

## Letter from Superintendent

Greetings!! As we continue to navigate this unprecedented time in our history, we are constantly reminded that life continues on, albeit perhaps with some life style changes along the way. With the Thanksgiving and Holiday seasons approaching, experts in the science and medical field are urging caution as to how we go about our holiday plans. Regardless of this pandemic, please take time to reflect on all the things in life that you are thankful for. Along with many thanks for my family, I am also very thankful for our great staff at the school, as well as, all the community support I have been blessed with over the years.

Unbelievably, we are closing in on the halfway point of our school year, roughly 3 weeks away. Christmas concert plans are continuing to be ironed out, semester tests are sneaking up, the winter sports season is upon us, and I'm pretty sure winter inclement weather can be thrown in as well. With all the unusual things that have been taking place since March, it is nice to be able to focus back on some sort of "normal."

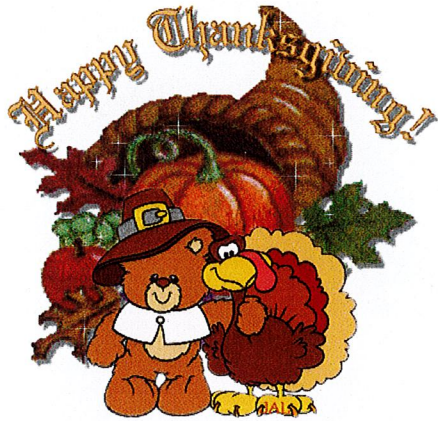
This past week Nov. 16-20<sup>th</sup> marked American Education Week. I can't thank my teaching staff, support staff, and substitutes enough for putting themselves in harm's way to provide a quality education for all our kids. As most know, the virus has taken a pretty big toll on our staff and students alike, but through a great deal of teamwork and technology, I feel the staff has done a tremendous job of keeping our education moving forward. For this, I will be forever grateful! Our goal is and always will be to provide the best possible education to our students!

As December approaches, we need to start thinking about inclement weather. As in the past, our school will utilize a family calling tree, along with KELO, KSFY, and KDLT TV stations, to get any weather related changes to our patrons. If we continue our current weather pattern, we will not need to use very much ☺.

Looking ahead, we can now focus our thoughts to the Christmas Holiday Season! Please stay safe!

### **Important Dates:**

Nov. 25-27	No School-Thanksgiving Vacation
Dec. 4	Elementary Christmas Concert (7:00)
10	Middle School/High School Christmas Concert (7:00)
17-18	Semester Tests
18	School Dismisses at 2:00pm
21-Jan. 4	No School (Christmas Vacation)
Jan. 4	School Resumes



# Mrs. Moore's Preschool

## This Month's Activities

November is here and almost gone. It has brought some cold weather with it. We are getting a lot of practice zipping coats and putting on hats and gloves without any assistance.

Theme Three in our curriculum was My Community. We got a big piece of white paper and created our own community and neighbor. This group really likes the hands on work that gets us out of our desks. We also talked about the different jobs that are in a community. Then to end the unit we talked about how to keep it nice by picking up litter and recycling. We added three new letters to our growing list; they were H, I, J, and K. In Math, we did some more practice with position words. We talked about distance-like with route is closer or farther to go. We also did some more work with patterns and counting to 10. I also introduced ordinal numbers, but that is a skill we are going to need some more work on. In Science, we talked about safety. We also talked about paper and plastic, that those are things that we can recycle.

## Birthdays for November/ December

- Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> – Lewis's Birthday
- Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> – Logan's Birthday
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Steven's Birthday

## Upcoming Events

- Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – No School – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – Elementary Christmas Concert at 7 PM
- Dec. 19<sup>st</sup> – Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> – No School Christmas Break



# Kindergarten November



## Here's the Kindergarten Scoop!!

### Save the Date!

- November 25th—  
29th Thanksgiving  
Break
- December 4th—  
Elementary  
Christmas Con-  
cert—7:00
- December 17th—  
Christmas Carols  
at the Nursing  
Home 1pm.
- December 18th—  
Christmas Party  
Day.
- December 18th—  
Dismissing at 2pm

Kindergarten is really enjoying math! They have been working a lot with the teen numbers. They have been showing how to make those numbers by using a group of 10 and adding on what they need. They have still been working a lot with adding and subtracting. It didn't take them long to figure out that subtraction is not their favorite!

In Reading, we have been talking about Veterans and Thanksgiving. We are learning vocabulary words like patriotic, military, armed forces, holiday, and veteran. We talked a lot about non-fiction information and how non-fiction books are different from fiction books. We are also working and learning about the letters "n", "f" and "b". They have also been learning important words to know like come, me, with, my, you, want, are and now. Kindergarten has also been working a lot with isolating sounds and blending them as well. This has really helped us learn how to read new words.

Kindergarten has been spending their time in Social Studies learning about TONS of different things! We have been learning about the United States! We have talked about our symbols, Presidents, our flag and we are not done yet! We have also taken time to talk about our veterans and about

Thanksgiving! Phew!! Busy!



**Kindergarten made Veteran's  
Day hats!**



**Dempsey Gillen—November 30th**



# 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

## Newsletter

### Upcoming Events

### This Month's Activities

It is hard to believe that we are almost through November already! Please make sure your child is bringing appropriate attire for recess.

In Phonics, we have been working hard on learning the sounds of digraphs, such as /ch/, /th/, /sh/, and /wh/. We have also been learning when to use "ch" and when to use "-tch".

Math has us working on adding and subtracting to 20. We have also been working on comparing numbers using greater than and less than symbols. We like to remember that the "alligator" opens up for the larger number.

In Reading, we continue to work on our fluency and reading comprehension skills. We have been reading many stories and discussing whether the author's purpose is to entertain or to inform.

In Social Studies, we are finishing up a unit on how the United States became a country. We discussed the many different symbols and landmarks our country has. We also talked about how we show respect to our flag by saying the Pledge each morning.

In Science, we finished a unit on the different types of animals. We have been classifying animals and discussing what all animals need to survive as well as the many different habitats they live in.

Orion celebrated his birthday on November 25<sup>th</sup>. In December, we will celebrate Parker and Griffin's birthdays.

- ✚ Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>: No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- ✚ Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>: Elementary Christmas Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
- ✚ Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>- Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Winter Break



Training to become as strong as the veterans we wrote our thank you cards to!

## 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades

It is hard to believe we are nearing on half of the school year being complete!

In math, the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders continue to add new skills, most recently working with fractions. 2<sup>nd</sup> graders have been working on counting dollars and coins. We will be moving into subtraction with regrouping. PLEASE continue working at home with your child on flash cards to increase their knowledge and fluency. The basic facts are something they will *need* to know.

In English we have finished our study of nouns and have moved on to verbs. In social studies, we will be discussing how we describe our location. We are just finishing up our life science studies, discussing how changes in an ecosystem can affect the entire food chain. We will then move on to physical science, discussing matter and changes that can happen to matter. Physical science is usually a favorite because of various hands on experiments!

In reading we continue to learn and apply reading skills such as cause/effect and compare/contrast. We often find these skills repeated in science and social studies as well!

In November, we enjoyed writing thank you notes to our local veterans for Veterans Day.

Dates to remember: Nov. 23-24- NO After-School program

Nov. 25-27- Thanksgiving break- NO School

December 4-Elementary music concert

Dec. 19-Jan.3-Christmas break

# 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

## In the Classroom

It seems like the last newsletter was only last week! I guess the weeks have been flying a bit with all of the chaos going on. With next week being Thanksgiving, hopefully it gives the students and you parents some time to de-stress!

In Social Studies, the students recently finished learning about the early explorers to the Americas and the colonies in place before the English 13 colonies. When we pick back up with our Social Studies learning, the students will learn all about the start of America with the 13 colonies. In Science, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are still learning their way through a life science unit. Currently, they are learning about the different classifications, characteristics, and life cycles of living organisms. Up next in science will be a couple of units about ecosystems. Parents – if you have any extra shoe boxes or other boxes with a lid, please keep those for future use. The students will be doing a project and will be in need of these. When a better date is known, I will be sending out a message requesting them. Thanks!

In Math, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade has been busy “perfecting” their multiplication skills. The practice is definitely showing and they are all making strides! Up next in the near future will be long division! The 5<sup>th</sup> grade has been working more with division and geometry. Their near future involves some statistics like finding averages and probability. Then, before Christmas, I plan to do a project based learning activity centered on geometry that classes of the past have seemed to enjoy! Lastly, our students have been reading stories out of their English textbooks and applying the reading skills they have been learning all year. For reading and grammar, the students have been making interactive notebooks filled with different skills for each.

## Upcoming Events

November 24: Dismissal Day for Thanksgiving Break

November 30: Return to School

December 4: Christmas Concert

# December 2020 Activities for White Lake School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
					PreK-5 Christmas Concert – 7:00 pm	KWLPG Wrestling at Kimball – 10 AM
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Grades 6-12 Christmas Concert – 7:00 pm	GBB vs. Burke at Kimball	Wrestling at Faulkton-10 AM
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	BBB vs. Freeman at Corn Palace- 6:30 pm	GBB vs. Platte/Geddes at Kimball		BB Doubleheader at Mitchell Christian – 4 pm Wrestling Triangular at Bonesteel – 5 pm	End of 1st Semester	Wrestling at Plankinton – 9:30 am
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	No School – Christmas Break BBB vs. Hanson at Corn Palace – 6:30 pm	No School – Christmas Break GBB at Chamberlain BBB vs. Hightmore/Harold at Kimball	No School – Christmas Break	No School – Christmas Break	No School – Merry Christmas	
27	28	29	30	31		
	No School – Christmas Break	No School – Christmas Break	No School – Christmas Break	No School – Christmas Break		

# January 2021 Activities—White Lake School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 No School - Christmas Break	2 Wrestling at Salem-9 AM GBB and BBB Sacred Hoops Classic at Corn Palace
3	4 Classes Resume from Christmas Break	5	6	7 GBB vs. Colome at White Lake	8 Wrestling at Presho	9 Wrestling at Presho BB Doubleheader vs. TDA at White Lake
10	11	12 BB Doubleheader at Woonsocket—4 pm	13	14 GBB at Gregory Wrestling Quad at Springs—5 pm	15 BBB vs. Corsica/ Stickney at Kimball Wrestling at Philip	16 BBB vs. Avon at White Lake
17	18 No School - Martin Luther King Day	19 GBB vs. Bridgewater/ Emery at Kimball Wrestling Quad at WL	20	21 BBB vs. Gregory at Kimball	22 GBB vs. MVP at Plankin- ton Wrestling Triangular at Winner	23
24	25	26 BB Doubleheader vs. BonHomme at Tyrndall	27	28	29 BBB vs. Wolsey/ Wessington at WL	30 Wrestling at Wagner GBB vs. Avon at WL
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# December 2020 Menu—White Lake School

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

<p>6</p> <p>Milk and Salad Bar is served with each lunch.</p> <p>Milk is served with each breakfast.</p> <p>If we go virtually for any reason, this menu will not be followed.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Cereal Bar, Orange Juice, Apples</p> <p>Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Breadstick, Carrots, Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Biscuits and Gravy, Oranges</p> <p>Pizza Burgers, Green Beans, Mixed Berry Cup</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Pancake on a Stick, Applesauce</p> <p>Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Peaches</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Scrambled Eggs, Toast, Bananas</p> <p>Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Pineapple</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Mandarin Oranges</p> <p>Chicken Strips, Broccoli, Apples, Dinner Roll</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pancakes, Apples</p> <p>Pizza, Corn, Pears</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Biscuit Breakfast Sandwich, Applesauce</p> <p>Chicken A La King over Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Pineapple, Dinner Roll</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Coffee Cake, Peaches</p> <p>Mr. Ribb Sandwiches, Broccoli, Strawberry Cup</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pop Tarts, Orange Juice, Oranges</p> <p>Stromboli, Green Beans, Oranges</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Donuts, Orange Juice, Variety of Fresh Fruit</p> <p>Footlongs, Baked Beans, Variety of Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>No School—Christmas Vacation</p>	<p>22</p> <p>No School—Christmas Vacation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>No School—Merry Christmas</p>	<p>24</p> <p>No School—Christmas Vacation</p>	<p>25</p> <p>No School—Christmas Vacation</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>No School—Christmas Vacation</p>	<p>29</p> <p>No School—Christmas Vacation</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>		

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