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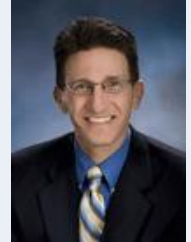


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Principal's Perspective



Dear Parents and School Community,

If you have been at our school recently, you may have noticed a banner to the right of the main lobby. It was created by joining the hands of our students and staff to offer our wish for peace throughout the world in the upcoming year.



On Friday, February 17th, our 5th grade students will join their grade level counterparts from Park Road and Mendon Center Elementary Schools for a music assembly at Barker Road Middle School. This assembly is part of our elementary to middle school transition experience and will feature information about the 6th grade music program. In addition, a number of middle school ensembles will be performing a concert for our students.

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As a reminder, our school and district websites are excellent sources of information. Please remember to check them regularly for news and upcoming events.

Please note that school will be closed from Monday, February 20th through Friday, February 24th for Presidents' Week/February Recess. I hope that you have a safe and enjoyable time during this week.

Thank you for all that you do to support our students, our staff and our school community!

Sincerely,

Roger DeBell
Principal



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Thornell Road Elementary School



**A Learning Community Dedicated to
Teamwork, Respect and Excellence for our Students**

5th Grade ROCKS

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow ~ By Nicholas Scinta

What a winter break! Students will be returning to school following a six day winter break. Before the break, the kids enjoyed a Holiday sing along with the whole school, a penguin arts and craft project, and classroom parties. Students celebrated and reflected on their accomplishments over the first part of the year and eagerly looked forward to the new 2017 year and what surprises it may bring.



The music department has several upcoming concerts as fifth graders will be participating in band, orchestra, and chorus. All music groups have been working hard to fine tune their songs and are looking forward to their opening concert. You can tell students who play instruments are growing not only musically, but also in confidence as they pridefully keep track of their lessons and remind one another when it is time to leave for a lesson.



In January, students will learn more about their upcoming International Day project. Students will be assigned countries based on surveys they filled out earlier in the year and will begin researching these countries. Students and teachers are excited about this major undertaking as it is one of the biggest learning experiences of the year. It is already apparent that this year's fifth graders will be researching several different countries than last year. The new variety will help the school continue to grow in diversity as we learn about the strengths of different cultures around the world.



Many students are eagerly awaiting January 23rd, when Ski Club officially starts! Students have their ski club shirts, many have their ski bags packed, and everyone in the club is eagerly awaiting our first departure. Students will be picking their partners early on in January and are bound to enjoy their time at Bristol Mountain.

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Between January and February, students will begin and complete the Reading Around a Problem Unit, where they learn about world problems and come up with potential solutions to those problems. Upon completion of a final project, some being in the form of posters while others are in the form of PowerPoints or Sway presentations, all fifth graders will begin the History (of the Western Hemisphere) Unit.

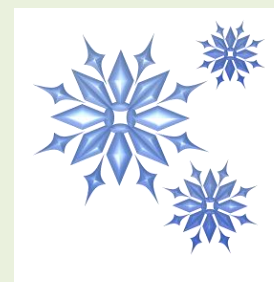
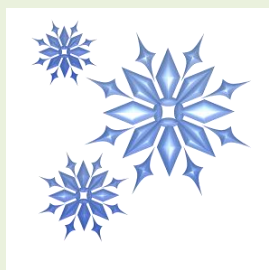


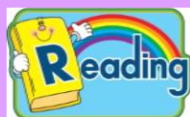
Students are continuing to steadily progress through the math curriculum. They will soon be moving out of decimals and into fractions. Math knowledge is continuing to be built upon the groundwork that was laid at the beginning of the year. Students will begin to work through a program called Front Row, where they go at their own personal pace and are directed to seek advice about particular problems from other students that are at the same level as them in the program. Some students may progress beyond algebra and move into coordinate geometry.

Fifth graders will finish their memoir units in the next two months and begin working on persuasive writing. F&P (Fountas & Pinnell) testing will also resume in January, when teachers test student reading levels to best help inform their instruction. All classes are working on different reading units at this point in time, but will finish their current unit and rotate partway through January and February as well.



The next two calendar months promise to be very busy and with a high intensity of academic learning. Students will have a lot of fun with concerts and clubs, while also being exposed to even more academic challenges. The midpoint in the school year is at the end of January and while that's hard to believe, the fifth graders are definitely moving in the right direction academically, socially, and emotionally. Keep up the great work girls and boys and you will continue to surprise even yourselves with how much you will learn and accomplish this year!





Reading Corner

~Miss Samantha St. James, Reading Specialist~

Helping Your Child Improve His/Her Reading Fluency

What is Fluency? Reading fluency is the ability to read a text easily. Reading fluency actually has four parts: accuracy, speed, expression, and comprehension. Each part is important, but no single part is enough on its own. A fluent reader is able to coordinate all four aspects of fluency.

Accuracy: Reading words correctly is a key to developing fluency. Children need to be able to read words easily without having to stop and decode them by sounding them out or breaking them into chunks.

Rate: When children read fluently, they read at an efficient rate. This means that they read quickly. Rate does not mean that children should read as fast as they possibly can.

Expression: Expression in fluency refers to the ability to read in a way that sounds like spoken language. This means that the child uses appropriate emotion to read aloud, pauses for periods and commas, and emphasizes important words. Expression also shows that the child understands what is being read.

Comprehension: Fluency is the bridge between being able to read (or decode) words and to comprehend or understand what is read. The real goal of reading fluency is to help children read a text with ease so they can focus on understanding what they read.

10 Ways for Parents to Help Children Build Their Reading Fluency At Home...

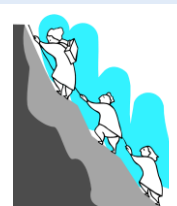
1. **Repeated Readings:** Reading and re-reading easy books is a great way to build your child's reading fluency.
2. **Model Fluent Reading:** Be sure to use expression in your reading. You can even use funny voices for dialogue as you read aloud to your child.
3. **Echo Reading:** You read a phrase, sentence, or paragraph aloud to model fluent reading. Your child then reads the same phrase, sentence, or paragraph afterwards, like an echo. Continue this pattern until you have read a book, story, or page of text with your child.
4. **Read Aloud to Younger Siblings or Friends:** Once your child is able to read a book fluently, ask him or her to read it aloud to another child.
5. **Poetry and Nursery Rhymes:** Take turns with your child reading a short poem or nursery rhyme until he or she can read it fluently.
6. **Paired Reading:** First, you will read a poem or short passage to your child. Then, you and your child will read the poem or passage together several times. Finally, have your child read the poem or passage to you.
7. **Sight Words:** Review until he or she knows these words automatically.
8. **Comic Strips:** Read a comic strip aloud, using expression. Then ask your child to read the comic strip aloud.
9. **Have your child practice reading a text aloud while riding in the car or on the bus.**
10. **Set aside reading practice time every day.** Even 5 minutes of reading fluency practice using any of the activities listed above will help to develop your child's reading fluency.



Climb Mt. TRE and Reach for the Stars Update

Congratulations to all of our mountaineers! We have had 236 students and their families begin their ascent up Mt. TRE! We encourage all families to join the mountain fun. The winter is a great time to cozy up with a good book and read as a family. We will continue this exciting school-wide reading challenge through April.

| Basecamp | Camp 1 | Camp 1 (cont'd) | Camp 1 (cont'd) | Camp 1 (cont'd) |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Alexander Izzo | Henry Bozek | Charles Carson | Violet Schoenig | Drew Thurley |
| Matteo Lomenzo | Theodore Kendall | Maxwell Ciavarri | Jack Schreyer | Chanya Volcy |
| Garett Brown | Lillian LaNasa | Gracie Downing | Haley Sellers | Ivan Wiandt |
| Gavin Krohn | Clara Lloyd | Maximillian Furman- | Elinor VanDusen | John Collins |
| Damon Marino | Arjun Madhavan | Sanger | Sydney Borrell | Matthew Mucha |
| Colette Roes | Christina Martin | Kenneth Horan | Madison Langlois | Kayla Brockmann |
| Noah Sansone | Ryne Ouillet | Dakota Krienke | Zachary Pearson | Finlay Gardiner |
| Dominic Bowman | William Ruder | Kennedy McIntyre | Adam Pollard | Emma Leite |
| Brianna Deckman | Tessa Schreyer | Aevlyn Moore | Jack Thurley | Jacob Phelps |
| Harrison Forsythe | Elina Teisl | Abigail Mosher | William Umiker | Ryan Romano |
| Amanda Kim | Everett Totodo | Matthew Nead | Jonathan Bailey | Emmaline Thurley |
| Ryan Iacobucci | Heidi Anderson | Flor Ayala-Pound | Calvin Braun | McKenna Thurley |
| Corynn Deckman | Ainsley Brace | Josiah Bailey | William Carson | Tanner Antinora |
| Hamza Jamshed | Joshua DeGrave | Matthew Belous | William Ciavarri | Selena Gardiner |
| Josiah Martin | Bailey Iacobucci | Alexa Collier | Sawyer Hoyt | Gavin Glanton |
| Ryan Pierce | Alexander Irving | Jack Engin | John Kaufman | Noah Khishchenko |
| Sophia Golemb | Cameron Lauterbach | Samuel George | Ethan Shea | Elliana Korichkov |
| Mason Brown | Caleb Luce | Braeden Gyle | Megan Thoma | Jack Magnuson |
| Eleanor Casey | William McClean | Sofia Leite | Charlotte Engin | Kaitlyn Reynolds |
| Sarah Gestring | Isabella McGowan | Emily Martin | Ryan Ferrer | Mason Schrom |
| Sarah Hanfland | Calvin Moore | Nathan Mucha | Blake Maxim | Phoebe True |
| Drunasia Simmons | Jack Rutledge | Jack Nally | Wilson Mitchell | Chelsea DeGrave |
| Gregory Kuzin | Aiden Stewart | Katherine Nielsen | Elizabeth Warne | Jenna Gyle |
| Ryan Finnell | Annie Sun | Robert Park | Jayden Zuch | Braden Kuhn |
| Ethan Langstein | Benjamin Wabnitz | Lauren Porter | Roderick Brace | Katarina Nadler |
| Mason Laundry | Noah Ciccone | Ellie Riddle | Andrew He | Abigail Pearson |
| Jordan Medved | Sebastian Furman- | Ari Roland | Taisia Ivanov | Colette Roes |
| Sarah Mikolaichik | Sanger | Sarah Rutledge | Jonah Khishchenko | |
| Elizabeth Palmer | Collin Graves | Asher Troiani | Aliye Kocaoglu | |
| Madison Thomas | Claire Kaufman | Lillian Archer | Mara Ricks | |
| Noor Bains | Charles Kendall | Christopher Bergholtz | Jiawei Sun | |
| Jason Iacobucci | Izabella Khishchenko | Rohan Chwalek | Madeline Wabnitz | |
| Angela Kodiyan | Elle Kleindienst | Zachary Craib | Ria Bansal | |
| Elliott Roes | Reese Lauterbach | Kieryn Finnell | Samaira Bhatia | |
| Lauren Rutledge | Elsa Powers | John Halstead | Peyton Hedgepeth | |
| Natalie Washo | Miles Rae | Sukhmani Jattana | Kami Hsu | |
| Jonathan Tassew | Jaelyn Rodi | Misa Johnson | Lucy Lillian | |
| Natalie Kim | Ashleigh Stewart | James Kazacos | Morgan Parrinello | |
| Alexandra Simpson | Tristan Zhang | Isabel LaNasa | Lindsay Whitaker | |
| Devin O'Sullivan | Mary-Gabriella Ajaka | MacKenzie Michaels | Lilly Goldberg | |
| Alix Ivy | Imarys Frank | Kimora Mickys | Evan Graves | |
| Ahmed Jamshed | Sydney Furman- | David Pollard | Melissa Kipferl | |
| Benjamin Kheyfits | Sanger | Ava Rice | Greta Marino | |
| Molly Wenger | Patrick Germond | Michayella Touloute | Cammarata | |
| Noah Fay | Kaitlyn Hicks | Evan Weiner | Mazzacane | |
| Leila Fay | Koray Kocaoglu | Matthew Whitaker | Leah Rice | |
| | Connor Kuhn | Eli Young | Joshua Davis | |
| | Hunter Nead | Tyler Allyn | Victoria Dennis | |
| | Kayla Reagan | Anna Ciccone | Tamara Dorval | |
| | Carl Reynolds | Zachary DeGrave | Grace Ellingham | |
| | Dominic Shand | Matthew Irving | Sophie Girgis | |
| | Emily Stanger | Colin Krohn | Robert Melcher | |
| | Samuel Taylor | Mikaela Lloyd | Noah Pawlowski | |
| | Madison Thoma | Sihu Na | Bradley Pollard | |
| | Reece Totodo | Stanislav Nadler | Allan Romeo | |
| | Katherine Warne | | Mason Thompson | |



Art Room Masterpieces

~ Mrs. Lubbers, Visual Art Education



Second Grade

Third Grade



Fourth Grade

Fifth Grade



Health Education

~ Mrs. Lattuca

4th and 5th grade students started the Alcohol, Tobacco and other drugs unit. Ask them what they learned about smoking, second hand smoke, alcohol and how to say "NO" in situations so they can make healthy choices.



5th grade students will have a visit from a Monroe County Sheriff in the month of February.

Please talk to your children about these important topics, practice learning cell phone numbers and practice ways to say "NO" to unhealthy choices.



Save the date!! Friday, March 31st is
TRE Family Night at the Amerks!



ASEP REVISED ATTENDANCE POLICY

Once your child is registered for an ASE program, you will receive an email from the program coordinator. You will be **REQUIRED** to respond to this email so that we can confirm your child's registration for the program.

Your child's enrollment in the ASE program will be communicated to the TRE administrative office by the PTSA. The main office clerical staff will communicate this information to your child's teacher.

Your child will be expected to attend the program days as scheduled. No daily permission slip will be necessary to attend the ASE program. A note or phone call to the Main Office will **ONLY** be required when your child is **NOT** planning to attend the ASE program on a specific day. The Main Office staff will need to know the manner in which your child will be going home that afternoon.

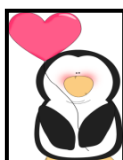


The Winter Box Tops competition is underway and all Box Tops will need to be in by Friday February 17th! We earned \$670 for Thornell Road during the Fall competition. Let try to beat that and go for \$1000. Remember, they can be stapled or taped to the collection sheet or collected in a baggie.

Thank you!!

Upcoming Events

- 2.7.17 – Grade 3 RMSC 9:30-11:00am
- 2.9.17 – BOE Visit to TRE. Staff Lounge. 7:30am
- 2.9.17 – Gr. 1-5 Early Dismissal for Parent Conferences
(AMK/PMK in attendance)
- 2.15.17 – MHS String Extravaganza 7pm
- 2.17.17 – Gr. 5 “I Love Music Assembly” at BRMS
- 2.20.17 – 2.24.17 – February Recess-NO SCHOOL
- 2.28.17 – BOE Report for TRE. 7pm
- 3.2.17 – TRE K Info Night. Aud. 6pm



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Written content and high resolution photos would be greatly appreciated. Deadline for submission is generally one week before the first of the month.

Please send submissions to trestarnews@gmail.com

