



## Principal's Corner

I'd like to take a moment to recognize all our amazing students and staff, who have diligently followed the expectations of mask-wearing, social-distancing, and other various changes that have been implemented to make it possible for us to return to in-person learning. It's not always easy, but our crew, once again, has knocked it out of the park! It's not enjoyable to have to wear a mask at all times and stay apart from our friends, but it certainly beats remote learning! 😊

Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup> was our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school—can you even believe it?! To celebrate, and to incorporate Valentine's Day, students wrote a reason they ❤️ SCS on a heart and we plastered those hearts on the front doors. They were all thoughtful and fun to read. Here are some favorites:

SCS makes it so I enjoy school. • SCS welcomes, loves, cares, and supports! • I love how nice the teachers and staff are. • Something I love about SCS is that it's a small building and students can get the help they need. • I love the teachers. • The positivity. • I love our art kits! • I love that everyone knows each other and are kind to one another. • I love PE!

I hope you all enjoy your February break! See you in March!



Mrs. Mathieu

## Calendar of Events

March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Student of the Month

March 8<sup>th</sup>  
4:15- School Board Meeting  
6:00 School Meeting

March 18<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 Early Release

March 19<sup>th</sup>  
No School- Administrative Day



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## ~Students of the Month~

Lukas Woodburn, Raygen Boire,  
Robert Warren, IV, Brayden  
Woodburn, Suzan Farrar, Kala  
McAllaster, Isabella Ricker



*Way to go!*

## News from Pre-K & Kindergarten

February may be a short month, but it's packed full of learning! In the PreK/Kindergarten classroom, we started the month by learning a little bit about penguins. We then switched to a Social Studies unit about friendship for the final two weeks. In Math, Kindergarten was introduced to subtraction. They listened to subtraction stories and acted them out with counters, then wrote the corresponding number sentence. After working on subtraction for a bit, we're now learning more about addition and subtraction by using the part-part-whole model to talk about different ways to make the numbers 4 to 10. In Foundations, we just learned our 25th and 26th lowercase letters. After vacation we will start to put those letters and sounds together to make words. :)

February might be short, but it's full of fun. While our celebrations don't necessarily look the same as they have in the past, we do a little something to acknowledge holidays and milestones. In February, we've recognized Valentine's day, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, Presidents' Day, our 100th and 101st days of school, as well as hat day and pajama day. Sometimes these mini-celebrations consist of an art project, or a read-aloud, or even just a dress-up day. We do our best to have fun while following the guidelines designed to protect all of us.

Mrs. Hemon

## News from 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

February has flown by! We have been very busy this month in first grade. We enjoyed our awesome Valentine's Day celebration! The class enjoyed the afternoon creating Valentine's Day crafts and cards. Thank you all for the thoughtful gifts.

In LA, we have been practicing our writing skills! After vacation, we will start our weather unit and continue to practice our skills while writing about the weather.

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.

We hope you have a fun, safe, and restful February Vacation!

Mrs. Ricker & Ms. Scott



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## News from 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

What a short month! Amidst cold weather, snow storms, Valentine's Day, President's Day, and a snow day, second and third graders have kept right on learning! We have spent this month wrapping up learning about Egypt and creating an awesome museum (please check out the school's website), solidifying multiplication with third grade, and mastering regrouping two digit numbers with grade 2.

We have also been fortunate to have a special virtual visitor who has been teaching about nutrition over Zoom. Mrs. Eggea from the UNH Cooperative Extension has brought our class topics like food safety and cleanliness, the USDA's MyPlate guidelines, and information about protein so far. We will continue to learn with her after break. Did you know that there are two main types of protein? Your child can now tell you about these types of protein and give examples of each. Good nutrition and general healthiness are important topics for us all!

Mrs. Hodge



## News from 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Like February, here is a brief and to the point synopsis of what 4th and 5th grade has been up to.

### Math:

Fractions--compare/order/find equivalent and 5th graders are adding and subtracting mixed numbers too.

### ELA:

Recognize/analyze elements of fiction using *Storyworks* magazine. Students had the opportunity to choose other associated activities to research on their own and display their knowledge as they saw fit--wrote/performed skits, made posters, created brochures

Worked on identifying and writing different types of figurative language such as metaphors, similes, personification, idioms, alliteration, and onomatopoeia. This will culminate with the creation of a book or movie defining and giving examples of each.

### Science:

Studying the stars and the universe--how stars form

Look up in the night sky to find constellations and Learn about some of the myths behind constellations and create their own constellation to write a myth about.

### Social Studies:

NH in the Revolution--from rebellion, to fighting, to independence at last Development of our Constitution

Also, since it is Black History Month, students researched one famous African American woman and man to learn a bit about what each of them did for our society as a whole. They presented their work in the form of a Google Slides presentation.

Wishing you all a fun-filled February vacation. Rest up!

Ms. Wonkka

## News from Junior High ELA & SS

Hello, Jr. High Families!

Lots of great learning has been going on in our Social Studies and Language Arts classes.

Grade 6 students have started a unit of study focused on Ancient Egypt. While learning about hieroglyphs, the students made a hieroglyph decoder and wrote their names in the language of the Ancient Egyptians. This task proved to be challenging, but fun. The students also made a Senet game board; a game that was enjoyed by the Ancient Egyptians.

Grade 7 students enjoyed each other's slide shows, and Quizziz and Kahoot games that finished up our Canada unit. We will be starting a unit on Latin America soon. This new unit will start with creating a map of the Latin American countries. Along with the geography of Latin America, we will be studying the history and culture of the countries.

Grade 8 students challenged each other with a card game that was used to review information about the 13 Colonies. After our winter break, the students will start a unit and project about the Civil War.

Grammar, reading, writing, and vocabulary have kept us busy in our Language Arts classes. We have been reading fiction and nonfiction articles from Scope magazines for a couple of weeks now. After winter break we will be starting new novels.

It is hard to believe that we are more than half-way through the school year. Time has flown by!

Enjoy some time together during our break and stay healthy and safe.

Mrs. Stebbins

## News from Junior High Science & Math

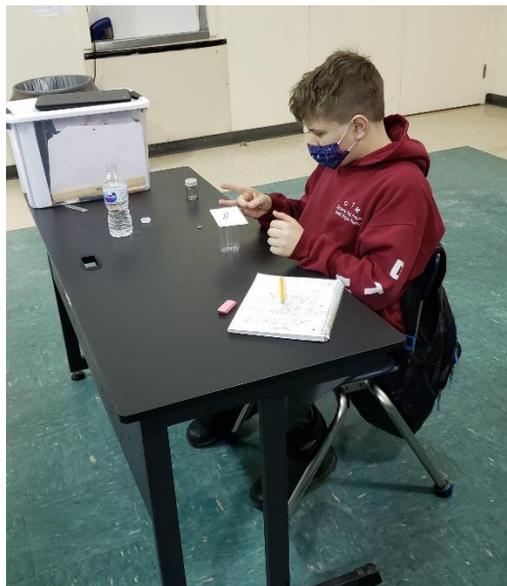
What is inertia? Have you ever heard of Newton's 3 laws of motion? Number 1 states that, "a body in motion tends to stay in motion, and a body at rest tends to stay at rest unless unbalanced forces act upon it." Grade 6 & 7 students did a lab involving this law in which they placed a penny on a notecard resting on a cup. Flicking the card away resulting in the penny falling into the cup. Why? INERTIA!

The students are also learning about Newton's second law of motion, which states that "force equals mass multiplied by acceleration."  
Grade 8

Climate change is a "hot" topic in eighth grade. Students are learning about what causes climate change. They recently learned and reviewed the layers to the atmosphere, along with related vocabulary such as coastal erosion, global warming, and carbon emissions. How can we change it? Ask an 8th grader.

All students in grades 6-8 are learning about pre-algebra in Math. One step equations, two step equations, solving for a variable, and solving for a variable on both sides of the equation are the many lessons they all are striving to do their best on. White boards, markers, and erasers are being used constantly as students do their best in solving for that unknown variable. Before the February break, Grade 8 students will take a mid-term in mathematics. Wish them the best!

Mr. Kennedy



## News from Title I

Welcome, Mrs. Joos! Mrs. Joos joined us the week before February vacation as a full-time Title I teacher, meaning we now have a full-time AND a part-time teacher available to help our students with interventions! WOOHOO! Both Mrs.

Joos and Mrs. Gray are helping in classrooms and seeing students 1:1 for interventions based on results of recently-held data meetings. If you have any questions or would like to know more about our Title I program, please feel free to call Mrs. Mathieu at any time!

## News from the Resource Room

During the beginning of Quarter 3, my "littles" have been reading booklets and stories on varying levels, increasing their reading comprehension skills through discussion. They are also increasing their sight word knowledge and writing skills. In Math, they have been working on subtraction facts within 20 and addition of 2-digit numbers without regrouping. All of them are making nice progress.

My older students, in ELA, have been reviewing grammar rules, increasing their vocabulary, spelling, and writing skills through the Rev It Up program and reading articles from the Scholastic Scope magazine, practicing reading fluency and classroom discussion. In Math, my Grade 6-8 students have been learning to solve 1-3 step equations with variables using various techniques. After many opportunities, they are improving greatly. Keep it up!

Wishing everyone a happy, safe vacation. We all need a break. Enjoy! See you on March 1st rested and ready to work.

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." Mother Teresa

Miss Miller

