

Nydamnews

a monthly newsletter from Joel Nydam



News & Updates

Dear Parents, January 7, 2019

I hope and pray that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Break! It was great spending time with family and enjoying some special moments with my girls.

As we head into a new year, it is so fun to greet the students and see their smiling faces this morning. I commented to a few parents this morning that the school is full of life again! I just love that feeling and time when the school is full of people learning, sharing, interacting and loving one another.

We have a lot of upcoming events in the next couple of weeks for you and your child to look forward to. LEGACY HOMECOMING will be the week of January 21 with a full slate of games on Saturday, January 26.

This is a special week for the students as they will have the opportunity to dress up for the specific "fun dress up days" during the week as well as have extra time with their buddies. There will be a Pep Rally on Friday, January 25.



Upcoming Events

January 19 – Dads Who Pray - 7:00 a.m. This is a time where Dads, connected with Legacy, get together and pray for the school and the community.

January 21– 26 – Homecoming Special Events
Homecoming is a great time to connect with other families and to come and show support for our girls and boys basketball teams and boys hockey team.

January 25th – Homecoming Pep Rally
This is a fun time for parents to join with the school in the afternoon to GET PUMPED UP! The Elementary students will parade with posters that they have made and then compete with their buddies in school-wide games.

Joke of the Month:

Q: Two pickles were talking and one fell out of the jar. The other pickle yelled, "Hey, dill with it!"

Q: When does a joke become a "dad" joke?

A: When the punch line is a parent.

Books/Resources to check out...

Here is a quick article that made me reflect on many things that I am doing as a parent.

[LINK](#)

Art & Technology



Mr. Andy Anderson: Art/Tech

The animation unit of study has officially kicked off for the 5th & 6th grade students! A study of the history of animation and the concept of animation as we know it today was taught and students were introduced to several hand-held early animation devices. In particular, the Zoetrope. The Zoetrope is a cylindrical animation device that was created in the mid-1800's. A linear series of images is depicted on the interior surface, and as the device spins, students look through small slits in the Zoetrope, allowing the rotating images to appear to create fluid movement. Students are making their own version of this device using cardstock paper, scissors and glue. If constructed well, the device takes simple images and creates a surprisingly accurate miniature animation!



Ms. Jayme Buchelt: Art/Tech

This month in Art: 'Tis the season for glitter, pipe cleaners and fake snow! The kids have been hard at work this month finishing their Elements of Art projects and moving onto fun Christmas projects. The Elements of Art project focuses on the understanding of the elements and principles of art. The elements of art are color, line, form, space, texture, value and shape. The principles of art are balance, emphasis, movement, proportion, pattern, unity and variety. The student had to incorporate one principle and one element of art into their specific projects. For example, the fourth graders learned about Chuck Close and his unique way of creating self-portraits. The students recognized different lines, shapes and colors used in his paintings and began to create their own. Below is a picture of the steps they followed to make their Chuck Close self-portrait.

This month in Technology: Kindergarten-2nd Grade-Unit: Engineering: Continuing our unit on engineering, the students have been challenged with the construction of bridges and towers using our KEVA planks. KEVA planks are a simple rectangle block made out of pine. The structures were tested with various weights and tools. They ended the year with creating their very own KEVA plank designs and were rewarded with a free technology day.



Band/Choir



Band Director

Our new students in Music Tech this trimester are currently working on creating two, 30 second projects using pre-recorded loops and their own narration. They are finding tracks that depict both a "News Bulletin" theme and a "Mystery" theme. After finding the backing music, they will create their own narrative matching the mood of the music. Sound effects, both original and pre-recorded, will add the additional affect to "grab" the listener.



Choir Director

Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without the songs that celebrate the season! Our K-6th grade students have had a blast both hearing Christmas music from our 7th-12th grade bands and choirs and learning Christmas songs this December in music class. Our 2nd - 6th grade classes also had class Christmas recitals where individual students and/or small groups of students shared Christmas songs. Below are a few of the Christmas songs each grade level learned this season.

PreK - Come on Ring Those Bells, Sleigh Ride, Jingle Bells, Angel Band

Kindergarten - I Have a Little Snowman, Sleigh Ride, Away in a Manger, Sleep My Savior Sleep

1st - O Come Little Children, Jesus Jingle Bells, The 12 Days of Christmas

2nd - Turkey & the Straw (Thanksgiving) and Jingle Bells (played on the xylophone)

3rd - songs from The Nutcracker by Peter Tchaikovsky

4th - Ode to Joy, Joy to the World, Jingle Bells with Boom-whacker chords

5th - Joy to the World, We Three Kings & a Christmas carol sing-a-long (study of Major/Minor scales)

6th - studied stories of famous Christmas songs (The Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah" by George F. Handel and Silent Night by Franz Gruber & Joseph Mohr).



PhyEd



Mrs. Cheryl Fregeau

PE and Health Teacher

December is such an exciting time and it is no different here at Legacy. We have been having fun in PE all month long ending with the Sled Express Game. The 5-6th graders are being featured this month posing for their favorite pyramid. The girls will be creating their own personal Pyramid poster with a photo after Christmas break.

All the classes ended the month with the 6 Minute Marathon. We have been building our endurance each month.



PK has been doing a bunch of parachute activities like Igloo, Climb the Mountain, Circle Run, Clothes Dryer, and Cloud Walk.

The 1st Graders did some basic balance stunts on the tumbling mats as well as basic animal walks and rolls.

Third and Fourth graders participated in more difficult stunts and small pyramids in groups of two and increased to four.



Mr. Todd Manske

PE and Health Teacher

All elementary grades had a great time playing floor hockey. It is great to see the excellent skills all grade levels have in Minnesota's favorite winter sport! We also played some hula hoop games right before Christmas break.

The big highlight of the month was the annual 6th grade ski trip to Wild Mountain! We had a beautiful day, it was 40 degrees, and all the students did great. We had some fun and sweet wipeouts along with a few snowball fights. It was great seeing the students encourage each other, and watch them excel in their skiing abilities.



Media Center



Media Center Specialist

Pre-K-1st grade discussed the star that lead the Wise Men to Jesus and listened to the book *Room For A Little One: A Christmas Tale*. The book described and illustrated this beautiful star and after the book students created their own star to remember this very special bible story.

2nd grade read many books about Christmas and two special books, *The Legend of the Christmas Cookie* and *The Legend of the Candy Cane*. After we read the both books students created candy cane drawings for display in the hallway outside of the library.

3rd grade finished *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer!* Both classes voted “yes” to continue with a new book *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*.

4th grade reached a Read-To-Self time of ten minutes per class period and over fifty minutes, total, for each class. In January we will read the American Girl book *Addy*, a historical fiction book about a slave girl during the Civil War.

