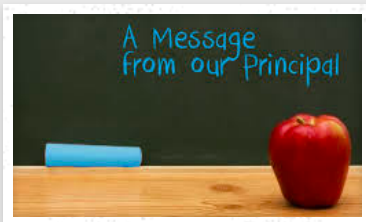


STAR SCOOP

APRIL/MAY 2022



A NOTE FROM MRS. BRANCH

We are anxiously awaiting for the spring weather to arrive as the students and staff love to engage in learning opportunities outdoors. We are also looking forward to taking part in our annual Walk-a-thon this May.

WALK-A-THON

Wakanda will be celebrating our 22nd Annual Walk-a-thon this spring! The Walk-a-thon supports programs that directly benefit the students and teachers of Wakanda Elementary. This year, we are raising funds for field trips and a book vending machine. Students will have the opportunity to walk with their classrooms and families this year!

Grade levels have a designated walking time so parents/guardians can plan to join their students on 5/20:

Kindergarten-11:30am

3rd Grade-11:45am

1st Grade-12:10pm

2nd Grade-12:30pm

4K-12:35pm

4th Grade-12:55pm

5th Grade-1:15pm

We will collecting donations via cash, check, and Venmo. All donations should be turned in by the Walk-a-thon date of 5/20/22.



NEW ADDRESS OR MOVING OVER THE SUMMER?



Teachers are already thinking about the next school year and planning for the fall so if you have plans to move out of the area or will not be attending Wakanda Elementary next year, please let the office know so we can plan accordingly. We certainly hope to see everyone back next year!



KINDERGARTEN

The month of April brought a special arrival to kindergarten, fish! In science we learned about our new goldfish and guppies, talking about their environment and features while observing them in our classroom tank. In reader's workshop we focused on reading many books as we worked on becoming avid readers. In writer's workshop we began to work on persuasive writing. We utilized our persuasive writing skills while writing about Earth Day, sharing why it is important to reduce, reuse, and recycle. In math we finished up our unit on addition and subtraction and started our unit on teen numbers and counting to 100.

FIRST GRADE

First grade has been busy learning about plants and animals in science. Students have had an opportunity to have a "green thumb" by growing rye grass, alfalfa, and wheat. Soon they will see if they can grow new plants from old plants and from plant cuttings. First graders also created a terrarium where they will observe bugs in a natural-like environment.

First graders became the boss of their reading by taking charge to solve tricky words and making sure that they understood what they were reading. They also learned about vowel teams and created an amazing Vowel Town to celebrate their learning of vowels. Lastly, first graders were busy writing reviews about their favorite foods, restaurants, games, books and more. They learned how to state their opinions, give at least three reasons, and argue politely.

SECOND GRADE

Second grade is very excited for May and all the special things that are planned.

We have been working hard to get ready for our "Special Person's Program" on May 4th. It will be a great day to honor the special people they have selected. We are also looking forward to our field trip to the Chippewa Valley Museum later in the month to learn more about the past in our community.

We continue to build our stamina in reading and have specifically focused on phonics skills for reading and spelling multisyllabic words in our practice.

In math we have used graphs and tables to read and interpret data and have worked on counting change up to \$1.00. We will also be practicing telling time as well.

These "almost 3rd graders" continue to make such great progress. We are so proud of them!

THIRD GRADE

Students in third grade were excited to have crayfish to study and observe as part of our unit on living things. We are also planning to plant our school garden as soon as the weather permits. We have been busy collecting, displaying and analyzing data in math. In reading and writing, we finished our character study unit and our character projects. Our new unit in writing is poetry as we celebrate poetry month. We welcomed our student teachers, Mr. Nic and Mrs. Burton, who will be with us for the remainder of the school year.

FOURTH GRADE

April has been a busy month in 4th Grade! We have been working hard on writing Literary essays, and preparing the Text Dependent Analysis (TDA) portion of the Wisconsin Forward exam. The students have done a GREAT job learning how to use evidence to write essays. In math this month our focus has been on learning decimals and how they relate to fractions. After learning about fractions already the students are grasping the idea of decimals very quickly! We will be moving into our last module of the year in the coming weeks and focus on conversions.

Social studies time has been spent learning about the midwest states and the history of Wisconsin. Everyone enjoyed learning about what has made our state into what it is today! As we close in on the end of the school year the students are looking forward to all of the exciting events taking place in the weeks ahead!

FIFTH GRADE

The Clients are coming! The Clients are coming! The past weeks have seen the 5th Grade Architects spending time imagining and researching all aspects of their clients' lives, from the inside out. Thank you to Mrs. Nelson for giving us such an excellent start in her Guidance Class. Ask your favorite 5th-grade architect what the client does for a job! This body of work is housed in our Google Classroom Pathway to Discovery Notebooks. Architects are finding out that deadlines matter when you have been hired to do a job. Each step in our Design Thinking Process gets us closer to our final designs for our clients. Ms. J. will now lead the architects in the artistic representation of their client persona in her Art Studio, while we move on to thinking about our building sites. "Learning by Doing" was the way that Frank Lloyd Wright taught his apprentices and Grade 5 continues to honor his legacy in our work today!



PHOTO GALLERY Wakanda 4K



- 5/4 - PTO MEETING - 6:30PM
- 5/20 - WALK-A-THON
- 5/30 - NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
- 6/1 - SPRING TITLE I MEETING - 4:00PM
- 6/1 - PTO MEETING - 4:30PM
- 6/2 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL



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