



# PIEDMONT VALLEY ELEMENTARY STALLION NEWS



## January 2019

### • UPCOMING EVENTS

- 1/10: Robotics Club,  
2:45 pm - 3:45 pm
- 1/14: PTA Meeting,  
3:00pm in the library
- 1/21: No school, Martin  
Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/22: S.O.M., at 1:30 pm
- 1/25: PTA Bingo Night,  
Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm,  
Bingo begins at 6:30pm  
in the new gym
- 2/19 & 2/21: Parent/  
Teacher conferences, 4-  
7 pm
- 2/28: Spring Pictures
- 3/9: Spring Concert for  
grades 3-6

### Principal's Corner

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy fall with many activities occurring. As we move past the holiday season and prepare for winter we will continue to have many activities happening.

On January 19-21 the kids will enjoy a three day weekend. On January 21st students will have the day off from school in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

On January 22th we will have our student of the month assembly. The 1st grade team will be presenting on "Courtesy." These life lessons are always valuable to our students and make our assemblies great.

On February 19th and 21nd Piedmont Valley Elementary will be hosting Parent/Teacher Conferences. This is a wonderful opportunity to share with parents their child's successes and challenges. We look forward to seeing you on this day!

On another note I want to remind all parents of the importance to have their students properly dressed. January is often times a frigid month. We keep a close eye on the thermometer and try to make the best decision possible for students and recess. With that being said, it is important that you assume your kids will be going outside and dress them accordingly.

Sincerely,

Ethan

## Technology Tidbits from Ms. Scandrett

I have a little poster in the computer lab that asks: “Can what I learn in computer class make me a success in life?” and I would like to explain a bit about how that works as I teach students about technology use in school and in life.

I have all students Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade coming through the computer lab at least twice a week. I enjoy getting to know the students and teaching them about technology. The purpose of class is to help students learn how to be comfortable using and understanding technology.

Kindergarten classes stress how to log in using simple log ins, how to manipulate the mouse, use the keyboard to some extent, follow directions and learn about how the computer works.

First grade gets to discuss the definition of tools, the difference between natural, man-made and technology tools, as well as the difference between school, community and home tools. They also learn more about how the computer works, including creating their own passwords by the end of the year.

Second grade work first on creating pictures for a slide show about themselves, learning about the difference between fact, opinion and fiction, being safe online, and then learning and practicing keyboarding skills.

Third grades primary goal is to learn how to properly use the keyboard and practice, practice, practice. Once they have that down, I introduce them to how changes can be made to fonts as they work on documents. We also practice testing and work on internet safety as well.

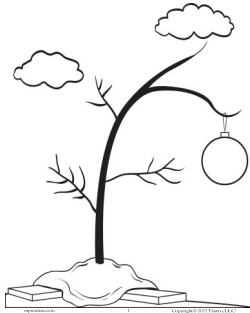
Fourth grade’s primary goal is to understand how to use different programs on their computer. They learn how to put together documents using Word, Pages and Google Docs. They will also be introduced to creating charts and power point slide shows. Keeping safe online is a big part of their curriculum as well.

All in all, students should come to the realization that being comfortable with a variety of programs and technology will help them be successful in life, especially as they go through their schooling and into a job.



## *Notes from the Special Education Staff*

*Children with learning and attention problems can benefit by developing a growth mindset.*



*Fixed Mind- set*

*Avoid challenges*

*Give up easily*

*Ignore feedback*

*Threatened by the success of others*

*Believe intelligence and talents are fixed*

*Growth Mind- set*

*Embrace challenges*

*Give best effort*

*Learn from feedback*

*Inspired by the success of others*

*Believe that intelligence and talents can*

*be developed through hard work*

*Believe in the power of*

*YET*

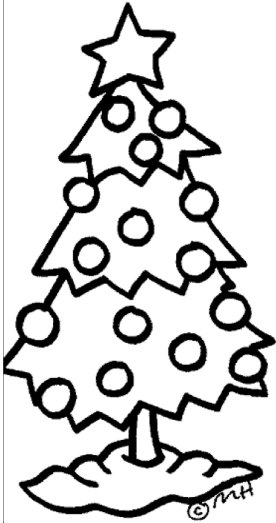
*I can't do it...YET.*

*I don't know*

*how...YET.*

*I'm not good at*

*that...YET.*



*If at first you don't succeed, you're normal. Kid President*

*Just because you haven't found your talent doesn't mean you don't have one.*

*Kermit The Frog*

### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM TALENTED AND GIFTED PROGRAM:

This fall six 3rd graders and nine 4th graders from Piedmont Valley Elementary joined students throughout the district in the TAG Program as they participated in the Noetic Learning Math Contest. The contest took place just before Thanksgiving break and the results are now in. Both teams did a magnificent job!!

The 3rd grade team (comprised of Piedmont Valley Elementary and Sturgis Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> grade TAG students) won a Team Achievement Award. This means their score was among the top 10% of all competing teams. Individually there were 4,577 3<sup>rd</sup> graders across the nation who competed. The co-team winner honors go to: Cole Seidl (Mrs. Beshara) and a Sturgis Elementary student. National Honor Roll honors at Piedmont (score in the top 10%) go to Carson Shull (Mrs. Seymour). Honorable Mention (top 50%) honors go to: Piper Ratzsch (Mrs. Beshara), Miranda Jacobs (Mrs. Beshara), Santino Larkin (Mrs. Beshara) and Leighton Moore (Mrs. Beshara). Great job!

The 4th grade team (comprised of Sturgis Elementary, Piedmont Valley Elementary and Whitewood Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> grade TAG students) also won a Team Achievement Award! There were 5,635, 4th graders competing across the nation. Team winner honors were shared three ways in 4th grade. Congratulations to Charlie Knutson (Mrs. Bernhagen) from Piedmont Valley and two other students representing Sturgis Elementary and Whitewood. National Honor Roll (top 10%) honors go to Carson Hautala (Ms. Anvik), Isaac Tweedy (Mr. Avery), Jackson Gaeta (Mrs. Bernhagen) and Owen Volk (Mrs. Bernhagen). Honorable Mention (top 50%) honors go to Brinna Sheldon (Mrs. Dolney), Dane Wilston (Mrs. Dolney), Jude Reynolds (Ms. Anvik) and Katie Miller (Mrs. Bernhagen). Way to shine, 4th graders!

**Laura Sandness**

Gifted Coordinator



## Happy Birthday!

### January

Ja'Quavious Anderson, Burke Bernhagen, Evan Bierman, Baylee Cammack, Mackyala Dryden, Kinlee Gossel, Aubree Hanson, Tayler Hauer, Nevaeh Heid, Rylee Heminger, Carson Hodina, Taige Holdren, Kenleigh Johnson, Adrienne Jones, Keegan Kaski, Kyerlan Kaski, Ethan Krenn,

Maisie Kroger, Elijah Kunza, Alivia Leidholt, Cannon Mez, Kaitlyn Morehead, Jackson Morgan, Brennan Murphy, Maddoc Nehl, Gavan Novotny, Andrew O'Grady, Jude Reynolds, Aydan Rhodes, Caleb Rogers, Autumn Sautner, Cienna Sheldon, Carson Shull, Carter shull, Doninick Sisneros, Kynlee Stewart, Jais Teamer, Oliver

Wade, Elleyse Williams, River Zahler-Canepa



## 1st Trimester Perfect Attendance

TAKE THE TIME TO  
READ THE STUDENT-  
PARENT HANDBOOK



### Kindergarten:

J'Quavious Anderson, Emma Archambeau, Levi Barry, Rylee Dolney, Bradley Facciola, Wyatt Farley, Jillian Gray, Riley Herdon, Taylor Hodina, Maisie Kroger, Maxwell Kruger, Leonard Lame, Alexa Langstraat, Finn McDonnell, Gavyn Miller, Jordan Ozuna, Bo Pearson, Ian Ray Holbrooks, Gage Remington, Hunter Schummer, Emma Seidl, Jazmyn Shattuck,

### First Grade:

Owen Bicktt, Cameron Borries, Katelyn Brant, Sharolotte Bult, Kaiden Christianson, Nathan Goethals, Graham Griffith, Aubree Hanson, Addison Heid, Carter Keiper, Addilynn Kraft, Cali Kuyper, Jazell Morton, Brooke Ozuna, Marielle reed, Zakariah Schweitzer, Oliver Wade, Eleanor Waider, Austin Walker, Damian Wolber, River Zahler-Canepa

### Second Grade:

Jace Andersen, Chance Biggin, Sophie Farley, Wyatt Gaeta, Finn Harrington, Wyatt Henrichsen, Lane Holzer, Conner Huling, Karena Limbo, Kyler Limbo, Avalyn Marso, Shane Millim, Peyton Niehoff, Corbin Otto, Jacob Paule, Riley Tricker, Levi Van Pelt, Morgan Wheaton, Nash Wilston

### Third Grade:

Connor Barnes, Graden Barnes, Alezntria Burdick, Alexis Carver, Griffin Ewing, Jace Gingras, Sage Hanson, Miranda Jacobs, Clara Kruger, Kaylee Langstraat, Devon Ownbey, Aydan Rhodes, Cole Seidl, Tucker Waddell, Frederick Weishaar

### Fourth Grade:

Brennen Borries, Paisley Clark, mackyailla Dryden, Logan Huling, Grady Jobgen, Connor Kile, Elizabeth Kile, Maddux Kraft, Colton Kuyper,

Mahpiya Meek, Brooke Montgomery, Sailor Mullenix-Weed, Gavan Novotny, Destiny Ownbey, Kaylynn Paule, Uriah Sammeli, Brinna Sheldon, Skyelynn Taylor, Joseph Veskrna, Jolee White, Dane Wilston

# News from the Nurses

From your school Nurses: Julie Dobler, R.N, Jennifer Oedekoven, R.N, Heidi Komes, R.N



Students go outside for recess when temperatures are zero or above. Please send your child with a winter coat, hat, and gloves every day. If you need assistance with winter items, please call the Nurses Office at 347-2610 and we will be happy to help!

# Special Recognitions

## Spelling Bee Winners:

1st-- Isaac Tweddy

2nd-- Charlie Knutson

3rd-- Brinna Sheldon

## Geography Bee Winners:

1st - -Gavan Novotny

2nd: Carson Hautala

3rd: Shilo Williamson

### THE CHARACTER TRAIT FOR JANUARY IS "RESPECT"

HONOR, TOLERANCE CONSIDERATION, SELF RESPECT, RESPECT FOR OTHERS RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

**NOVEMBER SOM:** Character trait for November is "Citizenship."

**2ND GRADE:** Finn Harrington, Dayden Krebs, Brooke Sudbeck, Parker Grover

**3RD GRADE:** Alexis Carver, Kurtis Capps, Kohlee Herring, Bridger Mez, Leila Kauer, Jade Gingras, Lavincea Kettle

**4TH GRADE:** Kaylynn Paule, Brooke Montgomery, JoLee White, Brennen Borries, Kyerlan Kaski, Adalin Johnson, Tucker Hamm

**DECEMBER SOM:** Character trait for December is "Compassion."

**2ND GRADE:** Kylee Hamilton, Kaleb Roth, Jacob Paule, Eleanor Torno, Matilda Bergstrom

**3RD GRADE:** Madison Granum, Colter Jundt, Faith Vanderpol, Ellesye Williams, Hailey Ahlstrom, Eleanor Nondorf, Zack Bone,  
Logan Lockhart

**4TH GRADE:** Paisley Clark, Connor Kile, Maelee Schaeffer, Taylor Grover, Ayla Swanson, Miranda Rude

## School Board Policies

### Attendance Policy

In accordance with school law, elementary and middle school students are expected to regularly attend school for the entire term.

Absences other than excused absences shall be considered truancy. Excessive absenteeism shall be defined as exceeding ten (10) days per school year for any reason. If a condition of excessive absenteeism occurs, the principal shall provide the parents/guardians with written notice of the school's concern. If absenteeism continues, legal authorities will be notified, unless it has been determined that the excessive absenteeism is for reasons beyond the control of the parent and/or student. (i.e. Illness and/or hospitalization).

Failure to attend school regularly and failure to make up required work are factors which will be considered in determining the promotion or retention of elementary and middle school students.



### **District Mission**

"To Build Knowledge and Skills for Success Today and Tomorrow"

### **Our Vision:**

"Meade School District will work in conjunction with its community to provide excellent academics and co-curricular activities that develop life-long learners and productive citizens."

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