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Jen Olson
Elementary Principal

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School Hours 7:55 AM - 2:30 PM

Dear Elementary Parents,

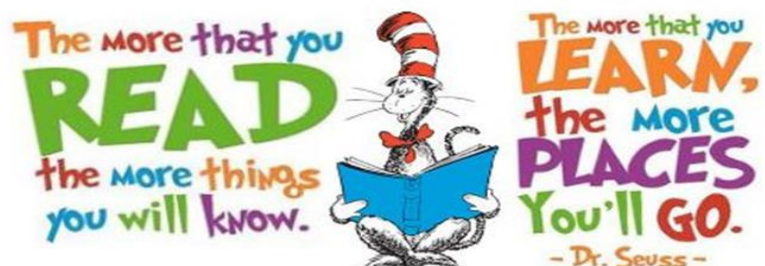
It's February and one of my favorite times of year! Reading is such a fundamental skill for everyone, and what a great way to enjoy reading—by dedicating the whole month of February to it! Each of the elementary buildings has put their own unique spin on things with different activities scheduled throughout the month. Watch Wednesday folders and your students' planners for more information. Both schools' activities promise to be lots of fun, and promote the importance of reading.

With the "I Love to Read" celebration, our hope is to promote just that—the love of reading. Reading doesn't have to be *just* for work. It is meant for enjoyment and leisure just as much as the day to day activities of our lives. With that, I'd like to extend an invitation to all parents, grandparents, and community members to join us throughout the month of February to read to students. We would  for you to share a story with us! Please connect with your child's teacher to set up a time. We have a few virtual and outdoor guest readers already scheduled, so please help expand our guest list! ☺

In addition to the celebrations focused on reading, we will have an opportunity to reconnect as a parent/teacher team with our winter conferences scheduled for February 11 and 16. This is a chance not only to revisit your child's goals set in the fall, but also celebrate the great learning taking place, address any concerns and/or plan to best finish out the school year. Your child is our priority and it's important to celebrate his/her accomplishments to this point!

Looking ahead, February is jam-packed with a variety of activities. Beyond I love to Read events we'll celebrate the 100th day of school, dental health month, several other holidays and of course, waiting for Punxsutawney Phil to determine the arrival of spring based on his shadow are just a few of the many things taking place at school.

Have a great month everyone.
Happy Reading!
Jen Olson





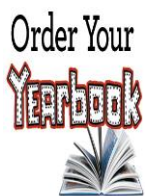
Click on the link below to find our January Students of the Month.

Humphrey

<https://www.hlww.k12.mn.us/page/3579>

Winsted

<https://www.hlww.k12.mn.us/page/3654>



It is time to order your yearbook. Order forms will be sent home soon. Please return envelope with payment before March 19.

Phone Numbers

Please review your phone numbers in ParentVUE (specifically the emergency contact numbers). It is important that we have up to date information to contact you. Thank you!



Papa Murphy's Pizza Pick Up

For those of you who ordered items from HLWW Elementary PTA/Papa Murphy's Pizza please remember to pick up your items on Wednesday, February 10 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. at the elementary school.

Winsted Elementary

- Eduardo Nino-Ramirez 2/2
- Nevaeh Rolfzen 2/3
- Jordan Rannow 2/4
- Alissa Scheer 2/4
- Andrew Eastling 2/6
- Gentry Quast 2/7
- Leo Fasching 2/13
- Megan Hughes 2/17
- Jack Kutz 2/19
- Alyce Nelson 2/19
- Kaydence Bock 2/20
- Leo Remer 2/22
- Roan Kuznia 2/24
- Ashlyn Simonson 2/25
- Noah Stifter 2/27
- Kensington Mickolichek 2/28

Winsted Elementary

- Audrey Brewer 8/1
- Russell Schlagel 8/4
- Zack Fisk 8/7
- Ava Grangroth 8/9
- Lily Mielke 8/9
- Elizabeth Heuer 8/11
- Ivaly Nelson 8/16
- Henry Hystad 8/18
- Vayda Muonio 8/18
- Jonathon Ponciano 8/21
- Lucille Hughes 8/22
- Evan Mulvihill 8/31

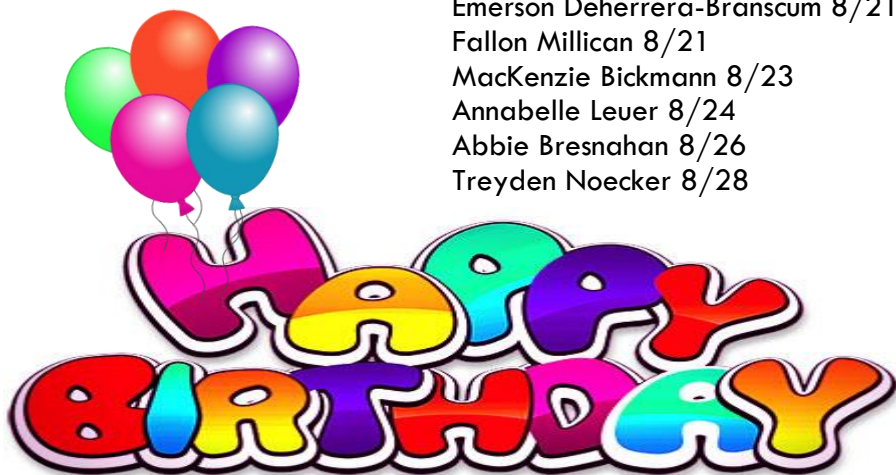


Humphrey Elementary

- Alonso Medina Salomon 2/2
- Anthony Penaloza Salomon 2/3
- Lindsay Tovsen 2/6
- Ragnar Grotte 2/7
- Zachary Schwarze 2/8
- Friedrich Koch 2/9
- Gavin Redinger 2/9
- Jackson Parks 2/11
- Mathias Toews 2/14
- Antonio Arnold 2/17
- Carter Olson 2/18
- Mason Holland 2/19
- Neve Kuznia 2/19
- Abbiegale Tepley 2/20
- Hailey Gruenhagen 2/24
- Kylah Boltz 2/25

Humphrey Elementary

- Allison Hasledalen 8/1
- Enzo Larsen 8/1
- Lexy Paulson 8/1
- Brooklyn Shaw 8/1
- Finnley Singer-Towns 8/1
- Cooper Becker 8/4
- Jaxon Sainio 8/8
- Anastazja Spyra 8/11
- Kaleb Dinehart 8/12
- Kaiya Durose 8/14
- Aubrey Ewert 8/14
- Reagan Granum 8/15
- Kinley Fronk 8/16
- Kassidy Jude 8/17
- Qwentyn Gritz 8/20
- Jayden Rasmussen 8/20
- Emerson Deherrera-Branscum 8/21
- Fallon Millican 8/21
- MacKenzie Bickmann 8/23
- Annabelle Leuer 8/24
- Abbie Bresnahan 8/26
- Treyden Noecker 8/28



Fun Ways to Read with Your Child

Angie Granrud, Winsted Elementary



February is I Love to Read month, and it's a wonderful opportunity to share some reading time with your child. Have some hot cocoa, snuggle up in a blanket, and enjoy a good book together! Here are some fun ways that you can read with your child throughout the month of February -- and all year long!

- Partner Reading - take turns reading - you read a page and your child reads a page.
- Read a magazine -- find a magazine that compliments your child's interests and read an article or two from that magazine. Check out digital magazines as well as hard copy magazines that might be available through your local library.
- Make reading a "habit" - find a consistent time to read together every day; maybe it's before bed or while eating breakfast in the morning. Just be consistent, so you can develop good reading habits with your child.
- Kid Karaoke - download songs and their lyrics for a family karaoke night. Seeing words and singing them at the same time is a fun way to develop vocabulary -- and enjoy some giggles, too!
- Reach out and read -- maybe there is a loved one or close friend that your child hasn't been able to see for a while. Reach out via Google Meet, Zoom, Skype, etc. and have your child read a book to that special person. This option provides a double bonus -- reading time and building relationships with loved ones.
- Reading in the kitchen -- try a new recipe and have your child help you read the recipe. This builds reading skills as well as provides practical applications for those math skills such as measuring and fractions.
- Join your public library's winter reading program - Great River Regional Library is sponsoring their annual winter reading program "Light Up the Mind" for all ages - kids and adults alike! Check out their website - griver.org - to register. The reading program runs through the end of February and includes prize drawings.

February is "I Love to Read" Month

Time to have a little fun and celebrate with dress up days on the following Wednesdays:

February 3 - Snuggle Up And Read Day (PJs & stuffed animals)

February 10 - Lasso Up A Rootin' Tootin' Good Book (cowboy, Western wear, flannels)

February 17 - Laker Leaders Are Readers Too! (wear your blue, gold and Laker gear)

February 24 - Character Dress Up Day (favorite book characters)



A Slightly Different

By Josh Westling
Humphrey Elementary



The impact of our changing world has not changed our goal for elementary Phy Ed. But, as with everything else, Phy Ed has had to make changes to accommodate our learning model.

We've gone from every day Phy Ed to every third day, rotating music with Ms. Kalvig and library with Mrs. Loge. We've had to eliminate some things we would normally do in Phy Ed, but the students have adjusted as well as can be expected. We've used chunks of pool noodles for tagging and invasion games. We hand sanitize in and out of the room, and sanitize equipment in between uses, and we've gotten really good at air high-fives.

Overall, the students have high spirits and are happy to be here. I feel lucky that we've been able to be together this whole time and look forward to getting back to normal.

Be on the lookout for roller skating information coming in March!

I LOVE SPEECH, KINDNESS, AND FRIENDSHIP

By: Shannon Durick, Speech-Language Pathologist, Winsted Elementary

Valentine's Day is always a great day to encourage kindness, friendship and sharing. We have valentine themed speech-language lessons which focus on friendship. Encourage your child to make their own valentine cards for friends or family members. Talk with your child about how it feels when you are included in activities at school and at the neighborhood and how it feels when you are left out of activities. Discuss the importance of friendship and how we can always treat others with kindness. We can talk about the meaning of Valentine's Day and how it is a day to share cards, candy and sometimes flowers with the people in your life that you love. Reward your child at home for

kindness he may show to his or her siblings or you. Continue to talk about the ways he or she can be a good friend throughout the school year.

Valentine's activities that you can do with kids: 1. Make a Valentine cake together. 2. Make Valentine's cards for friends or family members. 3. Practice shared reading – reading a story together aloud at home- find and talk about examples of friendship and kindness.

Vocabulary words for February: Friendship, Compassion, Kindness, Cooperation, Respect, Celebrate

Language activity at home: Bake Valentine cookies or a cake with your child. Decorate it. Who do you know that would enjoy the cake/cupcake? Talk about

sequencing the steps for making the cake/cupcake and the names of the ingredients needed to complete your task (following a recipe is a great way to do this-talk to your child about how you follow the recipe). When you are all done, ask your child to retell you how you made the cake. See if they can remember all of the steps and use some of the new words they learned.

Articulation activity at home: Read a book with your child. Find examples of friendship that occur in the book. Point out specific words that contain a speech sound your child is working on. See if they can identify words with their sounds as well. Have them say the words that you find aloud with the correct sound. Reward them for good speech!



News-2-You

By Andrea Travis, Humphrey Elementary

News-2-You is a weekly current events newspaper that provides a way for ALL learners to become connected and engaged to the world around them.

News-2-You provides a weekly newspaper in five different reading levels. Subscribers have access to a weekly newspaper issue online with interactive speaking pages, or offline using printable pages for instruction. More than 50 accompanying activities are delivered in the weekly theme for multiple guided practice experiences. Activities are engaging and focus on the central topic of each weekly edition of News-2-You. Some activities that coincide with each week's issue that students enjoy playing on the SMART Board are Memory, Tic Tac Toe and Build a Word.

In addition to weekly editions, News-2-You releases Breaking News articles in three categories: World, Sports, and Entertainment.

Two of the most recent current events we have read about are, The Great Kindness Challenge and Inauguration Day.



FOURTH GRADE News

Ms. Krueger, 4th Grade Humphrey

Wow, how has another month flown by? In 4th grade we have been working hard writing, researching and creating along the way. One of the projects I have gotten to do with the 4th grade students this year is a Native American research project.

In the Fall, Tom Peterson came to visit the 4th graders at Humphrey and showed off Native American artifacts that he found himself. Since then, students in each class have chosen a tribe to research, write about and create a display of.

Students get to start by researching different topics about the tribe they chose. Students have found out what tribes wore, ate, where they lived, or traveled and what they lived in. After taking many notes each student is responsible for writing a research paper, sharing all of the information they found about their tribe. We have some AMAZING writers! Next, students get to create a visual of what it might have looked like to live with the tribe. Many students converted shoe boxes into spectacular creations. Lastly, students then got to show off all of their hard work by sharing their visual and some facts they learned about their tribe. It is without a doubt our 4th graders learned a lot! Take a peek at some of the creations!



Ewww, Masks!



As we continue our safe and healthy hygiene practices and protocols, PLEASE help us with your child's mask cleanliness. Students should have a clean mask daily with another one to spare for those "just in case" situations—a strap breaking, getting food on them, dropping it, or sneezing into it, just a few examples. It is very important that students are not wearing the same mask every day. While we're looking to keep our spread of germs to a minimum, we also don't want to give them an extended stay pass on your child's mask! Thanks for helping with your own reminders to swap them out and wash them up!

PTA CORNER - Happy February! Last month we gave an update on Humphrey PTA. This month we will be hearing from Winsted's PTA group.

Classroom Grants - We were so happy to be able to give some classrooms with items that can benefit students with funds we have raised. One classroom received a music therapy curriculum to teach students both academic and social skills. The next classroom was gifted two wobble stools for flexible seating options. The next classroom received stepping stools/logs for self-regulation. The last classroom received mesh bags for each student to be filled with items for STEM learning along with letter tiles.

I Love to Read Month - We are excited that we will still be able to offer all students at both elementary with books that will be "new to them" this month. We need your help! If you have any books at home that you can donate please drop them off at either elementary school. Thank you to everyone who has brought books in.

Meetings - Winsted PTA meets the third Monday of each month at 6:00 pm. This month due to the holiday we will be meeting on February 8 at 6:00 pm. Please e-mail us for location at winstedpta@gmail.com. We look forward to Seeing you!

Join Us!
PTA
Meeting

VOUCHERS AVAILABLE FOR FREE DENTAL CARE!



February is
Children's Dental Health Month!

Dr. Brenner and his team of dental professionals are proud to offer this voucher to children in need in our community! Please reach out to [Brenner Dental Group](#) to request a voucher for a child in your family (age 13 and under) with limited access to dental care during the month of February 2021. Vouchers include:

FREE Children's Teeth Cleaning (age 13 and under), oral exam, diagnostic xrays, and fluoride treatment.

50% Off Children's Restorative Fillings and Tooth Extractions (age 13 and under)

****Voucher is valid for ONE patient age 13 and under. Services must be rendered during the month of February 2021 at Brenner Dental Group in Buffalo or Monticello. Voucher must be presented at the time services are rendered.****

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Monticello Location:

106 1/2 W Broadway

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