

The Eagle News

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Have a safe and
Happy Holiday from
everyone at Ellis!



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COUNSELORS' CORNER

No Name-Calling Week

National No Name-Calling Week will be celebrated at Ellis School the week of January 23 – 27. No Name-Calling Week was inspired by a young adult novel entitled The Misfits, by James Howe. The book tells the story of four friends who grow tired of the constant teasing in their middle school. Based on their experience, they decide to run for student council on a “No Name-Calling” platform. The initiative was launched nationally in 2004 and involves a week long focus on educational activities aimed at ending name-calling of all kinds.

The goal of No Name-Calling Week is to help all students consider the weight of the words they use, and make school a safer,

healthier place for all students. More information can be found at www.nonamecallingweek.org

All middle school students will be learning and discussing National No Name Calling Week during gym classes the week of January 23rd.

January Elementary Guidance

In addition to No Name-Calling Week, elementary students will talk about the following topics in January. For more information, please visit Mrs. Hoppa's website.

- The Incredible 5 Point Scale, Feelings (first grade)
- Problem Solving and Conflict Resolution (second and third grade)
- Team building, Cooperative Work and Self-esteem (fourth grade)

CHILD FIND FREMONT

The Fremont School District will sponsor an area Child Find Program. The program is designed to identify and screen children from birth through age five who are suspected of having learning disabilities that may interfere with later school progress. The screening is free and available to all families living

in the town of Fremont.

Children will be screened in the areas of learning, speech and language, fine and gross motor skills and hearing and vision. Results of the assessments will be available to parents at the time of the screening. All information will be kept confidential and will only be released to other

Middle School Lunch Groups

New lunch groups will start the week of January 2nd and run for eight weeks. These lunch groups are voluntary; the sign up sheet will be posted Monday, December 19th outside Mrs. Farrar's office door.

Winter Warm Up

All middle school students who arrive to school by 7:30 are welcome to sign up for Mrs. Farrar's winter warm that starts Monday, January 2nd. Students who sign up can come into Mrs. Farrar's office at 7:30 each morning until the bell rings to catch up on homework and/or as a daily check in. Space is limited; sign up sheet posted December 19th outside Mrs. Farrar's office door.

professionals, i.e. school system or physician, with parental consent.

The screening will take place Friday January 13th, 2011 at the Ellis Elementary School. Appointments are a must.

For more information and appointments please call the Ellis School at 895-2511, ext. 510.

FISHER CATS READING CHALLENGE

The Fisher Cats Reading Challenge is on!

All Kindergarten through fourth grade students attended an assembly on Thursday, December 8 in which the details of the Reading Challenge were outlined. Each student also received a postcard entry form & a Fisher Cats bookmark.

Our goal at the Ellis School is 100% participation in this program. There is NOTHING to lose and A LOT to gain. The New Hampshire school with the highest percentage of participation of students who complete the reading challenge will receive:

- A \$3000.00 ~ Grand Prize
- A \$1000.00 ~ 2nd place
- A \$1000.00 ~ 3rd place

In addition, all students who complete the challenge will receive 2 free tickets to a Fisher Cats baseball game. WOW!

Here are the guidelines:

Students must read 5 books outside of their required class reading.

Write the name of each book on the back of the entry form.

Fill out the remainder of the entry form and mail it in. Details are located on

the back of the postcard/entry form.

For more specific details, please refer to the postcard entry form that went home with your child or look on our school's reading webpage at: <http://www.sau83.org/programs/reading.html>

FORMS ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15, 2012

Good luck!

We can do it....

**5 books= 2 free tickets
and a chance for Ellis to win
\$3000!!!!!!!!!!**

FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Fourth grade is gearing up for our Annual Science Fair in February. We have started our unit on Physical Science which will include Energy, Electricity, Magnetism, and Force and Motion. Students will be assigned projects related to these topics next week, so please look for these Science Fair

packets in your child's bag. Projects are done at home and presentations will be presented in class in February.

On January 24, 2012, we will be taking a field trip to the State House in Concord, NH. We will have a tour of the State House and visit the museum. Permission slips will follow. Thank

you to the students who consistently are prepared for class with homework assignments. Thank you parents for your support in this endeavor.

KINDERGARTEN NEWS



Kindergarten is singing their way to the Holidays

Kindergarten has been busy since their silent turkey parade led by our own Mr. Safina, working hard with Ms. Burns and letting their voices be heard by singing in the Kindergarten concert. They've also learned all of their vowels and vowel sounds, as well as learned to count by tens as was

done in the singing at the Kindergarten concert. The team would like to thank Mr. Safina and Ms. Burns for their support and hard work. We would also like to give a BIG THANK-YOU to the parents for sending in fruit for our Thanksgiving fruit salad, and preparing the students for the concert.

Have a safe and happy holiday,
The kindergarten team

FIRST GRADE POETRY

It's All About the Cocoa

Jackets, snow pants,
Hats and scarves
It's all about the cocoa

Let's make a snowman
It's all about the cocoa

Move your angel arms and legs
It's all about the cocoa

Bumping, zooming down the hill
It's all about the cocoa

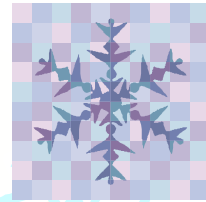
Follow your footprints
All the way home
It's all about the cocoa

Toasty by the fireplace
It's all about the cocoa



Winter Joy

Just a sprinkling
Winter dust
Sun glowing on the snow
Softly falling, falling softly
Pouring winter joy
Bare trees bowing
Blowing, whooshing
Dripping with delight
Softly falling, falling softly
Pouring winter joy



Are you wondering how first graders can write such wonderful poetry? Here's how we did it...we started with the whole first grade in one classroom brainstorming winter words. The kids all got to contribute and all of the words they suggested were written on the whiteboard. The board was full - it was a very long list! We read all of the words aloud. Next we started to categorize the words (weather, action, nature, holiday). We circled similar ideas and noticed and appreciated catchy phrases. Then we pulled out some of the ideas that sounded really great to us

like "It's all about the cocoa!" and "Winter joy!" We decided that we would try to write two different poems. We omitted all of the holiday words to narrow our focus and concentrated on winter fun for the cocoa poem. Every time we used a word or idea in the poem, we erased it from the whiteboard. There were many times that we needed suggestions for another word or a description. For example, when asked to tell more about making a snow angel, one student told us that you have to move your arms and legs. All of the words were there, ready to make the

line - "Move your angel arms and legs." By having the students offer words and language, categorizing ideas, manipulating word order, thinking about sequence, asking the kids to tell more, and noticing catchy phrases and repeating them, we crafted a couple of lovely poems. The first graders are proud of these. We hope you enjoy them as much as we do and don't be surprised when you hear your child tell you... "It's all about the cocoa!!!" Please share the gift of poetry with your family and friends and enjoy the holidays together!!!

FIFTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

By: Nick P. and Wyatt L.



The fifth graders are using their creative imaginations to make children's books to read to the younger grades such as; Pre-K 1st and 2nd grade. They are using creative titles such as; Agent Dino Chick Nugget, Who Will Guide My Lawn Mower, and The Sad Num-

ber 1. They all have creative storylines. They have beautiful paintings with lots of details some are colored with lots of detail too.

Mrs. Marggraf has been teaching us figurative language. The fifth graders have been working on Hyperboles, Oxymorons, Similes, Metaphors, Personifica-

tion, Idioms, Alliteration, and Onomatopoeia. These are examples of things used in the children's books to make them as creative as possible. The books have been worked hard on and they are creative and fun.

We look forward to sharing them with younger students.

BE PROUD OF OUR SECOND GRADERS!

All second graders have had a busy month! 2L children traveled around Ellis School and interviewed staff. They politely introduced themselves, took down information, thanked the interviewees and came back to class. Then they wrote thank you notes and Christmas cards to them. Holiday letters to soldiers were written, and then typed during computer class.

Missing Elf! 2L children wrote riddles, hid an elf in Mrs. Almon's class, then they read Christmas stories and helped the Kindergarteners make a Christmas Elf.

2M polished their letter writing skills, as they wrote to Santa Claus. Students drew beautiful pictures to depict what they saw in their heads, as they listened to, read and visualized 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

2N read different versions of the Three Little Pigs (3 Fish and the Big Bad Shark) and then each wrote their own version of the story with different types of animals! Snow globes and snowmen were carefully created as they read their way through the month to show sequence and story elements.

A special project was completed for 2N's Charity Dinner project. They did a chore to earn a dollar to donate. Then brainstormed foods one eats at a holiday dinner. Next they shopped with grocery fliers for prices of the food. They learned what 2/\$5.00 means and how a turkey looks like it is priced at 69 cents, but if looked carefully to see the "per pound" text! Then they did the math to find out how much a ten pound turkey would cost. Next we added it all up. Mrs. Normandin went shopping for

the food. The class made cards to go with the complete dinner. A photo was taken with the food. Be on the look out for us in the Carriage Towne News! The completed dinner donated to the Fremont Food Pantry. Together 2N donated \$50 for this dinner/food pantry.

Second graders loved working on geometry. Measuring twice, cutting once was a mantra in one second grade classroom, as they made gifts. Children continued to work on adding double digit numbers, reading Christmas stories, working with shapes, thinking Christmas and making crafts, busy, busy....

Happy Holidays from 2nd grade!

7TH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

By Jocelyn F., Sarah R., and Halle N.

The seventh grade students have been very busy in Language Arts class. We have been reading the following short stories: "The Monkey's Paw", "Rikki-Tikki-Tavi", "Tell Tale Heart", and "The Necklace." After reading these short stories, our class went to go see

the short stories performed at the Capitol Theatre in Concord, NH. It was very entertaining! Right now in Language Arts, we are taking a test for the short story, "The Necklace."

After we get back from our winter break, we are going to learn how to

write a persuasive essay. This will be our next unit.

Seventh grade students love Language Arts and reading short stories. We are excited to work on persuasive essays!

MRS. JACKSON'S RTI GROUP

During the last session of RtI Mrs. Jackson's seventh grade group attended Anatomy 101 and American Heart Association First Aid and CPR Training! It was an exciting and active group with much interest in the subject matter! Congratulations to the following students who are now officially

certified in First Aid and CPR by the AHA:

Jilyssa B.
Caren C.
Jaqui D.
Harry G.
Jason K.
Serena M.
Jason M.
Lorelle O.
Elijah P.

Callie R.
Sarah R.
Laice Marie R.
Emily S.
Jake S.
Reid S.
Francis V.
Chris M.
Kailee S.
Connor D.

Congrats to all!



NEWS FROM THE NURSE



Please check out the bulletin board created by Carla Smith, RN which was entered in the NHDHHS contest to promote healthy behaviors and influenza prevention. She won first prize!

Mrs. Milner, RN taught AHA First Aid and CPR to Mrs. Jackson's 7th grade RTI group in November and December. There were 19 students who participated in the AHA certification. Mrs. Smith, RN made another great bulletin board display in the main lobby to celebrate their accomplishment.

There may be classes for more 7th grade students in future RTI classes this year!

The students showed great interest in learning this important skill. Students are prepared to respond to an emergency, how to call for help, how to do CPR, use of an AED, epipen use, and many other important first aid skills.

Reminder for parents of middle school students: In order for their student to participate in after school sports the student must have a Physical Exam signed by a doctor and dated within the last 2 years. It must be on file with the school nurse. The student's shot record must be up to date and compliant with state law. Students who turn 11

must have a Tdap and a second (varicella) chicken pox vaccine usually entering 5/6 grade.

Reporting your student out: Please remember, to leave the reason your child will be out, when calling into the absent line. We are tracking influenza type illnesses for the state. This would include fever of 100 or greater, sore throat, cough, vomiting, and diarrhea.

Have a wonderful and healthy holiday and new year!



MRS. LEE SIXTH GRADE LANGUAGE ARTS

6L Reading is planning a holiday event for Mrs. Lathrop's second grade class:

Do you know the Gingerbread Elf? Students have been preparing clues, designing Gingerbread crafts, reading Gingerbread books, and creating a plethora of Gingerbread posters to 'hook' the second grade class.

Run, run, as fast as you can! You cannot catch me, I am the Gingerbread ELF. Hm... Who is the Gingerbread Elf? Have you seen the Gingerbread Elf?



Lastly, students are focusing on Heartfelt Holiday Helping, a philosophy of spreading the word of helping during the holidays.

Holiday wishes need not cost money.

Students are discussing and practicing the following:

- doing a good deed
- donating services
- inviting an unfamiliar face to sit with you at lunch
- taking time to listen to people-

really listen

- smiling at someone to brighten their day
- offering help
- holding the door for someone
- paying a person a compliment
- saying hello to someone new

These small gestures go a long way in brightening someone's world. Let us all practice one of these, everyday!



| December 2011—January 2012 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | 19-Middle school rehearsal in library 2:20-4:00 | 20-Elementary cast in Library 3:05-3:45 | 21-Chorus in Mr. Connor's room | 22-OFF | 23-OFF MERRY CHRISTMAS | |
| | January 2 Middle School in the Library until 4:00 | January 3-Elementary cast in the library until 3:45 | January 4-chorus until 3pm Mr. Connors room | January 5- Library middle school until 4:00 | January 6- OFF | |
| | January 9-Middle school in Library until 4:00 | January 10- Professional day-No Rehearsal | January 11- Chorus Mr. Connor's room | January 12-Middle school in library until 4:00 | January 13- OFF | |
| | January 16 NO SCHOOL | January 17 Elementary cast in library until 3:45 | January 18 Chorus in Mr. Connor's room | January 19-Middle school in Library until 4:00 | | |

Music Information:

Cinderella the musical will be performed on February 15, 16, 22 and 23rd. THIS IS PENDING SNOW DAYS.
 Grades two and three: RECORDERS are MANDATORY FOR MUSIC DAYS. THEY WILL BE PERFORMING ON THEM IN ALL CONCERTS THIS YEAR.
 CHORUS WILL MEET EVERY WEDNESDAY IN MR. CONNOR'S ROOM UNTIL 3PM.

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Third graders have been learning about holidays celebrated in other countries. They have learned about at least one specific country and its traditions. Each class researched the traditions of one country and set up a celebration for the other third graders. Your child ate Lebkuchen in Germany, made a Befana puppet from Italy, created a wreath in Australia and learned to yodel in Switzerland.

Each class hosted the other three third grade classes and taught them about holiday traditions from the country they studied. The students had a great time and did



a wonderful job!

Third graders have also been working

hard in math. We have just finished up our first unit on multiplication. While we will be moving on to other topics, it is important that kids practice their facts every night. Our goal for third grade is for students to know all of their multiplication facts from 0-10.

We would like to wish you a warm and happy holiday season.

The Third Grade Team