

# SCHOOL TALK.....



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## Special points of interest:

- Nov. 23-Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 22-26-No School
- Dec. 6-Report Cards
- Dec. 9th-Community Dinner
- Dec. 15-Winter Concert



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S CORNER.....

### Parent Conferences

Our parent/teacher conferences will take place on Tuesday, November 23rd from 12:00-7:00 P.M. There is no school for students beginning Monday, November 22nd through Friday, November

26th. School re-opens on Monday, November 29th. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

### First Semester

Our first semester grades will close this Friday, November 19th. Report cards go home on

Monday, December 6th.

### Winter Concert

Our winter concert will take place on Wednesday, December 15th beginning at 6:30.

Mr. Lindgren



## 7th ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

Please join the Eden Central School

Students & Staff

"Holiday Community Dinner"

Thursday, December 9th at 11:30

Menu: Turkey w/all the fixings, mashed potatoes, Strawberry Shortcake, Beverage



## KINDERGARTEN NEWS.....

The kindergarten students enjoyed working hard to be Busy Bees for all of you at Community Meeting. Busy bees we are.

We have been making patterns in Math. We made a quilt that hangs on our wall outside our classroom. We also have been making patterns in our work stations with unifix cubes. Our work stations have us practicing writing numbers too. We have also been hearing some great counting books. Counting is something that we can practice at home. We do math work everyday.

We welcome a new student to our classroom, Joseph joined us the first of the month. We have another friend joining us at the end of the month.

We have been taking about and writing about things that we are thankful for and here are a few of our thoughts:

Hunter is thankful for deer. Wyatt is thankful for his brother Dylan. Logan is thankful that her dad got a deer. Mekaylah is thankful for her mom and dad. Liam is thankful for the rain. Joseph is thankful for eagles. Aiden is thankful for people that work so hard. Kaiden is thankful for dirt bikes. Zoe is thankful for horses. Isabella is thankful for her family. Roscoe is thankful for people. Michael is thankful for his family. Thomas is thankful for his cat. Hunter is thankful for deer. Happy Thanksgiving to everyone. We are thankful for you.



## 3rd Grade News.....

In social studies, third graders have been studying geography. We have been learning about resources maps, boundaries, and map scales.

The students have spent many class periods practicing distance calculations, and I am impressed with how persistent they are!

In math we have been learning lots of new strategies for multiple digit addition and subtraction. Each student is narrowing down a strategy

that works best for him or her, a sign of a bright mathematician! Next, we tackle multiplication... I can't wait!

We have finished our poetry unit, and, boy, was it a success!! What an amazing group of writers we have in third grade! Students chose three of their own poems to publish in our class book. The students also chose a poem to read in front of the whole school at community meeting on Monday. Well done, brave poets!

I hope everyone has a wonderful thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for right here in this building!

-Mrs. Allardyce



## FROM MRS. CHAUVIN'S ROOM.....

We were so happy to see so many parents, family, and friends at Open House. We are looking forward to seeing all the parents at conferences next week. Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 7:00pm. If this day/time is not convenient for you, please contact Mrs. Chauvin and she will help you to set up an alternative day and time.

### First Grade Literacy

Mrs. Chauvin has been assessing our reading, spelling, and writing abilities for report cards, but most importantly to see how much we have grown as learners during the first trimester of school. Mrs. Chauvin and Mrs. McNally can't wait to share results with you.

First graders did a fantastic job writing and illustrating their fall flip books. Then Mrs. Chauvin demonstrated how to do a writing prompt. Hers was called, "Coming Soon" and she wrote

about Thanksgiving Day. We got to choose between "Bravery" or "Sadness." All but one of us chose "Bravery." Then we had to write all by ourselves so our teachers could tell what we can do independently for report cards.

We are continually reading books of increasing difficulty and learning more about how words work in Fundations. Again thanks to everyone who helps with homework.

### Second Grade Literacy

Assessments are also being done with second graders to measure their growth. Second graders work with Mrs. Chauvin, Mrs. Lynch, and Mrs. Wescom during literacy time.

In writing, we have continued to work on stretching our wondering part and the "hot spot" of our stories using describing the scene, explaining the thinking of the narrator/main character, and adding dialogue. Finally we will write our closing. We are also working on typing our stories on the computer as we finish each section. We should be finished soon.

We took a break this week to do a writing prompt with the title, "Flying High" to assess what we can do all by ourselves on a writing piece.

We continue to practice our reading and word solving skills every day with our Rigby Reading Programs and Fundations.

### Second Grade Theme

Our focus has been ants. We have learned lots of interesting things about ants through books, articles, and two DVD programs – The Incredible Ant and The Magic School Bus Gets Ants in It's Pants. Ask a second grader: How many ants in an ant colony are males? How many queens live in an ant colony? What is the job of the queen? What other jobs do the ants have? What is the job of the male ants? What happens to them after they do their job?

Hope you enjoyed our recent nice fall weather.

Mrs. Chauvin



School Nurses



Care for Kids

Just a reminder from the school nurses office as we prepare for Thanksgiving break that cooler weather will be coming and with the cooler weather comes cough and cold season. Remember to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze, plenty of water to keep your body fueled up and warm and continue with good handwashing. Have a safe and happy holiday and remember to be thankful for what you have.

## FROM MRS. TAGUE'S ROOM.....

The second graders have just completed researching some different types of ants. After the children researched some information about the Leafcutter, Army, Harvester, and Formica ants, the children looked at example word problems. Once they solved some word problems that were presented to them, they were asked to create their own problems incorporating some of the information they found. It was a very interesting project and incorporated many skills. The most interesting part for the children is the fact that they also had the opportunity to be the teacher. Once they had written the problems, the other children in the class were able to choose one of the problems to solve. The students spent a few days solving each other's problems. It was a good experience for the students to look at other student's work and see how they solved the problems. It is always good to see that there is more than one way to correctly solve a problem.

We have also been diving into addition and subtraction problems. It is very important that the students get proficient in the areas of addition and subtraction. We have begun looking at patterns and key strategies for learning our facts. Please take the time to work on these facts at home. It can be done in informal ways. It does not have to be a pencil and paper task. It can be something as simple as driving down the road and posing problems for your child to figure out. It could be counting money.. There are lots of ways to learn our facts and the more meaningful ways we use to teach the more apt the students are to remember them. We will also be learning about the relationships between the two operations.

I am looking forward to meeting with all of you at parent-teacher conferences next week. Please make sure you call Sue Deuso to make your appointment. Thank you very much.

The first graders have been working really hard. They did an awesome job at the November Community presenting the skit of the very first Thanksgiving. They all had speaking parts and did a great job memorizing their parts and then performing them in front of the school. I would like to say thank you very much to those parents who were able to come to the skit. It was special to see so many of the parents there to support their child. It means a lot to both your child and to the class.

We have finished up our nutrition unit and will be moving on to our senses unit. I am very proud of the way the children worked on their assessment. They worked hard and are ready to move on.

In math the children are beginning to really concentrate on number combinations. The children really need to focus on the sense of number. We will be focusing on counting by 1's to 120, counting by 5's, and counting by 10's. We have made a chart and a quilt practicing by both five and tens. I have found that this is difficult for the children. Please work on this at home with your child. You can make it into a fun game. Just because you are practicing math facts, does not mean that it has to be just a pencil and paper task. They will also need these skills in order to tell time, count money, and in many other places, so it is important to make sure the students practice.

I am really looking forward to meeting with all of you at parent-teacher conferences next week. Please make sure you call Sue Deuso to make your appointment if you have not already done so. I am really excited to meet with you and discuss the progress of your child. Thank you so much for all you do for the school and your child.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and enjoy your vacation.

Cheers,

Deb Tague

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## 5/6 TEAM NEWS.....

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade mathematicians are investigating prime and composite numbers. They are figuring out how to factor number using factor trees and recognizing prime factorization. These students are also creating factor riddle books.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are finishing their unit on data and analysis. They have been working on a portfolio piece to demonstrate their knowledge of data distribution (mean, median, mode, and range). These students will be beginning an investigation of algebraic sentences and phrases after Thanksgiving.

In language arts, the 5<sup>th</sup> graders have completed writing pieces based on the book The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate. They

are comparing Texas in 1899 to Eden in 2010. Some students have moved on to write narratives about a topic of their choice.

In 6<sup>th</sup> grade language arts, students have completed procedure pieces and are preparing to share their knowledge in demonstration speeches. Today, we learned how to prepare a horse for riding and how to lead a horse through walking and cantering paces. We look forward to learning more skills from our classmates.

Our young scientists are investigating the rock cycle. We played a game to simulate the various geological processes that rocks go through in their formation. Students were surprised it is not a true cycle. Rocks may remain in one phase of the cycle for

many years.

The fledgling cartographers have completed maps of Vermont lakes and Vermont mountains. In addition, they created brochures with information about these native landforms. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders will begin building 3-D models of the Vermont mountains after Thanksgiving.

Ms. Goodman and Mrs. Finlay

