

Nydam news

a monthly newsletter from Joel Nydam



News & Updates

Dear Parents, December 3, 2018

We are headed into the time of year where everyone feels the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Winter sports teams are in full swing, December brings the end of the 2nd quarter, and of course all the shopping and preparations for Christmas.

At school, there are many wonderful events happening from music programs, Legacy sports games, to many fun learning projects that culminate in December. I want to highlight two outreach experiences that happen for our younger students.

In Kindergarten, the students take a break out of the day, walk down to the Farmstead Assisted Living Center, and sing Christmas carols they have practiced to the residents there. They bring so much joy to wherever they go!

In PreK, the students just finished their service project of Operation Christmas Child. The students brought items to share joy with others and packed more than 48 boxes.



Upcoming Events

December 6 – High School Band Concert

At 7:00 p.m. in the Meadow Creek Worship Center, you can come and bring your family to a night of great music!

December 7 - Middle School Event – Zero Gravity

If you are a 5th – 8th grade students, please join the Legacy Middle School students and teachers heading to Zero Gravity in Mounds View from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

December 13 – Middle and High School Choir

The 7th – 12th grade Choirs will present their Christmas concert starting at 7:00 p.m.

December 20 or 21 – PreK – 6th Celebrate

Christmas – One of highlights of a Christian School is to be able to celebrate Christmas as the gift of God's Son to the world. Our students will celebrate with their classmates on the days before Christmas break!

Joke of the Month:

Q: What is smarter than a talking parrot?

A: A spelling bee

Q: Why can't you trust atoms?

A: They make up everything!

Books/Resources to check out...

Attached in the email with this news is a 2018 Advent Calendar. These resources have been a blessing to my family. [LINK](#)

Art & Technology



Mr. Andy Anderson: Art/Tech

Sensors. Toy tanks. Sharpie markers. Keva Planks.

These were the recent materials used to launch a tech exercise called 'Keva Planks & Tanks'. Students were introduced to small toy tanks that are battery operated and have two small sensors on the bottom of the toy that can follow a solid black line as they travel. In small groups, 5th and 6th grade students designed and engineered an obstacle course for the tank, one that would not stop the tank or obstruct its path, but would best utilize the tank's ability to 'sense' and follow the black sharpie line path. Tunnels, garages, race tracks, towns and caves were constructed and each group had a chance to showcase their obstacle course to the class!



Ms. Jayme Buchelt: Art/Tech

PreK-8th grade students have officially finished their quarter long project revolving around the medium of sculpture. The artists that we researched and took inspiration of can be traced all the way from the Italian Renaissance to present day artists! Examples of some of the artists are, Louise Nevelson, Lorenzo Ghiberti and Piet Mondrian. Sculpture allows the children to experience art in the third dimension while using a variety of materials including recyclable products. I am thrilled with the outcome of these sculptures! Be on the lookout in the hallways for them on display!

This month in Technology: Kindergarten-2nd Grade Unit: Engineering

In the engineering unit, the students have been experimenting with hands on activities to practice critical thinking and problem solving. The past three weeks, the students have built structures using various materials with the challenge of supporting various amounts of weights. This unit will continue as we learn about bridges and why it is important to create a structure correctly to ensure safety.



2nd grade Louise Nevelson Sculptures

Band/Choir



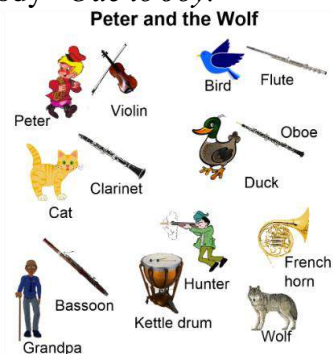
Band Director

We began a new trimester in Music Tech last week with a group of new students eager to learn about some of the basics of recording using Garage Band. Students will be working on various projects both individually and in groups throughout this semester. They will be learning how to record live sound, use internal software to create loops, engineer, and produce finished products. They will have the opportunity to be creative in many ways, including arranging and composing tracks for many of the projects. Each student will learn how to download the projects to an audio track that can be shared with others and used to promote their own music.



General Music Teacher

PreK-4th Grade - Everyone loves a good story! The elementary students have been discovering how some of the best musical storytellers can bring a story to life through the use of melody, harmony, dynamics and tempo. In the process we learned about the four instrument families: Strings, Woodwinds, Brass and Percussion. The PreK & 1st-3rd graders explored the exciting story of "*Peter & the Wolf*" by Peter Tchaikovsky. The Kindergarten classes heard the Minnesota Orchestra Notes Alive Story Concert version of "*Dr. Suess's My Many Colored Days*." The 4th graders learned the story of the famous composer Ludwig van Beethoven and are learning to sing and play his famous melody "*Ode to Joy*."



5th-6th Grade Musical - A Hallmark Experience
Speaking of storytellers, I think our 5th-6th graders are some of the best! Their production of "*A Not So Terrible Parable*" may just go down as one of the most memorable in the history of LCA. I am extremely proud of each student and the unique contribution they brought to the team. **T. E. A. M. - Together Everyone Achieves Much!** From falling off the stage, to actually bringing the set down, nothing stopped the show from going on. Most of all I pray that this recreation of the *Parable of the Good Samaritan* reminds us just how far our Savior will go to rescue helpless sinners.

Media Center



Media Center Specialist

Pre-K has spent the past few weeks listening to fiction and nonfiction books about turkeys! Students created turkeys from shapes and finished a Happy Thanksgiving *I SPY* paper. Ask your preschooler what a snood is!

Kindergarten listened to several books about Thanksgiving, being thankful, and a fun book titled *There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie*. Kindergarteners created a class book and answered the question, “_____ saw an old lady and she swallowed a _____”.

1st grade read and listened to many books about Thanksgiving and created a symmetrical turkey.

2nd grade is working on building stamina with their Read-To-Self time. Our goal is to read 100 minutes; currently the class has read 39 total Read-To-Self time minutes!

3rd grade is close to the conclusion of *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*. I am so pleased with their work on this book and creating projects that demonstrates their knowledge of the story and characters: WORDLES, Venn Diagrams, coloring pages, and word searches.

4th grade is close to finishing the book *Sarah, Plain and Tall* and hope to begin reading *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* after Thanksgiving.



PhyEd



Mrs. Cheryl Fregeau

PE and Health Teacher

Mrs. Fregeau is featuring 1st graders this month. We completed our Fall Fitness Testing and are now doing activities with bean bags and paddles. We warmed up with games like, Bean Bag Tag and the Bean Bag Boogie Song that helped students focus on balance. The pictures below show the activity called Bean Bag Collectors.

The third and sixth graders also completed their annual Fitness Testing which included: sit-ups (core strength), shuttle run (speed & agility), sit and reach (flexibility), and pull ups/flex arm hang (upper body strength). We started our paddles unit which culminated in playing pickle ball games. The skills we developed in class were the forehand & backhand shots and serving.



Mr. Todd Manske

PE and Health Teacher

This last month in Mr. Manske's PE class, we dove into hoops and fitness testing. It was great to see the students try their hardest in the shuttle run, sit-up, pull-up and sit and reach tests. We will test again in March to see how we improved. Focusing on hoops; we played many different games. We played Hoop Tag, Kick Tag, Roll & Jump Through. We also worked on improving our balancing skills.

The next unit we will explore Floor Hockey for 4th-6th grade and Polo Hockey for 2nd-3rd grade.

Next we are looking forward to fun and experiences the parachute!

