

# PIRATE NEWS

## OCTOBER 06, 2017



### KINDERGARTEN

It has been a busy month in Kindergarten. We have learned all the letters of the alphabet, counted syllables in words, practiced rhyming words, and listened for beginning sounds in words. We are learning about ourselves and what we look like, what we like to do, and what makes us unique in Literacy and in Social Studies. In Science, we are learning about our 5 senses and how we use our senses and the body parts we use. This week we had our first Bonus Collaboration with Mrs. Waldron our Integrated Arts teacher. We combined a 5 senses science activity with the arts. We had a great time collaborating with Mrs. Waldron, and the students really enjoyed the art and music. The Kindergarten teachers enjoyed meeting all of our parents and students during our parent teacher conferences. It was very nice sharing what we have learned about the students. The teachers, parents, and students have created some great goals that we will be working together on to help our students be successful this year.

### "TREASURED WORK"

Conner West  
 Jack Arnold  
 Claire Berry  
 Neveah Sanchez  
 Olivia Anderson  
 Isabella Alvarez  
 Ethan Parce  
 Ben Jubeck  
 Addison Flannery  
 Cobe Johnson  
 Mychal Walker  
 Jack Crawford  
 Aleaha Rieder  
 Lillian Terril  
 Nolan Condie  
 Emma Lownsbery  
 Haley Parent

### "CARES CREW"

Camryn Vandouser  
 Lila Cook  
 Katie Sharp  
 Mina Le  
 Kade Dextrom  
 Preston Tran  
 Avalynn Palmer  
 Liliana Hiltner  
 Haven Lebel  
 Rowan Smith  
 Frank Schmidt  
 Trent Davies  
 Nicholas Hilton  
 Alyssa Hietamaki  
 Jerzie Moore

### WALKING SCHOOL BUS

Walking School Bus needs your help! We need adult walkers to walk with children from designated spots to the school in the mornings. If you are interested, please contact the WSB coordinator. You will need to get a free background check done. Lisa Bean [lisabean69@hotmail.com](mailto:lisabean69@hotmail.com) or (517) 282-5542 call or text.



In Destination Imagination, team members work together to develop a solution to one of 7 open-ended challenges and present their solutions at tournaments. Through the Challenge program, students learn and experience the creative process from imagination to innovation and learn skills needed to succeed in school, career and life, including teamwork, communication, project management, perseverance, creative and critical thinking, and self-confidence.

There will be an informational meeting for parents and students held at Elliott Elementary in the library on October 18th at 6:00pm. This meeting is Mandatory for participating as critical items will be discussed such as fundraising, competition dates, coaching staff and organization of teams.

### EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAYS

**1:50**

October  
 18  
 25  
 November  
 1  
 8  
 29

### DATES TO REMEMBER

FALL BREAK  
 October  
 9-13  
 PICTURE RETAKES  
 October 23rd

### DATES TO REMEMBER

TEAM TIME  
 PARENT VISIT  
 October 23<sup>rd</sup>

HALLOWEEN PARADE & PARTY  
 October 31st

### TK

TK is up and running. We are working on problem solving skills with our peers, specifically using our words when we have a problem. We have also been working hard on literacy skills, identifying letters and numbers, and working on remembering our routines and expectations. We have grown a lot in the last few weeks, and are excited to keep learning new things!

### P.T.O. MEETING

**November 7th @ 6:30  
LIBRARY**

All families are welcome! Please join us, we are looking for new families to help us prepare activities for our students. We need you!

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Elliott needs parent volunteers to help with crossing students in the morning and the afternoons. There are two very dangerous spots that 9 year olds just can't do alone. If you volunteer, it would only be for 15 or 20 minutes. 8:10-8:30 and 3:30-3:45. I will provide safety vests and stop signs, plus guaranteed parking! Contact Mr. Smith at fwsmith@hpsk12.net or call the building. 699-2106.

## THIRD GRADE

September flew in third grade! We started afternoon switches two weeks ago. In science with Mrs. Klauka, students are studying forces and motion. Mr. Curtis has been working on improving students' typing skills in technology. In social studies with Miss Curtis, students have been finding their place on the map. All classrooms have Front Row logins, and students are encouraged to use this tool at home and at school!

## SECOND GRADE

After all the beginning-of-year assessments were completed, 2nd grade could really get into the swing of normal routines. We started Reading Street with a unit on exploration. So far, we've "explored" different communities, space, nature, and the desert. You should be able to ask your student about facts regarding any of these places! We also started Go Math with a chapter on numbers up to 100. This included breaking them apart into 10s and 1s, as well as some simple addition and subtraction. We are also excited to get Science and Social Studies rolling after the October break. Thank you to parents that came to conferences and helped us successfully get these 2nd graders off on the right foot! We appreciate you!

## FIRST GRADE

First grade has started Unit 1 of Reading Street. We will be focusing on first grade phonics skills and spelling words each week. We just finished Chapter 2 of Go Math on subtraction. We will be starting Chapter 3 where we will learn a variety of addition strategies. This week we also began our week long writing assignments. We learned about writing narrative stories and our story focus was on playing with a pet. Team Time started this week! Lastly we are continuing to enjoy our switches each week. In science we are learning about weather. In Social Studies we are learning about how to get along in schools by cooperating, sharing, following rules, and taking turns. In Technology we are learning the computer terms how to use the different parts of the computer.

## KINETICS

We've been doing some fantastic learning in Kinetics and will next be working on our overhand and underhand throwing skills. Up after that, to take us into November is a whole school favorite - gymnastics! Students will be controlling their bodies through a vast variety of movements, including animal crawls, cartwheels, balances, rope ladder climbing, different types of rolls and much more.

Gymnastics unit starts Oct.16th-Nov.10th. Please make sure your child has socks during this unit! No dangly earrings, nothing in pockets, no watches, necklaces, or bracelets and should wear comfortable clothing that allows them to move (nothing very tight or very loose and no skirts or dresses as they will tumble and rolling). This is a favorite of many students and will be a lot of fun.

## INTEGRATED ARTS

The 4th graders just finished a Creative Name Art project and are beginning a Rhythmic Notation Unit in which they will sing and play melodies and accompaniments on the Orff instruments. Our songs will revolve around our earth and will extend to the other planets over the next several weeks. Our next art project will involve warm and cool colors tied to Op Art.

In 3rd grade we will also play the Orff instruments while singing and moving to a melody. With the change in seasons, we will focus on "organisms", creating art inspired by the artist, Andy Warhol. Students will read, perform and write notation relating to living things in nature.

Our 2nd graders have been focused on hearing, singing, moving to, playing and creating simple melodies based on "mi, re, and do". Students hunted for this melodic pattern in various songs. We even found it in "Learn Like a Pirate"! Your 2nd grader will be bringing home a "do, re, mi" certificate. Students will soon create landscape and seascape collage art. We are integrating this art theme as we learn songs that share our love of the outdoors.

1st grade students are performing and reading the steady beat with their body and using rhythm instruments. We are reminded to use personal space safely while moving in both locomotor and non-locomotor ways. Students are sing and moving/dancing to "weather-related" songs, integrating with their science unit. We have sketched clouds and soon will be painting weather scenes on construction paper.

Kindergarten students began the year singing together and learning our routines in fun and engaging ways. They have used scarves, a large expanding band (Mr. Scrunchy), and a friendly ball to practice steady beat and high/low gestures. We have just begun to use rhythm instruments with a partner. Kindergarten students have drawn a self-portrait and our next project will use shapes and primary colors to create objects.

We welcome our Transitional Kindergarteners to IA where we explore our personal space bubble, play singing games and enjoy moving and singing together. We are feeling the steady beat with our body, moving in fun ways. We will draw various kinds of lines with crayons and explore their connection to the way music "moves".



Dear Elliott Elementary Families,

It's hard to believe October is already here and next week we are on our Fall Break. I'm excited to share we have some exciting things coming up in October. We are bringing back our Student of the Month ceremony. Every month one student from each classroom will be selected by their teacher to be recognized. Students are doing positive things every day here at Elliott and this is another way to help recognize students for making good choices and showing their Elliott C.A.R.E.S. Another way that students are recognized is by receiving Elliott C.A.R.E.S. "gold coins" from staff members. If they receive a coin they get to write their name on it and put it in the treasure chest in the office. Every Friday coins are drawn out of the treasure chest and those students receive a certificate and a prize.

This month we also will be hosting our first Parent Observation Day of Team Time. Parents are invited in during their child's Team Time (30 minutes) to see how staff at Elliott support all of our students to make sure they receive the support and services needed to help them be successful. We will be hosting this on October 23rd. Please see the flier in your child's Friday Folder about times to observe. After you observe your child's Team Time you are invited to come to the library to ask Mrs. North any questions that you may have from your visit.

Lastly, we will be holding our annual Halloween parade and parties on October 31st. We will hold our parade outside of the school and most parties immediately following. Please send your child in their costume, the parade will start at 9:00 AM.

Enjoy the fall weather next week, we will see everyone back on the 16th!

Erin North

### **DISTRICT SURVEY**

As a part of our on-going efforts to support and increase communication within the Holt Public Schools family, we ask that you take a moment to go to our district website, <http://www.hpsk12.net/news/news-listing/2017-18-district-wide-survey>, and complete a survey. What are we doing well? What can we work on? Your opinion matters to us.

Thank you,

Holt Public Schools

### **THANK YOU!**

The Elliott staff would like to thank those parents who donated snacks during conference week. It was appreciated very much.

### **T-SHIRT ORDERS**

T-Shirts orders were sent out on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, sorry for the delay.

We will get orders out as soon as they arrive

