

# Ellis School Newsletter

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## S K I C L U B R E G I S T R A T I O N

It's time for fifth through eighth grade students to sign up for Ski Club! Again this year, we will be going to Pat's Peak Ski area. The program starts in February. The registration forms have been put in home room classes. They are due back to the office by Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Due to bus space limitations, we will NOT accept late registration forms.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Richard @ 679-1111 or Mrs. Herrmann @ 642-4913.



## Notes from the Nurse



Please remember to look at the web page under **News-Health Alerts** for any updates on incidence of infectious illness such as strep throat, flu, or for any information on lice which are not a health threat. Thank you to the parents who share this information with the nurse.

Students need to **come to school dressed appropriately for the weather**. They will go outside even in colder weather. Parents are ultimately responsible in making sure their child is dressed appropriately. If there is a need for help due to economic strain please contact the nurse. I will help anyone in need and maintain confidentiality.

Be prepared for the **flu/Influenza** season and teach good hand washing. It is recommended that everyone get a flu vaccine. Influenza is highly contagious virus which is spread by coughing, sneezing, or nasal secretions. Symptoms are fever, sore throat, chills, fatigue, cough, headache, muscle ache. True influenza can be mistaken for other illnesses but influenza is caused by the influenza virus. The only way to know if it is true influenza is by having the doctor do a nasal swab and send it to the lab. It would be important to let the nurse know if your child has been diagnosed with influenza.

November 21, 2008

## *Upcoming Events:*

- **November 21- PTA Movie Night**  
6:30 PM in the Ellis library
- **November 22- PTA Event**  
To Your Art's Content
- **November 26-28- No School**  
Thanksgiving Break
- **December 12- Winter Concert**  
At Sanborn Regional High School



Come Check out the  
Winter Concert!  
**GRADES K-6**

*December 12, 2008 at  
7:00 pm. The concert  
will be held at Sanborn  
Regional High School.*



## First Grade News



2, 4, 6, 8, First Grade is really great!! All of the first graders have had a chance to be the “class scientist.” This important job required the students to venture into the great outdoors to conduct observations. Each class adopted a tree branch and our scientists took turns observing and collecting data at the same time each day. Each scientist observed if their class tree branch had leaves, the color of the leaves, and if there was evidence of wind at the time of the observation. Mrs. Fitzgerald helped the scientists to get to the observation site and record all of the data on their class calendars during October and November. Mrs. Foley, our Gifted and Talented Coordinator, met with the classes to help analyze and make class graphs of the data. Then, she helped us to combine our class data to show the data for the whole first grade. This was a fun and interesting project for everyone. Come by the first grade wing to see the First Grade Data Tree.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

The First Grade Team

## Second Grade News

In second grade they are studying three different subjects. They are science, math, and reading. In science they're learning about camouflaging animals. In math they are learning how to make change with money. In reading they have a reading café, which is where they can pick from 5 different activities. Those activities are reading to yourself, reading to someone, listening to reading, working on writing, and word work. In the reading café they learned that good readers ask questions. They're reading a book called Thanksgiving Turkey Trouble. They will soon have a special sharing and caring lunch. Each student will bring in different food to share with the class. They do this to show how the pilgrims and Native Americans shared food on the first Thanksgiving.

*By: Jamie Francis and Kayla Troy*



## Sixth Grade Language Arts

The sixth grade Language Arts students are working on writing and illustrating their own children's books. For the last week they have been working on their first and second drafts. After Thanksgiving, the sixth graders will be reading their book with a 1<sup>st</sup> grade student. The students had to write books with their own ideas, but it also had to include literary tools, like alliterations, onomatopoeia, similes, metaphors, rhymes and personifications.

Austin Clough



## PTA Events

PTA Reminder

### To Your Art's Content, 104 Epping Rd, Exeter

Saturday November 22nd from 4-8pm. Come and paint your own pottery. Think about one of a kind Holiday gifts while helping raise money for your local PTA. If you can't stay and paint, gift certificates are also available. There will be light refreshments served.

### PTA Movie Night

Come see a live showing of Kung Fu Panda tonight at 6:30pm in the Ellis Library. We will be raffling off Kung Fu Panda Activity CD's and the Kung Fu Panda DVD itself. There will also be gift cards available to the PTA online movie store that sells kid/family friendly movies. The gift cards are sold for \$20. Think about these as great gifts for the upcoming holiday season.



# Writing about Writing

(News from Mrs. Pipitone's 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Class)

By Hannah Keane

For the past week, the seventh grade students at Ellis School have been learning to write news articles; they've been reading fairy tales and writing a news article to fulfill the GLE's (Grade Level Expectations).

At the beginning of the week, each class paired up into twos or threes and chose a classic fairy tale to read. After learning the skills they needed, including the parts of a news article and how to hook a reader, they all started to write their article. The groups got to choose any character they wanted, from their book and got to make fun headlines and add subtle, modern twists to them! "We are doing a fun assignment in language arts; we get to make a news article about a fairy tale of our choice!" smiled Jillian Walker, a seventh grade student of Mrs. Pipitone's language arts class.

There are five parts of a news article, the first is the headline. The headline should be something interesting to hook the reader; the second part is the byline. This part is who wrote the story. The third part is called the lead paragraph. It should tell you who, what, where, when, why, and how. The fourth part is the second paragraph, it's called the explanation, and it should have enough information to answer important questions the reader might have. It can also have direct quotes from people who were there. The fifth and final part is what I'm writing right now, it's called the additional information! This paragraph will have information that is least important and necessary, the editor can take it out of the story.



## Technology Fun Night at Seacoast School of Technology

Friday December 19, 2008

Learn about free and open source games and simulators. This is your opportunity to have fun as well as improve your problem solving skills. Voluntary donation of 3 canned goods for the local food bank is suggested. Additional donations are welcome!

Grades 5-9 welcome! Call 775-8461 during business hours to register. Deadline is December 18. Limited to 40 students.



## Lost & Found

Sweatshirts (with and without hoods) have taken over the rack! Unless a First & Last Name is written on the tag, clothing can not be returned to its owner....98% of the Lost & Found is unmarked. The next time you are at Ellis School, please take a few minutes to look through the clothing and lunchboxes. All unclaimed items will be donated to charity on December 5th.

## Hood 3-A-Day Milk Caps

The Sox Tops program will not begin until April 2009, but the current "3-A-Day" Hood milk caps will continue to be collected at Ellis for our submission next October. Please rinse the milk residue from your "3-A-Day" milk caps, and bring them to the collection container in the Ellis School lobby. Students who drank Hood milk for our 2008 submission did a "moo"velous job collecting 2,025 Sox Tops and 740 3-A-Day milk caps!! Mrs. Jackson will be receiving \$138.25 to purchase team building equipment to use at the start of PE classes this winter!

## What's up with Mrs. Cohen

Mrs. Cohen's class is learning so much this year. Right now they are learning how to use writing checklists. In math they are learning how to count and add money. They are growing all different kinds of plants too. They are following community rules by saying nice things, and they are getting stamps in their passports everyday. One of the things we also noticed when we were interviewing Mrs. Cohen and her class is that they are all very responsible, respectful and prepared.

By: Kaitlin Perkins and Devon MacLeod 6M

**ATTENTION!!!!!!** CHORUS will begin after school on November 13, 2008, every Tuesday and Thursday in the Music room from 2:20-3:05 p.m.

## 2L News

In Ms. Lathrop's class they are learning about a lot of things. In science they recently learned about the types of leaves and where they come from. They also learned about textures of rocks, and keeping track of the weather. In spelling they have a word study in which they are learning about the sneaky e. In math Ms. Lathrop is teaching them how to estimate. They are learning how to make a connection to themselves and to the world in reading.

By: Kayla Troy & Micaela Sampson

### Nutritional News!

**Kids need good nutrition to help them stay alert and learn at school. Fruits and vegetables are a big part of good nutrition.**



**Start the day off right with a nutritious breakfast.**

Add banana, raisins, or blueberries to your child's favorite breakfast cereal, waffles or pancakes.

For an extra easy, hearty breakfast, try Muesli. You simply soften oats in water overnight, and the next morning add apple, raisins, nuts, milk, and honey. Delicious!

**Do you pack a lunch for your children?**

Consider filling a thermos with their favorite vegetable soup, such as tomato or vegetable and noodle soup. You also might try the recipe for black bean and veggie soup (on the back).

Add chunks of fruit to low-fat plain yogurt. Don't have fresh? Use canned pineapple, peaches or pears in juice pack (drain the liquid out first).

Have your kids help you fix their lunches the night before to avoid a mad rush in the morning. Let them choose what fruits and vegetables they want.

Visit [www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov](http://www.fruitsandveggiesmatter.gov) for more great tips and recipes.

**Don't forget to add some fruit and vegetable power for after-school activities!**

Pack some dried fruit and nuts to fuel their sports, music, or other activities after school.

If your children come home after school, be ready with fresh apples or bananas or finger-food veggies in the refrigerator.



#### Middle School Homework Helpline

Parents or students call the school number of [895-2511](tel:895-2511) after school hours and dial one of the following extensions:

175 - 5th grade	176 - 6th grade
177 - 7th grade	178 - 8th grade.

#### **Telephone Extensions**

**Nurse—dial—8**

**Absent & Tardy Line—dial 7**

**Middle School Hours—7:50—2:20**

**Elementary Hours—8:35—3:05**