

Bulldog News

Stewartstown Community School Jan. 2023

Upcoming Events

- Feb 3- Honor Roll Assembly
- Feb 6- School Board meeting
- Feb 10- Early Release
- Feb 17- Qtr #3 Progress Reports
- Feb 20-24- Book Blast
- Feb 24- Winter Carnival
- Feb 27-Mar 3 Winter Break
- March 6-10- Read Across America
- March 6 School Board Meeting
- March 7- Feb. Student of the Month-

From Principal Humphrey

Hello Students and Families,

I hope you are all enjoying the snow that we have finally received. It is so lovely to have snow to play in.

This month has been flying by so fast. Students are enjoying going to Burke Mountain, sledding at recess, and learning new indoor games in Physical Education. Ask your students what games they have been playing!

This month we finished up our mid-year assessments. Students took both the STAR assessments and Aimsweb. Both of these assessments help students and staff see how much they have grown as learners and the places where they need more support. They will retake both assessments in May to show how much they have improved from the fall.

On February 3, 2023, at 2:00 pm, we will celebrate students who made high honors and honor roll. Grade 2 will be performing at the celebration.

The week before break, we will be hosting a winter carnival. Eighth-grade and staff members have been busy planning a fun-filled day for the entire school community. We will also be having spirit week and a winter door decorating contest. One other thing coming up is a Kindness Challenge for the whole school. Students will be working on doing a random act of kindness throughout the school. For each act, they will get a heart to hang up, and on February 24, we will host a drawing for a prize.

I hope everyone has a great month of February.

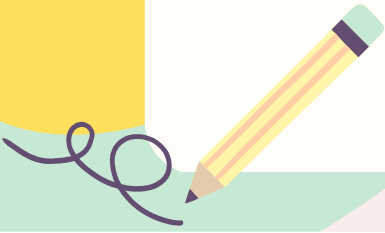
Take care, Mrs. Humphrey

Reminders

February 10, 2023 is an Early Release.
Feb 27 through March 3, is winter break.

Student of the Month

January 2023



K/1

Jace Uran Boucher:

Jace has been very helpful every afternoon. He has been getting himself ready "Sonic fast" and then helping put up all the chairs in the room. Jace, your help is greatly appreciated

2

Ava Hope

Ava Hope has put in excellent effort this month. Although spelling and reading isn't always the easiest Ava practices every night. In class, she usually always has a smile on and always offers a helping hand. Keep up the awesome attitude, Ava!

3

Raygen Boire:

Raygen has shown real growth throughout the year and continues to reach goals set for her. Keep up the good work!

4/5

Catherine Joos

Cat is always one of the first to include a friend and help those around her. She sees the good in everyone and treats them with kindness. Quite often it is these small things that make more of an impression on those around us. You will always be remembered more by how you treat others than anything else.



Junior High

Carson Cross:

Carson Cross has shown that he is a kind and thoughtful classmate this month. He has offered assistance to other students to help them with their daily struggles. This shows what a great friend Carson is to other students.

Junior High

Cassie Carney

Cassie is a go-getter. She completes her makeup work in a timely manner. She is willing to share her answers in math class and science. Cassie is willing to accept help when she is struggling with an assignment. Roy T. Bennet, author, once said, "Don't be pushed around by fears in your mind. Be led by the dreams in your heart."

What's Going On in the Classroom

Kindergarten/ First Grade

Addition and Subtraction have been the focus in the K/1 classroom in January. The Leopards are working on addition and subtraction within 10 and the Butterflies are working on addition and subtraction within 20.

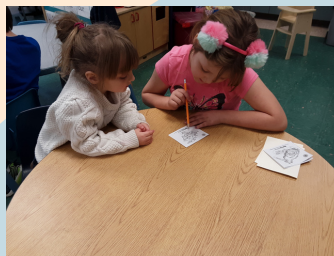
In Language Arts, the Leopards are revisiting the letters of the alphabet and learning to decode and encode CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) words as well as read their ever increasing list of high frequency words. They are up to 16! The Butterflies words lists are increasing in difficulty each week. They've learned about digraphs sh, ch, and th in all word positions. They learned the ending digraph -ck, and trigraph -tch. They've been introduced to inflected endings -ed and -ing, as well as -er and -est. An amazing amount of learning goes on once we return from December break.

Second Grade

We've had wacky weather this January! In Science this month we have been studying all kinds of weather and its effects. Reading about tornados was a big hit! Students have been working hard in ELA and Math. For the month we focused on our writing skills in ELA. They have been working on their subtraction strategies in Math. Keep up all the hard work!

Third Grade

The cold weather seems to really be upon us now! The month of January was a very busy month for the kids. They finished up their multiplication and division unit in math and are now starting on fractions! They are continuing to work on states and capitals in social studies. Magnets have continued to be part of their science unit. The kids who are going on the ski trips are enjoying and learning so much!



What's Going On in the Classroom

Fourth/Fifth Grade

January, the month that ushers in the new year, brought us new topics of study in Science and Social Studies. We covered the effects and interactions of three other Earth systems: geosphere, atmosphere, and the biosphere.

Students will show and communicate what they learned about all of Earth's systems soon. Students also learned about the explorers and settlers that first came to what is now New Hampshire and are currently looking at how the colony changed during the colonial period.

We started working on division in the fourth grade and have expanded on division in fifth grade--to include dividing with decimals. We will move on to fractions next. Our reading series focused on "Heroic Feats" in Module 4. Heroes come in all shapes and sizes--from the everyday heroes like firefighters to the mythical kinds found among the Greek gods. We learned what it takes to be a hero and realized we could each be one in our own way.

Winter finally came, so let's enjoy it while it stays.

Ms. Wonka

JH Lapoint

Testing has taken up much class time this month, but we have managed to fit in some other ELA lessons. We have read and talked about how authors used sound devices, mood, and tone in their writing. We have also expanded our use of "Writable" online to answer writing prompts. This has proven to be an engaging platform to read an article, watch a video, and then write our own response to a prompt.

Social Studies Canada, Roanoke, and Jamestown projects were just finished and presented. These consisted of slide shows and posters to show the students' learning.

Happy Winter!
Mrs.Lapoint

JH Kennedy

JH Math

Students are learning about equivalent fractions. Do you know the difference between prime and composite? What are the factors? Quick trivia question. Do you know the only prime even number? If you guessed 2, you are right!

JH Science

Science I

Students are reviewing their knowledge of ecology and ecosystems. They recently reviewed what they learned about atoms and their structure. Remember what charge those sub particles have? Positive charged protons, negative charged electrons and neutral neutrons are all part of their learning.

Science II

Students finished learning about chemical and physical changes to matter. What is matter? What is it made up of? Chemical change involves the creation of a new substance. They are also learning about atoms and their structures.

Science 8

What are the major cycles in life when it comes to science? Grade 8 have been reviewing their knowledge of the water, nitrogen and carbon cycles. Do you know the difference between photosynthesis and cellular respiration? Why is the carbon cycle critical in our lives?

What's Going On in the Classroom

Title 1- Scott

Happy New Year! We kicked off the year with our winter testing. Students have made awesome growth in Math and ELA. They should be very proud of their growth and hard work! Keep up the awesome work. I challenge you all to read at least three books during the month of February.
Ms.Scott

Special Education

Wow! Another month has come and gone! January was a month of learning and the start of something new. 2023 is the year of the rabbit. It is predicted to be a year of hope. Something that is filling me with joy. In the First grade we have continued to work on letter and number identification. We have made a great deal of growth. In second grade we started to learn more about the r-controlled vowels and subtraction that includes borrowing. In the fifth grade we have worked on vcc words that include common final blends and plurals. In middle school we worked on prime and composite numbers and breaking down numbers into their factors. We have also worked on understanding more complex texts.

Title 1- Joos

In January in my Math II class, 7 graders reviewed rational numbers. They worked with positive and negative decimals and fractions. They've reviewed greatest common factors, least common multiples/denominators and prime factorization of numbers. 8 Grade studied polynomials, linear functions, slopes and graphs. Also, in January all school had Aimsweb and STAR testing, and my math students showed great results. Their hard work is definitely paying off.

Berlin City- Keep Driving Foundation Grant To go towards our Makerspace



What's Going On in the Classroom

Library

In PreK/Kindergarten/First Grade we have learned how to help each other with different issues that they are getting into. We are practicing team building during computer time to help with the maker space time we have together. We still have lots to learn but we all are getting there. In the library we read books and talk about what we read and do some activities. We colored many things that went with our stories. We are starting our own book about the students and their families and how creative they are in class. While we are doing our books we are learning what each part of a book is. I can not wait to see how they come out.

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. Then we have computer class where we are going over google docs for a refresher. They are learning what other teachers may want them to do in google docs. We have Library class where we read and did coloring and other activities that matched our stories. We are starting our own book about the students and their families and how creative they are in class. While we are doing our books we are learning what each part of a book is. I can not wait to see how they come out.

Third grade we had keyboarding class where we are doing Edu Typing. They are getting better with their typing skills and moving on quickly. 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 stories and do coloring and other activities that match our stories. We are starting our own book about the students and their families and how creative they are in class. While we are doing our books we are learning what each part of a book is. I can not wait to see how they come out.

. In Fourth and Fifth grade we did independent typing in edutyping. Some students have moved up to a sixth grade level in their 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 are learning how to make story dice in TinkerCad and then we can print them later. In the library they are having a review about the Dewey system. We are still practicing and making sure the students understand fully. Then we will be moving on to more fun things in our learning. We are starting our own books to be put into the library. We will show them off at our student spring showcase. While we are doing our books we are learning what each part of a book is. I can not wait to see how they come out.

In Sixth/Seventh/ Eighth grade in computer class we are reviewing spreadsheets to make sure they keep up with their skills and understanding. The yearbook is coming along nicely and we can not wait to see how it looks at the end. In Intro to Business class we are learning about how to make a pitch that they could go to the show Shark Tank and get someone to invest in their business. They are coming along with this.

Officer Stepanian

Good Morning SCS parents,

Some of my fondest memories as an elementary school student were sliding in the winter. Even though I grew up in the "flatlands" of Massachusetts, we had some great sledding hills near my home. We would stay outside all day playing in the snow. I remember tuning up my Flexible Flyer runner sled to make sure the runners were not rusty. I upgraded to a wooden toboggan that I received as a Christmas gift and enhanced my sledding experience.

In our busy lives please try to make some time to go sledding. I am quite sure you will make memories that will last a lifetime. I know that the golf course in Colebrook has some great hills for sliding. I have found in my own experiences it is often the little things that create the most memories.

The SCS also has a great ski/board program that takes the children to Burke Mountain in Vermont. This is a winter program that I highly recommend. Being able to ski/board builds a child's self confidence and is an excellent physical activity.

So please have them put down their devices and shut off the television and get them outside.

SAP

In grades K-1 & 2 we are continuing with SIPPI, the Canine Learning about Kindness, Trustworthiness, & to be a good Citizen. Students seem to remember the lesson and use the tools learned when talking to classmates. In 3rd grade we are continuing Social skills using the States and Capitals, it is showing who is taking the time to study. Hope they continue to review.

In 8th grade we are working on social skills - discussed upcoming life skills projects.

What's Going On in the Classroom

Music Class


Kindergarten and first grade started the new year playing hand drums, singing songs about trains, and even writing their own rhythms using the notes ta and ti-ti! Second grade has been rehearsing The Three Billy Goats Gruff and learning notes for more complicated rhythms, like tika-tika and ta-ah. Third grade is doing great with their recorders and some have even earned three Recorder Karate Belts already! This week they are about to learn a new note, E, and try for their green belt. Our oldest students learned how to tune their own ukuleles and have started learning several chords and strumming patterns. They have also started some musical theater activities, like pantomime and performing in front of an audience. The year is flying by already, and it's only going to get busier as we start learning music for the Spring Concert- we have a fun semester ahead of us.

Afterschool Program

January has been full of STEM building challenges and crafts! Ask your student(s) about their new drawing skills! Now that we have snow we hope to get outside in the month of February for sledding and snow volcanos! If any student would like to sign up for the last few months of ASP please reach out, we would love to have them participate.
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NO ASP February 21, 22, 23

COMPENTENCY BASED CORNER



Performance Measure

Formative Assessments: is a process teachers and students use during instruction to determine feedback to adjust further teaching and learning toward improved.

Summative Assessment: evaluate student learning, knowledge, proficiency, or success at the conclusion of an instructional period, like a unit, course, or program.

Common Formative Assessments: Assessments that inform instruction. Can be classwork, practice, exit tickets, quizzes.

Examples of Summative Assessments: Unit Tests/Exams
Final Exams
Final Projects
Final Presentations

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