

# PIRATE NEWS

DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

## “TREASURED WORK”

Alasiah Darden, Jack Arnold, Ethan Parce, Drilon Alshiqi, Sophia Feher, Conner West, Olivia Anderson, McKenna Fetters, Ben Jubeck, Alexander Amunga, Elizabeth Arnold, Trent Davies, James Ewen, Adrianna Ferich, Stryder Fountain, Lilliana Sanchez, Kennedy Derry-Montemayor, Stella Rankin, Dalton Loomis, Trendelina Shabani, Manollo Williams, Xander Hooker, Tyron Davis, Lincoln Dempsey, Lailah Moore, William Buyak, Tyler Wenzel, Trendelina Shabani, Caden Dziachan, Julianna Sowards, Zoey Rosales, Arlo Kopietz, Aiyana Manning, Nasia Nguyen, Landon Robledo, Sara Shabani, Evan sofian, Tyonnica Vickers, Tyrece Darden, Adri Osmani, Rosie Garza, De’Marion Wardlaw, Layla LaFay, Jayla Dentmond, Donovan Reppenhagen, Jacob Roberts, Nellie Borchert, Selma Dzaferovic, Ermal Fejzullahu, Evan Gillahan, Sophia Ngyen, Eli Parker, Aaron Summerour, Zainab Al-Nassar, Katherine Hebert, Adam Laurin, Hannah Maumbe, Carlos Salazar, Payten Varney, Teo Allen, Alyssa Hietamaki, Shia Hitchcock-Guy, Julia Howard, Kandyce Jackson, Haven Label, Amaya Owens, Cooper Shipley, Emersyn Smith, Ny’Layah Woods, Micah Alexander, Easory Bhandari, Anthony Powell, Haley Tuttle, Zayvion Bradley

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER

Teo Allen  
Ryker Nugent  
Elianah Slavik  
Trendelina Shabani  
Macayla Fenn  
Estrellita Martinez  
Kade Dextrom  
Alban Hisenaj  
Keon Manns Jr.  
Zachary McMunn  
Elianah Slavik  
Ryker Nugent  
Olivia Mausolf  
Rosie Garza  
Adryn Dziachan  
Maddison Shurmantine  
Sara Shabani  
Gavin Nugent  
Brody Cornelius  
Phoebe Elder

## “CARES CREW”

Wyatt Andrews, Waylon Andrews, Layla Lafay, Lillyen Simon, James Traylor, Cameren Shurmantine, Aiden Blossey, Tyrece Darden, Jacob Howard, Emmeline Culp, Ruby Kring, Aleeyah Patterson, Ivy Nguyen, Jadyn Arnett, Rose Reppenhagen, Ethan Parce, Ja’Niyah Campbell, Nadia Archie, Ammar Tricic, Jayla Dentmond, Cynthia Resendiz, Olivia Anderson, Kaden Hill

### **TK TIDBITS**

We have wrapped up our first two units learning about our families. We also did our first marking period assessments, and students are growing!! They are working very hard and are making progress. Keep practicing skills at home. We are moving into our third and fourth units, and will be learning about the community that we live in, and what life on a farm is like. We have some exciting things planned and are looking forward to celebrating Christmas!

### **THIRD GRADE**

Third grade is going just great! We had wonderful field trips the week before Thanksgiving to the IQ Hub in St. Johns. We each spent a day there and learned so much about compost, worms, and seed growth. The tractor simulator was amazing. Thanks to the parents who went with us. You made it easy for us to be with all children and helped so much. We got a wonderful grant for the bussing and it was such a rich, learning opportunity.

We are working hard on multiplication. That has been our math focus. We just finished a Reading Street unit on solving problems. We will start the next unit in a week. Technology has been fun with Mr. Curtis teaching new and exciting web sites to help in spelling and math.

Our big project now is to get at least 300 items of food for the food bank as a third grade unit. If we reach this goal, we will get a pajama day, movie and popcorn celebration as a third grade group. We are excited about that.

### **KINDERGARTEN**

It's been another busy month in kindergarten. The teachers have really enjoyed watching the students grow and become active learners. The students have been working hard on learning their letters sounds and are becoming readers and writers! They are reading and writing words and sentences. In math the students have been learning a lot about the numbers 0-10. They have been fluently reading and writing the numbers, counting objects, solving story problems using pictures or models, and comparing numbers (identifying the number that is greater or less). We have finished our science unit on the five senses and are moving on to learning about trees and animals who depend on them for shelter, warmth, and food. In social studies we have also been learning about our families and how our families are unique. The students have really enjoyed talking about their families with their friends. We are also learning about others' feeling and how we treat our friends.

### **FOURTH GRADE**

All 4th grade students attended a performance of Petra & the Wolf at the Wharton Center on November 21st. Petra is the granddaughter of Peter from Peter and the Wolf. The students were able to see the musicians playing their instruments and how it contributed to explaining the story. A big thank you to all the parents who joined us for the performance. We have also started teaching Health again to our students and look for report cards to come home on December 8th.

### **SECOND GRADE**

2nd grade hopes everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break! We can't believe there's only a few weeks left until Winter break... We've just finished Unit 2 in Reading Street, which means the last week was spent reviewing. This is the unit that our question asked, "How can we work together?" We focused on words with r-controlled vowels, contractions, plural nouns, and long a. We have also now written three expository non-fiction pieces. Next week starts Unit 3, which asks the question, "What does it mean to be creative?"

In math, the BIG lesson finally happened- adult addition. The students have been waiting for this! They learned how to "regroup" (some call "carrying") when adding numbers with two digits, just like adults do. Next chapter will teach them this same concept, but with subtraction.

### **FIRST GRADE**

First graders have been busy reading, writing and singing about how a family and a school is like a community. As the students read their stories each week, they are using lots of new strategies when they come to a word they don't know. They have been talking a lot about the sequence of events in a story, and working hard to identify the cause and effect of these events. In writing, the students have been writing opinion pieces. We have also been practicing writing exclamatory sentences that have an exclamation point at the end. In math we are looking for relationships between our addition and subtraction sentences. In science, we have been learning more about the four seasons. We look forward to more adventures ahead!

Dear Elliott Elementary Families,

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your generosity that you showed during our Coin Drive. We surpassed our goal that we set of \$1,000 and raised almost \$1,600. Our swing set for the Elliott playground has been ordered and will be delivered and installed this spring once the ground is soft enough.

Last week a letter was sent home explaining our Strive for 5 (or less) absences for the rest of the school year. If your child had 5 (or less) absences between August 23rd and November 30th they received a certificate last week. If your child is already over 5 absences, they can still get a certificate and prizes if they stay under 5 absences or less between December 1st-June 15th.

Spirit Week was a lot of fun to see all the students that participated and Wacky Hair Day was incredible to see the colors and styles.

We are teaming up with Fat Boys Pizza on the 3rd Thursday of the month and 10% of the proceeds when you mention Elliott Elementary will go to the PTO. Mark your calendar, the first night is December 21st but we will send home a reminder the day of.

If you took the district survey at the start of the school year, the results will be shared at the Holt School Board meeting in January. I will follow up with the results specific to Elliott following that meeting. Thank you for all of the positive feedback in regards to the amazing staff members here at Elliott, your kind words were shared with individuals.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments about anything in this newsletter at 699-7926 or [erin.north@hpsk12.net](mailto:erin.north@hpsk12.net).

Sincerely,

Erin North



## PTO

Thanks to past and present PTO members, we were able to order the following items for the school:

- (1) Football - Official Size
- (1) Football - Intermediate Size
- (4) Basketball - Official Size
- (5) Multi-Sport Ball Packs (total of 40 balls - soccer, volleyball, football, basketball)
- (3) Mesh Ball Bags

## KINETICS

In Kinetics, we had a short hula hoop unit, had some great discussions and activities on Nutrition and are beginning our basketball unit. Our nutrition unit centered on My Plate <https://www.fns.usda.gov/tn/myplate>.

We discussed making good food choices, portion sizes, the five food groups in My Plate (Fruits, Vegetables, Protein, Grains and Dairy) and more. Ask your child about My Plate and to name some of the foods in each food group! Have a healthy and wonderful holiday season.

## Elliott Elementary/Fat Boys Fundraiser Nights

Order from Fat Boys Pizza on these **THURSDAYS...**

Dec 21<sup>st</sup> Mar 15<sup>th</sup>  
Jan 18<sup>th</sup> Apr 19<sup>th</sup>  
Feb 15<sup>th</sup> May 17<sup>th</sup>

That's the 3rd Thursday of each month

Mention "Elliott PTO" when ordering (important)

Fat Boys Pizza will donate 10% to the Elliott PTO

Like us on **FACEBOOK** and receive monthly reminders

## INTEGRATED ARTS

Our 3rd and 4th grade Integrated Arts Team Time classes performed the musical play "This Is America" on Monday, November 20th. Parents and students were entertained with fun facts and plenty of music!

Our new Team Time groups will turn the story, "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" into a musical play. We have already begun writing the script. We will add music, rhythmic chants, scenery and props. Students may explore creatively changing the storyline a bit. This should be a terrific learning experience for the students and we plan to perform our finished play for an audience.

## P.T.O MEETINGS JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> @ 6:30

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

## EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAY

December  
06

13

January

10

24

31

January 15<sup>th</sup>

No School

## WINTER BREAK

Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>

## SNOWBALL DANCE

December 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:30pm-8:00pm

## EDRU SKATE NIGHT

December 19<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm-8:00pm

## DROP OFF & PICK UP

Too many cars are all coming at the same time. Here are some helpful hints about the drop off lane in the morning. If we all work together we can make this fast and easy!

- Class lines are unsupervised before at 8:15
- Students should be in their line at 8:25 (first bell)
- School starts at 8:30, drop off no later than 8:25 • Upper elementary students should be dropped off earlier (8:20?)
- Lower elementary closer to 8:25 but not at 8:25 • End your phone calls before entering the drop off area.
- Make drop off as quick as possible • Do not enter drop off lane if your child is not ready to get out right away (still eating, doing homework, putting on coat...)
- Do not leave your car in the drop off lane for any reason, even at the end of the lane. People see you do it and think it is okay. Please park in the lot if you want to walk your student up.
- Use your blinkers when wanting in a spot or when leaving a spot.

Parking is prohibited in fire lanes to ensure the access of safety equipment to the structure in the event of an emergency. Fire lanes are defined as passageways or access roads that allow fire apparatuses to pass through. They are not intended for normal vehicle traffic