



Chula Accelerated School

December 2014

Preschool News

Gobble, gobble. This month we have been exploring families—from our own, all the way back to the times of the Pilgrims and Indians of the first Thanksgiving. Having checked out a book that showed us pictures of different kinds of houses, we compared our houses to the houses of other people. We also talked about the kind of dwellings the first Pilgrims lived in as well as that of the Indians of that time period. Living without electricity, grocery stores, and modern amenities seemed pretty difficult to us! It was hard to think about going to bed when the sun went down, getting up when the sun came up, and not having a stove inside the house. When we made sure the Pilgrims and the Indians were set to help each other out, we went turkey hunting! We put some coconut bark and water in our sensory table so we could pretend what it might be like to scratch around looking for food like a turkey does in the woods. It got to be messy, but it was fun!

Thanks to everyone who donated food items for our shared feast with Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades and all of you who joined us!

Happy Thanksgiving! We are so very thankful for all of you and all you share with us!

Ms. Claire & Ms. Mindy

Kindergarten

The theme this month was “Thanksgiving.” We learned that the pilgrims came to America to get away from the King of England. They sailed on the Mayflower and landed at Plymouth Rock. After a very hard winter they met some

School Board Candidate Filing

Dates to file for the April 7, 2015, school board election are December 16, 2014-January 20, 2015. On the first and last days of filing, the school office will be open from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Otherwise, candidates may file during regular school office hours.

Native Americans that became their friends. Squanto was a very big help to the pilgrims. To celebrate their survival and their new friendships, they feasted for SEVERAL days! This is where we get our holiday, Thanksgiving.

Anna Dewdney was the author we studied this month. Her most popular book series is the *Llama Llama* series. These books are about a young llama that always encounters a social issue like sharing, being mad at others, and bullies. We enjoyed the rhyming of all of her books.

We have had a big emphasis on reading in our classroom this month. Students are working really hard at becoming good readers. Their hard work is paying off as I see them read small books on their own!

We are looking forward to joining our preschool and 1st/2nd grade friends in a Thanksgiving feast. Our gym will be filled with lots of food, pilgrims, and Native Americans. Just right for a feast!

Mrs. Cypert

1st & 2nd Grade News

We hope you were able to join us at Book Fair Family night for our production of *Chicken Little*. The kids worked hard on making the background and their costumes and learning their lines. Miss Wanda and I are so proud of them. I think we have some future actors in our group.

Thanks to everyone who helped support our field trip fundraiser. We are anxious to plan our spring field trip. We appreciate everyone who bought something from our students.

We enjoyed our annual Thanksgiving feast with our friends in preschool and kindergarten. We've been learning a lot about the harvest celebration of 1621. We've learned that some of the things we thought we knew about the celebration weren't true!

It's no surprise that we're already thinking about Christmas. In December, we'll be writing letters to Santa - watch the paper for our letters. We will continue working on our math facts. We have some math whizzes in our room! We'll be learning about landforms, maps, space and so much more. It's going to be a very busy month!

Miss Stone

3rd & 4th Grade

The cold weather has arrived! The 3rd and 4th grade class is already tired of indoor recess! However, they are very excited that Christmas break will soon follow! This class is working very hard on basic multiplication skills that will last them a lifetime. We are singing our way through the 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's,

6's, 7's, and 8's. Be sure to ask these kiddos to share with you about the 9's trick that works every time.

We are also learning about some famous Americans such as Helen Keller and George Washington Carver. We used the same sign language that Helen Keller used to study our spelling words for the week. We have turned our classroom into a peanut farm and we are learning about how plants grow as we observe and document the growth of our fast growing peanut plants.

The students are learning about the Civil War and what life was like for the plantation owners and the slaves. We are learning about what life was like in Missouri during this time period of history. Our class is very active and busy as we head into the holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving from our classroom to you!

Mrs. Moore

5th & 6th Grade News

It seems all of our subjects are leading us into a variety of career choices this month. We are loving our new book *Theodore Boone: Kid Lawyer* where we get to incorporate Social Studies to learn the judicial process and all the different jobs people have in the courtroom. In Math we are learning Pre-Algebra and seeing where learning this fits into careers. During Science we have studied invasive species and overpopulation, as well as how a farmer or Conservation Agent would use this information.

We have worked on various computer projects as well. One project was to help us understand the population distribution of people around the world, and another was to use Smart Art on Microsoft Word program to make an American History timeline. We will soon be moving on to using Power Point to give presentations and learn how useful all these programs are to almost any career. As much as technology changes, maybe these

kids can teach the adults in their life a few new tricks!

We all wish you health, safety, and jolly days as the holidays approach. Have a Merry Christmas!

Mrs. Pauley

7th & 8th Grade

Wow! Midterm for second quarter has already passed.

We are working on many concepts within the classroom. In English, we are in the midst of writing our second essay. This one is for the Daughters of the American Revolution. The essay is titled "A Child's Journey Through Ellis Island." This is a longer essay for the students; 600-1000 words in length and must include a bibliography. This will be a large portion of their English grade. We are learning about the struggles immigrants faced coming to America and their passage through Ellis Island. In math, seventh graders are learning about perimeter and reading graphs. Eighth graders are learning about volume of spheres, cubes, rectangular prisms, cones, and cylinders. Both grades are working on proportions. In Science, seventh graders are learning about gravity, friction, and pressure. Eighth graders are learning about weather patterns. We will be starting a new literature set in reading soon.



On November 25, Jearl, a foreign exchange student from China, came to our classroom to visit. She talked about the restrictions on students such as girls' hair always being up, uniforms, no makeup, and no ears pierced. During their short summer break, students have 100 pages of homework to do for each subject. This is not optional. She also showed them how to write in Chinese and did some paper cutting with them. Thank you, Jearl, for sharing with us.

The Christmas holiday break is fast approaching. We have many more skills to cover before the two-week break.

Mrs. Kerr



Artists of the Month—October

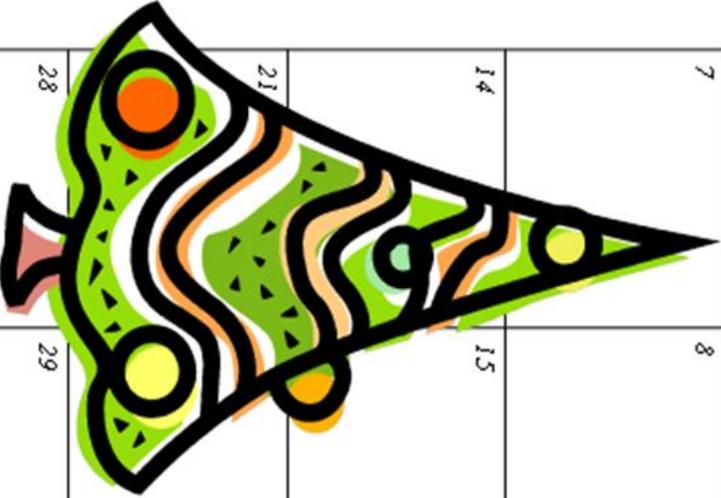
Lucas Gramenez, Sabrina Curtis-Garrett, Breanna Pithan, Hunter Hamilton, Lucas Greener, Cassity Eckert

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone
who came out and
supported our Book Fair!
It was a great success
again this year!!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 12:20 Early Out Teacher In-service 7:00-9:00—5th-8th grade dance @ Laredo	6
7	8	9 	10	11	12 7:00 Christmas Program	13
14	15	16 8:00 School Board Candidate Filing Begins	17	18	19 End of 2nd Qtr. 12:20 Early Out— Winter Break Classes resume January 5	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Menus

School: Livingston County R-3

Academic Year: 2014-15

Meal: All

Month: December 2014

December				
M	Tu	W	Th	F
1 Breakfast: Whole grain french toast, reduced syrup, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Whole grain chicken patty, mashed potatoes & gravy, broccoli, whole wheat bread & butter, fruit, milk	2 Breakfast: Whole grain cereal, whole wheat toast, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Taco soup w/corn chips, celery sticks, raw baby carrots, fruit, milk	3 Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Fish wedge, au gratin potatoes, peas, whole wheat bread & butter, fruit, milk	4 Breakfast: Ham patty, whole grain biscuit, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Pasta bake, tossed Romaine salad w/low-fat Ranch, sliced carrots, whole wheat bread stick, fruit, milk	5 Breakfast: Cheese omelet, whole wheat toast, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Hot ham & cheese on whole wheat hamburger bun, potato wedges, green beans, fruit, milk
8 Breakfast: Breakfast burrito, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Whole grain chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, broccoli, whole wheat bread & butter, fruit, milk	9 Breakfast: Whole grain cereal, whole wheat toast, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: BBQ Pork Ribette, au gratin potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread & butter, fruit, milk	10 Breakfast: Whole grain cereal bar, yogurt, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Tomato soup, grilled cheese, celery sticks, baby carrots, fruit, milk	11 Breakfast: Sausage patty, whole grain biscuit, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Mac & cheese, cole slaw, peas, whole wheat bread & butter, fruit, milk	12 Breakfast: Breakfast bites, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Sloppy Joe on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, baked beans, fruit, milk
15 Breakfast: Whole grain waffle, reduced calorie syrup, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Whole grain chicken patty, mashed potatoes & gravy, peas, fruit, milk	16 Breakfast: Whole grain cereal, whole wheat toast, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Spaghetti w/ meat sauce, tossed Romaine salad w/low-fat Ranch, green beans, whole wheat bread & butter, fruit, milk	17 Breakfast: Sausage gravy & whole grain biscuit, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Chicken noodle soup, PBJ, carrot sticks, whole grain crackers, fruit, milk	18 Breakfast: Whole grain pancakes, reduced calorie syrup, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Turkey slices, mashed potatoes & gravy, whole kernel corn, hot roll, pumpkin pie, milk	19 Breakfast: Sausage patty, whole wheat toast, fruit, juice, milk Lunch: Hamburger patty on whole wheat bun, potato wedges, baked beans, fruit, milk
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31	1	2

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From the Principal's Desk...



Red Ribbon Week

October 27-31 was Red Ribbon Week. Students and staff celebrated being drug-free by observing some fun dress-up days—*These Paws Don't Do Drugs*, *I'm Too Bright for Drugs*, *Drugs Can't Find Me*, *Let Your True Colors Shine—Be Drug Free*, and *Sock It to Drugs & Don't be Tricked—Drugs are NO Treat!*

K-4th grade students participated in a t-shirt designing contest. Students in 5th-8th grades created posters. Two entries from each category were chosen to be framed and hung in the hall. Several from each category were chosen as Honorable Mentions. The winners are pictured below.



Northwest Missouri Choral Directors Association Honor Choir

Mrs. Martin and 3 of our young ladies participated in an honor choir event in Platte City on November 8th. The choir was composed of 215 7th/8th grade students from the Northwest District. Marilyn Rea, a retired choir director, was the guest conductor.

MSBA Regional Fall Meeting in Marceline

7th/8th grade teacher Brenda Kerr and School Board Vice-President Ann Hamilton represented Livingston County R-III at the MSBA Regional Fall Meeting in November. Their presentation focused on how schools can and should contact their state senators and representatives to visit their schools and talk to students.



On November 11th, the faculty, staff, and students of Chula Accelerated School hosted a breakfast and program in honor of area veterans and service members. There were 30 veterans and service members and 11 guests representing all branches of the armed services in attendance. After a wonderful breakfast, the program began with the Presentation of the Colors by the Army National Guard Armory Battery B out of Chillicothe, the Pledge of Allegiance, and *Taps* played by Ben Savage. Highlights of the program included a Veterans Day choral reading presented by Miss Stone's 1st & 2nd graders; the 3rd-6th graders singing *On Veterans Day* led by Mrs. Martin; Veterans Day essays written and read by Haley Graves (8th grade), Ben Pithan (5th grade), and Mathew Meservey (5th grade); and a Veterans Day readers' theater presented by Mrs. Moore's 3rd & 4th graders. The program ended with each veteran/service member being recognized by having a star with their name on it placed on the handprint flag created by the student body. Each veteran and service member was also presented a student-made "Thank You" card. Thanks to all who attended!



October Students of the Month

PK—Charlee Hibner K—Marley Slattery
1st/2nd—Kamdyn Hinnen 3rd/4th—Kyler Klein
5th/6th—Samual Pauley 7th/8th—Bailey Pithan

Good Character Super Heroes

During October we focused on "RESPONSIBILITY".

Students discussed and practiced the following positive character traits: doing what you're supposed to do and planning ahead; perseverance—keep on trying and always do your best; using self-control and self-discipline; thinking before acting, being accountable, and setting a good example.



Poster Winners

Winners: Bailey Pithan, Audrey Meservey

Honorable Mention: Hunter Hamilton, Madeline Criner, Brooklyn Lambert

T-Shirt Design Winners

Winners: Kaitlyn Searcy, Addie Lewis

Honorable Mention: Breanna Pithan, Parker Savage, Rachad Meservey, Lucas Gramenez

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!