and science. He seems to have more motivation towards his homework and studying for his assessments. Indian author, Shiv Khera, once said in a quotation, "Your positive action combined with positive thinking results in success." Keep up the good work Hunter!

### Join the School Board!

YOU have an opportunity to make a difference in our schools and in our community. You do not have to be a teacher, a parent, or an expert to join a school board. All you need is an open mind, goodwill, and an

interest in supporting the education and development of our children and students, who are the most important resource any community has.

If you have the desire to make a positive impact on the lives of the next generation, visit your Town Clerk's office between January 19 and 28 and complete the required paperwork. That will place your name on the Town Meeting Day ballot as a candidate for the School Board. If you have any questions, please contact Superintendent Dr. Debra Taylor (dtaylor@sau7.org) or your school board chair. (School

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information is located on the SAU 7 website (www.sau7.org)

## After School Program Fun!















WHAT'S HAPPENING

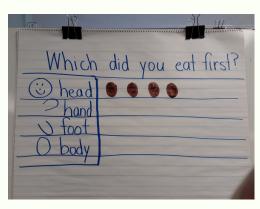
in the classrooms

## Kindergarten

December has been a flurry of learning about how animals survive the winter in cold climates, an appreciation of Christmas books by Jan Brett, and a whole bunch of top-secret craft projects. In Math, we have focused on addition and subtraction within 10. Mrs. Crossley has been coming in each Monday morning to work with us on our Social-Emotional Learning. We are working on identifying feelings in ourselves and others. We are very excited and looking forward to giving our families the gifts we have made this month. The magic of the season is very evident in the PreK/K



classroom! Mrs. Hemon



## First Grade

First graders were busy elves this month! In our spare time we worked on "secret" projects for the holidays. They were very excited to have gifts they could bring home to their parents!

In Math, we learned different strategies to practice subtraction from 20. We will continue practicing these skills after vacation.

In Science, we learned about the forces of motion. Students learned about pushes and pulls, what friction is, and about simple machines. In partners, first graders made a marble run out of wrapping paper rolls, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, cardboard, and a lot of tape! Although their ideas didn't always work they persevered and were all able to make a marble run. Great job, First Grade!

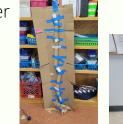
Please have students dress appropriately to go outside. We will be going outside each day unless it is raining or is below zero. Also, please send in a pair of shoes for your child to





change into.

Mrs. Ricker





## Second & Third Grade

I cannot believe it is 2022 already! Ok, the time needs to slow down! I am so excited to have the kids back in school! We have started on a new math unit, the 2nd graders are starting regrouping and 3rd graders are starting division. December showed a lot of growth for the kids as we continue to work on expectations and I am so proud of how far they have come!

Miss Gourlay

## Fourth & Fifth Grade

Wow! December disappeared quickly and we have already begun a new year.

Students in 4th and 5th grade spent December working on creating, and finally getting to play, their board games about grammar (parts of speech, commas, etc...) They were quite creative and everyone did a great job! They also completed a unit on electricity and were able to demonstrate what they knew in written, visual, and practical ways Everyone had the opportunity to "play around" with building different types of circuits and to see the results when things were added or changed in the circuit. They certainly made the lights shine.

Fourth graders finished multiplication and are now starting division. Fifth graders are still working on whole number division, but they will soon move on to dividing decimals. Our unit on Native Americans has also come to an end. Again, this class showed their creative spirits when they presented their work on a specific tribe. They shared posters, slide presentations, and some beautiful objects representing the tribes of choice. Finally, they all went home with a gnome they made for Christmas.

We certainly ended 2021 with the bang. What will 2022 bring?

Ms. Wonkka



## Junior High ELA/Social Studies Hello, Jr. High Students and Parents!

This month has really gone by very quickly. Students have been working on craft projects in between language arts and social studies lessons and projects. Each student was able to make a stellated dodecahedron and create cinnamon Christmas ornaments. The aroma in our room has been incredibly good. Our daily language arts classes have focused on learning new vocabulary, writing a narrative essay, and reading a novel together. Students have continued to work on various topics and projects in Social Studies classes. Learning about Mesopotamia, Canada, and Colonial times has been the focus for our Jr. High Students. The picture shown below is of our grade six students playing a game based on prehistoric man Otzi.



## Junior High Math/Science

### 6th Grade

Students are starting to understand the concept of pre-algebra. They learned about what an equation consists of. Learning about what is a variable, operation, and equal signs. The students learned how to isolate the variable on one side and solve for it by doing the opposite operation to isolate the variable. Having a strong background in mathematical facts helps the students greatly.

In Science, Students finished the year 2021 by learning about relationships of living organisms in ecosystems. They learned how symbiosis influenced the relationships whether it was mutualism, commensalism, or parasitism. We are also starting to learn about how scientists arrange the living things in a systematic approach called classification. King Phillip Came Over For Good Spaghetti. Kingdom Phylum Class Order Family Genus Species

### Grade 7

In Grade 7 math students continued working with rational numbers. They practiced multiplying and dividing decimals as well as solving equations with decimals. In the month of December, they've worked on their "Holiday Cookie Shop" projects reinforcing their knowledge of decimal operations.

In Science, students finished science classes learning about wind and how to calculate wind speed. They created their own anemometer by using straws and Dixie Cups. The students begin to learn about heat transfer and how it affects the atmosphere. Heat transfer involves three types: conduction, convection, and radiation. After vacation we started learning by reviewing cell parts and cell theory.

#### Grade 8

Students finalized their understanding of two step operations and solving for the variable in which the variable was found on both sides of the equation. Each student created a Kahoot or Quizizz lesson for their peers to try for practice. After vacation, the students started learning about linear equations and functions.

In Science, students finished their studies on physical science terms and started learning about Earth Science terms such as: atmosphere and its layers, air pressure, and wind. We tried to do a lab involving air pressure using balloons and plastic bottles. We were not so successful. After vacation we started working on weathering, erosion and deposition.

## Library & Computer Class

### Greetings from Library and Computers!!

In Computers - Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade students are wrapping up their Word Processing practice of opening a document and inserting pictures that correspond with lessons from the classroom ('Christmas with Jan Brett,' 'Christmas Fun!,' and 'Colonial Times.')

4th/5th grade students have moved into Internet Search Tip lessons; 6th/7th are in full swing of creating their book review presentations; and 8th grade students are moving through the introduction of Canva to help them create digital pages for our yearbook production.

In the Library - Kindergarten and 1st graders are continuing to work on Prediction and Summarization of stories we read in the library. 2nd/3rd and 4th/5th grade students will be ending their unit of 'Identifying Parts of a Book.' Students are finishing up their book projects to present to their class a book cover, with all identifying information and end pages specific to their stories; 6th/7th and 8th grade students are moving through their Genre Book Challenge to read books from 11 different genres categories. They will be combining their Computer class with Library work to begin book presentations on the favorite book they have read so far.



Looking forward to a great New Year, Bulldogs! Mrs. Damato Thank you Mrs. Allard for our library bulletin board.)



## Title I

Our time has flown by! I cannot believe it is already passed December. What a cheerful month. Throughout the month students have continued to work hard practicing their math and ELA skills. We have done many activities with holiday themed tools. We also tested out our new VersaTiles tools! Everyone, have a safe and restful vacation.

> Happy Holidays, Ms.Scott

In the after school program this month we painted ornaments, decorated cookies, and we made peppermint oobleck. We look forward to seeing you back on January 4. Please remember to bring a snack and snow gear!

## **Student Assistance Coordinator**

In Kindergarten and first grade we are working on social skills and being Kind to others. In grades 2 and 3 we are also working on social skills but also learning on how to be a good listener. Grades 4,5 have been learning about social skills and study skills and grades 6&7 are working on social and emotional skills. Ms. Crossley





In December, we have studied holidays around the world in my Walk to Read groups in Grades 2-3. Students read and wrote about various holiday traditions different cultures celebrate in USA and around the globe. 1 Graders keep working hard on building and writing sentences reinforcing words learned in class during "Fundations" lessons. Students practiced holidays vocabulary writing cards for the local nursing home residents

6-8 Grades students in my RTI groups kept practicing reading comprehension skills during group reading of chapter books. Other students worked and successfully accomplished their Holiday-themed math and ELA projects.

Mrs. Joos

## Miss Miller

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During the month of December, my Grades 2-4 students continued to increase their sight word knowledge, symbol imagery, reading comprehension & fluency as well as reviewing telling time by the half hour & hour and counting coins up to \$1.00. Some review needed to be done after returning from Christmas break. Now they are back in "learning mode" again! My older students continue to read two chapter books, learning corresponding vocabulary words, & comprehension skills as well as learning new vocabulary & spelling words from the Rev It Up program. My Grade 7 Math students are working on solving equations with decimals and using the GCF to form equivalent fractions. My Grade 8 student is learning about functions, range, domain, scatter plots. Keep your minds open to learning!

> Miss Miller Special Educator