

Nydamnews

a monthly newsletter from Joel Nydam



News & Updates

Dear Parents,

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Can you believe that we have completed the 2010s and are now into the 2020s? I have been reflecting this week on all the special and wonderful blessings as well as the difficulties and challenges of the past 10 years. I know that those memories are awesome to hold on to and to learn from for the future. One word that continued to come to my mind as I was thinking back to these memories was faithful. There are so many examples of God's faithfulness that God has given me to share with others. My prayer for you and for these special students is that you can experience and share your memories of God's faithfulness for years to come.

One of the highlights of January for our Legacy Students is Homecoming Week. This will happen January 21st – 25th. Each of the school days have a special dress up theme. We also have special Big Buddy times that week as well as a Pep Fest on Friday, January 24th. There are also some fun festivities on as well as many games on Saturday, January 25th. I hope to see you sometime during that week!



Upcoming Events

HOMECOMING WEEK:

Monday, January 20th - No School - Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 21st - Pajama Day

Wednesday, January 22nd - Snow Day

Thursday, January 23rd - Tourist Day

Friday, January 24th - LCA Pridewear Day & All School Pep Fest (1:10-1:50)

Saturday, January 25th - Pancake Breakfast (8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.)

Joke of the Month:

Q: What do you call a droid that takes the long way around?

A: R2 Detour

Q: How does the moon cut his hair?

A: Eclipse it!

Books/Resources to check out...

[LINK](#)

This is a great parenting article with some great reminders for me!



LEGACY
CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Art & Technology



Mr. Andy Anderson:

Art/Tech

The Legacy 5th & 6th grade students are moving into the study of animation throughout this next month. 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 Thumatrope. The Thumatrope is a simple animation device that was created during the 19th century and is also known as a 'wonder turner'. A round disk about the size of a cup holder is illustrated with a different image on each side. A small string is attached to the left and another to the right side of the disk. When the strings are wound up and pulled, the images on both sides of the disk appear as one, due to the rapid speed and our human eye trying to focus on the images. This is known as the persistence of vision and animation takes advantage of this science to make images appear to move or relate to one another. Students have been working on their very own Thumatrope device with great success. Sturdy paper, drawing materials and wire were used to construct their own animations.

Student's creations will be on display at the upcoming combined Art Show and Music Concert this Spring. More details to come!



Ms. Jayme Buchelt:

Art/Tech

FOCUS: 7th/8th Grade Art: It's the most wonderful time of the year in art!

5th-8th Graders were busy with the creation of their Ugly Christmas Sweaters and Christmas Wreath competitions.

7th & 8th Graders were charged with the task of creating an unconventional Christmas wreath using supplies found in the art room or from their home. The wreath bases ranged from store bought wire or foam forms to a vintage horse collar. The creativity was endless as they decorated their wreaths using synthetic materials and natural resources harvested from the forests surrounding LCA. The winners of the competition were announced in the final chapel service of 2019. From the 7th/8th A class, the winners were Mia Lemke (1st), Carson Anderson (2nd), and Abigail Held (3rd). From the 7th/8th B class the winners were Selah Lemke (1st), Abigail Wildenberg (2nd), and Mary Fields (3rd).



Band/Choir



Mr. Rudzitis

Band Director

Students in Music Tech class are finishing up their "Weather Report" project where they created a narrative and recorded a weather report from somewhere in the world. This fun project is complete with music tracks in the background and a lot of different sound effects.

Students were encouraged to either find pre-recorded special effects tracks, or record their own special effects such as wind, thunder, or rain to add a special touch.

The final project will include students mixing a good balance between voice and background tracks, with a convincing performance of the narrative.



A lot of incredible sound
and creativity
to be heard!



Mrs. Gerber

Music Teacher

Christmas just wouldn't be Christmas without all of the songs that help us celebrate the season!

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.

2nd - 6th Grade students 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, Jingle Bells & Sleigh Ride.

1st Grade - O Come Little Children, Jesus Jingle Bells, and 12 Days of Christmas.

2nd Grade - Turkey & the Straw (Thanksgiving), 12 Days of Christmas & We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

3rd Grade - Songs from The Nutcracker by: Peter Tchaikovsky.

4th Grade - Ode to Joy, Joy to the World, Jingle Bells (with boom whacker chords).

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

6th Grade - Students researched the stories of famous Christmas carols.

PhyEd



Mrs. Cheryl Fregeau

PE and Health Teacher

1st Graders are featured here playing a game called *Bean Bag Collectors*.

K-2nd Graders played many activities that involved bean bags and paddles. Here are a few of them:

Bean Bag Move & Groove, Cross the River, Paul Bunyan Pancakes, Doghouse Tag, Flips, and Empty Base Exchange.



4th-6th Graders were introduced to a racket sport called *Pickle Ball*. This game is a good way to develop hand/eye coordination. The 4th graders were introduced to the forehand and backhand shots along with how to serve underhand.

5th-6th Grade girls reviewed a few basic rules to get them playing doubles. Each class held a tournament at the end!

Every class ended the month playing *Elf Express* which was a great way to welcome the upcoming Christmas break.



Mr. Todd Manske

PE and Health Teacher

We had a great end to 2019 in PE class!

K-3rd Grade classes played with a parachute, scooters and the rope swing! We played *Sharks & Minnows*, *Snakes in the Pit*, raced each other, and made mat cars on the scooters. And as we always do we ended the year with the rope swing. The

PreK-6th Grade students did a great job avoiding the alligators while swinging across the canyon.

5th-6th Grade boys played floor hockey and basketball during the month of December. We also had a blast and enjoyed beautiful weather on the Annual 6th grade ski trip to Wild Mountain!



Coming up this month:

PreK-3 will be learning paddle skills, bean bag games, Polo Stick Hockey and Scoops.

5th-6th Grade will finish up Basketball and will begin a session on Badminton and Pickle Ball.



Media Center



Stacey Smitsdorff

Media Center Specialist

Preschool: Read many books together about the birth of Jesus and learned the many different names he is called in the bible: The Good Shepard, Wonderful Counselor, Immanuel, etc. Each student created a take home book *The Names of Jesus*.

Kindergarten: Read a favorite story, *The Pine Tree Parable* and created beautiful paintings from the book.

1st Grade: Read several stories about the gingerbread man, designed a gingerbread glyph, and listened to *How The Grinch Stole Christmas* using the app Novel Effect.

2nd Grade: Listened to and read three books: *The Legend of the Candy Cane*, *The Legend of the Christmas Cookie*, and *The Legend of the Christmas Stocking*. Students created candy cane art, decorated and ate a sugar cookie, and created a Christmas stocking.

3rd Grade: After several weeks, finished reading *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*! We spent our last class period together playing Christmas Jeopardy.

4th Grade: Completed our class read aloud *The Whipping Boy* and finished out the month reading the book *December* together as a class. *December* is a thought-provoking book about a homeless family on Christmas Day.

