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Notes from the Principal's Desk

Welcome back to a learning-filled second semester! I hope everyone had an enjoyable, relaxing winter break. It was well deserved all around!

Congratulations to our five finalists in the Computers for Education drawing. These students are hoping to be the lucky winner of an Orlando, Florida, vacation!

Maura Chambers- Mrs. Adams' class
Ashley Fisher- Mrs. Dennis' class
Mason Gardner- Mr. LeMay's class
Alicia Roberts- Mrs. Lane's class
Andrew Susong- Mrs. Kolp's class

With winter fully upon us, please make sure your student is dressed for the weather. The students will continue to go outside for recess, provided the temperature and wind chill are not too low.

Please dress your child warmly!

Have a fabulous January!
Ms. Stokes



Don't Miss from Mrs. Deaton!!



Hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are now halfway through the school year. Wow, I can't believe it has gone by so quickly.

Just as a reminder, please make sure you send a note in when your child has been absent, even if you call in to let us know they will not be in school. By sending a note, it ensures an excused absence.

So that all children are safe, please make sure you are dropping off and picking up your children in the back of the building!

Have a great January and keep warm!

Fifth graders took a field trip to the Freedom Center in Cincinnati. While there they were given a guided tour that provided an interactive learning opportunity. Part of our tour included an exhibit of a slave pen that was built in the early 1880's and recovered from a farm in Mason County, Kentucky. The students also watched a short film about John Parker and Rev. John Rankin, abolitionists in Ripley, Ohio, who helped a woman flee slavery.





Kind-hearted Kindergarteners



During January, our Kindergarteners will be learning about the winter season, snow, and penguins. We will learn songs and poems about these topics. In Language Arts, we will continue letter sounds, and independent journal writing. In Math we will continue our Investigations Curriculum. This unit will be about Measurement. We will also learn the months of the year, we will count by one's, five's and ten's, and continue working with patterns. Please continue reinforcing any schoolwork that you find in your child's backpack.

Fabulous First Graders

Our first graders had the opportunity to participate in a nationwide Gingerbread Boy exchange. We created a gingerbread boy that reflected facts about our state. We sent 35 of these to first graders in other states. We received a gingerbread boy from each of them. These are on display in the first grade hallway with a map of the United States to help us locate their home. The students loved getting mail and hearing about other first graders. It was amazing how much we were like our friends in other states.

We were able to use our reading skills, our social studies, our writing skills, and the technology of the Internet. We caught the Gingerbread Boy!



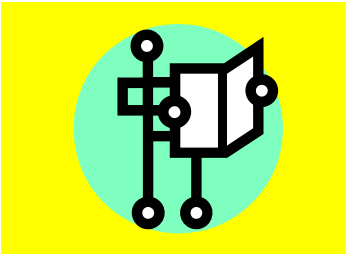
Childhood is a journey, not a race.



Second Grade Superstars

Second grade has been working hard this month! We are learning how to create surveys and collect survey data as well as how to analyze that data. We have been learning about r-controlled vowels and we've been practicing our sight words from our Highview Sight Word List. Some of us have also been learning about

various holidays from around the world such as Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Chinese New Year which we found very interesting! Please remember to have your child read to you every night for at least 20 minutes! Practice does make perfect in reading!!



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Terrific Third Graders

Third grade classes have been reading stories about traditions. We have focused on details and sequence in stories that we have enjoyed from around the world. We've read tales from Africa, India, Italy, China, and the United States.

Our math investigations during the past month have led the students through addition and subtraction strategies. We have used hundreds charts, number lines, and cubes for comparing amounts.

Mrs. Dennis' class is still working toward their collection of 1000 bottle caps, and Mrs. Matthiesen's eraser collection is in need of some donations as well!

Third grade students were happy to present the holiday program for Highview students, parents, and guests on December 15th.

We thank Mrs. Norton for all her hard work in bringing the third graders together for their performance. We wish everyone a happy holiday season and look forward to our second semester beginning on January 6th.

Fantastic Fourth Graders

Happy New Year from fourth grade! In math we will begin Unit 5, Landmarks and Large Numbers. In this unit, students will focus on addition, subtraction and the number system with larger numbers. Mr. Horton says, "Get ready for Hoop for Heart" in February. The students will be preparing for Hoop for Heart in the month of January by practicing the six different skills they must demonstrate in basketball. Additionally, the students will be taking their fitness test in January. Let's start the New Year off right by getting fit

academically and physically! Go fourth graders!



Fun Fifth Graders



Math students will expand their knowledge of fractions and percents with Mrs. Richards giving 110% to assist the students. Mrs. Slone's Language Arts classes will begin a new children's novel by Rodman Philbrick titled Freak the Mighty. This is a story about two very different boys who become inseparable friends. In Mr. Buchert's Science class the students will get all charged up studying electricity and magnetism. Warning: if your child comes home rubbing their feet on the carpet and poking people, they are just experimenting with static electricity.

News from Your PTO

PTO meeting: Jan. 11th 4-5pm
Highview Skate night: Jan 11th 6:30-8:30pm.
We would like to have an Author or Illustrator visit our school. If you have any suggestions, please contact the PTO by calling the school or emailing amberboyle3@yahoo.com.

Thanks for your continued support of our Box Tops, Campbells, and Tyson A+ programs. We appreciate all your help earning money for our school.
Have a great January!

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