



Elementary News...

December 2018

This Month at a Glance

Important Dates


- December 10 - BOE Meeting
- December 10 - K-5 Report Cards Distributed
- December 11-13 - PTO Holiday Shop
- December 12 - ES Winter Concert
- December 21 - Winter Parties
- December 21 - Shortened Day Winter Break
- Dec. 24-Jan. 1 - Winter Break

A Message from Ms. Guidry

Thank you to our families who visited our schools during American Education Week last month. We always enjoy opportunities to open our doors to the community. We are also appreciative to the families who joined us for last month's PTO meeting. Detective Lenart from the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office shared a variety of resources and tips for keeping our students safe online. If you were unable to attend, we strongly encourage you to explore Netsmartz, a site that teaches younger students internet safety, at www.netsmartz.org.

Now that the weather has turned colder, I would like to remind students to come to school dressed appropriately for outdoor play. It is our intention to have outdoor recess whenever possible. Students benefit from the opportunity to expend their energy while enjoying the fresh air. Please make sure that students come to school with coats, hats, and gloves. Also, please ask your children to place their hats and gloves in either their coat pockets or in the sleeve of their coat so they will not misplace these items or leave them in their classroom. Parents, please label all articles of clothing and lunchboxes.

Lastly, we have a variety of cold weather gear in our lost and found. Please encourage your child to check the lost and found located at the front of our cafeteria if you believe you are missing any items. We will be cleaning out our lost and found prior to our winter recess. Unclaimed items will be donated.



Nursing Notes

Parents/guardians must bring in their student's medications and accompanying physician's orders to the nurse, as this is the school's policy. **No student is permitted to bring in medications.** Medication order forms can be found on the nurse's website.

Should your child be ill or late to school for any reason, **the parent or guardian must** call the school's absentee health line to report the absence. The number is 732-786-0950 then follow the prompts.

Thank you for your cooperation,


Lori Blazier

School Nurse

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Winter Concert

We would like to invite our ES families to join us for Winter Concert on December 12th at 7pm in MPAC. Our chorus and advanced band will perform under the direction of Mrs. Laskiewicz and Mr. Gruber.



Spotlight on....

5th Grade


Last month in math, 5th graders explored decimals. 5th-grade students are confidently reading, writing, and comparing decimals through the thousandths place. During reading workshop, 5th graders learned about “Notice & Note” signposts or intentional text features which alert readers to significant moments that require close attention. Helping students identify signposts when they read allows readers to better understand what they are reading. In writing, 5th-grade students explored perspective by rewriting a story from another character’s point of view. Soon 5th graders will be crafting literary essays during writing workshop as they explore the themes in reading. During social studies, students learned about the Age of Exploration as well as early explorers. Students read journal entries and learned about the importance of primary sources. In science, students learned about ecosystems and the relationship between organisms within different ecosystems.

Ask Your Student About This Month’s Character Virtue...

December’s Character Virtue...

Service/Generosity

Each month the Elementary School will adopt and celebrate a different character virtue through read aloud, class discussions, and everyday reminders!



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