

PIRATE NEWS

FEBRUARY 2ND, 2018

“TREASURED WORK”

Makayla Alexander, Lathan Chesney, Trent Davies, Stryder Fountain, Carter Stevens, Nolan Condie, Sydni Brown, Daisy McMillen, Ethan Murphy, Jayla Dentmond, Makenzie Curry, Elianah Slavik, Yonathan Berhe, Andrew Rice, Sienna Staley, Daisy McMillen, Nolan Condie, Ethan Murphy, Sydni Brown, Annie Heger, Camryn Vandouser-Dismuke, Kennedy Jackson-Bray, Josiah Zavala, Sienna Staley, Andrew Rice, Nellie Borchert, Adryn Dziachan, Evan Gillahan, Eli Parker, Juliana Stepp, Mario Faggion, Karina Rice, Karah Quintero-Simon, Isabella Hietimaki, Marquel Hayes, Donovan Reppenhagen, Jacob Roberts, Jayden Cooper, Mikah Williams, Tyrece Darden, Isabella Alvarez, Jack Arnold, Conner West, Ben Jubeck, Rachel Thurston, Isabella Geiger Cantwell, Drilan Alshiqi, Joey King, Olivia Anderson, Addison Flannery, Kainen Lindsey, Jadyn Arnett, Alexander Amunga, Grant Welch, Zoe Hall, Brielle Rieder, Makenzie Lindsey, Clayton Moreno, Mayar Al-Nassar, Marquel Hayes, Kade Dextrom, Allison Burns, Lincoln Dempsey, Manollo Williams, Dalton Loomis, Mychal Walker, Noah Camper, Ermal Fejzullahu, Evan Gillahan, Sophia Nguyen, Landen Surdenik, Kennedy Derry-Montemayor, Reese Norris, Stella Rankin, Lilliana Sanchez, Landon Thurston, Caden Blankenburg, Ruby Kring, Xander Hooker, Anthony Powell, Zavion Reynolds, Tye Copeland, Teo Allen, Katherine Herbert, Alyssa Hietamaki, Shia Hitchcock-Guy, Julia Howard, Kandyce Jackson, Hannah Maumbe, Carlos Salazar, Emersyn Smith, Cobe Johnson, Grant Welch, Lydia Potter, Breaton Fox, Selma Dzaferovic

STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER

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

STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY

Elizabeth Kempf
Tyrece Darden
Laterion Perkins
Olivia Dennen
Jett Rusnak
Moriah Slavik
Hannah Maumbe
James Horn
Zoe Hall
Lailah Moore
Carly McCarrick
Alyssa Acero
Camryn Curry
James Ewen
Ziad Abdelrahman
Julianna Sowards
Lily Parent
DJ Moreno

“CARES CREW”

Annabelle Robinson, Linor Alshiqi, Sara Shabani, Fri
Kamdem, Amaya Owens, Jack Crawford, Victoria Miller,
Deyton Woldt, Finn Ferrigan, Drilon Alshiqi, Braelynn
Bresler, Lark Ketchum, Isabelle Davison, Andrew Rice,
Aiyana Manning, Carter Stephens, Rachel Thurston, Ivy
Hammond, Abraham Makuei, Marquel Hayes Jr.,
Kyndel Greenwood, Avery Stadt, Kinsley Kopietz, Isiah
Gilpin, Jace Bazzett, Princeton Jones, Tyonna Vickers,
Jacob Burns, Camryn Sweet, Ta'shyra Evans

KINDERGARTEN

January is a busy time of year in Kindergarten. We are using what we know about letters and sounds to read and write words. We are learning more high frequency words, which helps to make our reading and writing easier. We have completed a chapter on addition in Math, but will continue to review and practice addition throughout the remainder of the school year. We are now learning how to show, count, and write teen numbers. Students use ten frames to show teen numbers as a group of ten and some more ones. We continue to learn about animals that use trees for food, shelter, and homes. We study brown bears, raccoons, and owls to name a few. Kindergarteners are also reviewing their Elliott CARES daily. We are halfway through the school year, so we are talking a lot about what behaviors will be expected in first grade. We will begin our Winter assessments soon in order to prepare for March conferences. Please encourage your student to try his/her best on all work at school.

FIRST GRADE

Our first graders have been busy reading, writing, and singing about how people and places change over time. We talked a lot about the changes that can happen in our neighborhoods when people work together. When we read our stories, we searched for tricky Y the Robber Guy who steals the sounds of the "E" and the "I". We are also still listening for long vowel sounds in our stories. In writing, we have been working on narratives that include a beginning, middle, and end. In math, we have been practicing our math facts, and comparing numbers using the greater than, less than, and equal symbols. Elliott celebrated our first PBIS school wide celebration last week with movie and popcorn. I look forward to more adventures ahead!

SECOND GRADE

2nd grade says "Welcome to 2018!" Mrs. Getter has returned and her baby girl's name is Scarlett, she's doing great! Mrs. Buege is the next one to go, any day now... Thank you to all parents who are flexible and understanding during maternity leaves, and a huge thank you to Ms. Freed, who took over for Mrs. Getter and will take over when Mrs. Buege goes on leave.

We are finishing up Unit 3 in Reading Street, which focused on creativity. We've also been writing opinion pieces, learning that we must 1. State our opinion, 2. Give reasons, and 3. State our opinion again. Lastly, we've now learned two digit addition and subtraction (with regrouping) and next we'll move on to three digit

TK TIDBITS

We have jumped right back in after our Holiday Break! We are working hard on reviewing our expectations, making the right choices, and growing. This month we are learning about life on a farm. Students are learning that without farms, we would not have food. They are also working on social skills through center work. Our centers are a big part of our day, and they are learning that we have to take turns, use our words, and work together on some activities to show success!

FOURTH GRADE

Things are progressing well in 4th grade. We spent some time with our winter testing and will be comparing the results to those from the fall. The first week of February we will return to the Wharton Center for another performance. This time we will be seeing Japanese Drummers, check them out at <http://www.yamatodrummers.com> Permission slips should have come home January 26.

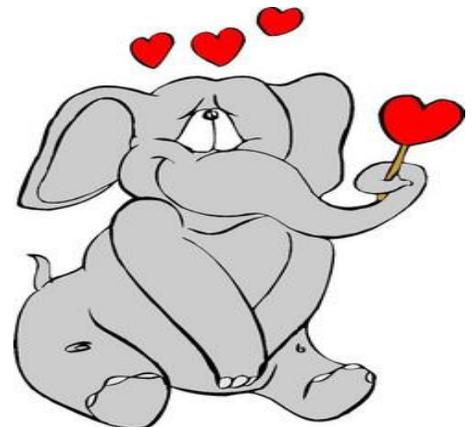
THIRD GRADE

We've been working really hard on multiplication and division over the past several months in third grade! Students' understanding and confidence have really grown since introducing both of these skills in the fall. These are excellent skills for students to continue practicing at home in order to gain computational fluency. Our next two chapters in math focus on understanding fractions, so we will not be spending as much time practicing multiplication and division here at school.

This week we finished our third Reading Street unit, which focused on the interaction between people and nature. We will start working on our fourth unit next week. The fourth unit focuses on the ways people and animals are unique.

In science, students have been studying sound and vibrations. This week students began learning about Michigan's history in social studies. In technology, Mr. Curtis has introduced several websites for students to use to improve math, spelling, and typing skills. Students also planned and wrote stories on the computers.

Team Time classes and teachers will change at the beginning of February!



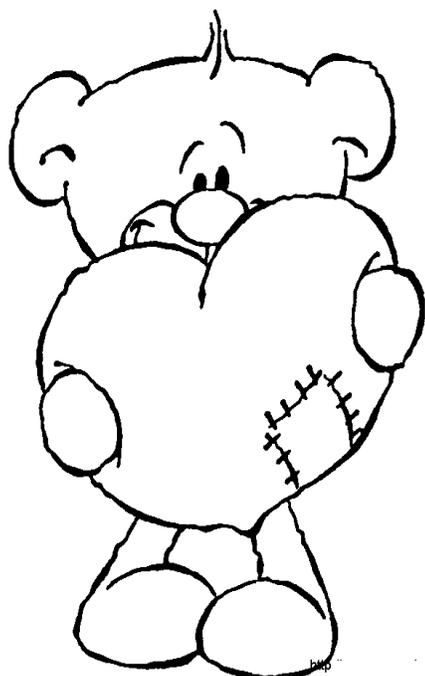
KINETICS

In Kinetics we have been focusing on bowling ever since our return from break. Ask your child what a pendulum swing looks like and who the super hero is that helps us to remember how to hold the bowling ball correctly!

Up next, is Jump Rope for Heart! JRFH is an opportunity to raise funds to help kids with special hearts as well as have some fun exercising by jump roping. The jump roping takes place in your child's normal Kinetics classes. This is becoming quite a tradition and we have exceeded expectations every year since 2013. Last year, we raised over \$8,200.00!!! Please visit the link or scan the QR code below to learn more and sign your child up! Keep an eye out for more information that will be coming home in Friday folders.



http://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=3193&pg=company&company_id=67706&_hasSecureSession=true



INTEGRATED ARTS

The Integrated Arts 3rd and 4th grade Team Time groups have each created scripts for the story, "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day". The students worked in groups to develop the characters, rehearse scenes, and make props and scenery. The children are excited to perform their imaginative play this Friday, February 2nd, during their Team Time. The whole process has been great fun, and a lot of cooperation and team-building was also achieved! Calling 3rd and 4th grade SINGERS! Elliott will again form an ELLIOTT CHORUS that will prepare and present a concert on Tuesday, March 20th. We will rehearse during the next Team Time cycle that begins on Monday, Feb, 5th. This was an exciting adventure last year and promises to be a wonderful musical experience once again!

EARLY DISMISSAL WEDNESDAY

February
28th

YEARBOOK MONEY DUE

February 28th

MID-WINTER BREAK

February
19th-23rd

COUNT DAY

February
14th

EDRU SKATE NIGHT

February 26th
6:00-8:00pm

P.T.O MEETING

February 6th, 6:30pm

DROP OFF & PICK UP

We have a lot of cars 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 **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 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 vehicles to pass through. They are not intended for normal vehicle traffic.

Dear Elliott Elementary Families,

I would like to bring to everyone's attention that our beloved secretary, Mrs. Lenon, will be retiring at the end of this month. Her official last day is February 28th. Mrs. Lenon has served the students and families of Elliott Elementary for the last 20 years. She has been the face of Elliott and while we all love her so much, we are wishing her a blissful retirement. We have designated February 12th as "Mrs. Lenon Day". The staff and students will be doing some extra special things for her on that day. If any families wish to join in the celebration by sending in cards for Mrs. Lenon it would be a wonderful surprise for her. Mrs. Lenon has made a positive impact on the lives of so many of our families that have come and gone, if any of our Elliott graduates would like to send cards in as well I am sure she would be delighted. We all wish Mrs. Lenon a happy retirement!

Sincerely,

Mrs. North

