



The Informer

March



Wonewoc-Center School News – 2009

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STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FOR FEBRUARY

Ms. Noll, Principal

High School
Jessica J.

Junior High
Cole H.

Elementary

K- Kaden S., K-Lindsay P.
1- Dawson M., 1/2 - Kendra W.
2- Andrew J., 3- Garrett N.
4- Lyndon N., 5- Baily M.
6- Kylie R.

MR. KEENAN'S COMMENTS Mascot Changes

As many in the community have already heard, there is a bill going through the state legislature that will ban public schools in Wisconsin from using any race based logos, mascots, or team names. Thirty-eight schools will be affected by this bill, including Wonewoc-Center Schools. Even though our school has proudly had "Indian" as our mascot, it is time to change, and, if we do not make this change ourselves, it will be forced upon us. As a part of a proactive plan, the National Honor Society, Student Council, and Eighth Grade Leadership Team have created a committee to discuss the issue of changing our mascot and to generate a plan of action concerning this issue. A committee of approximately eighteen students will be forming a plan that will include a school and community survey and, ultimately, a vote for the new school mascot. This process is just beginning for these students. There will be more news of what is happening as the committee steps forward to bringing a closure to being the Wonewoc-Center Indians and opening a new door to another mascot.

WE ARE STARS!!

Mrs. Zimmerman

We are stars! Ms. Klein from WKBT Channel 8 out of LaCrosse visited Mrs. Z's classroom to check out the cool web-cam that we use while Tucker N. is in the hospital. Mrs. Hineman and Mrs. Zimmerman's classes joined together for Circle Time to visit with Tucker and read a Dr. Seuss book. Mr. Needham, Mrs. Needham, Tucker N., Chase N., Dawson M., and Mrs. Z were all interviewed. It will be broadcasted on March 17th at 6:00 and then replayed the next morning at 6:30. We miss Tucker so much and it is so great of the school district to allow us to stay in touch with him via the web-cam. Thank you Mrs. Lindsey and Mr. Chute for your technological help in making this possible.

HEAD START OPEN HOUSE

Wonewoc Head Start will be having an Open House on March 1 4-7 and March 13 8-12. We will have activities for the children and snacks. Please join us and check out our classroom!! We are accepting enrollment applications for children for the 2009-2010 school year. Wonewoc Head Start is a pre-school program serving children ages 3-5 in the Elroy-Wonewoc area. Head Start is a federal or state funded program with no charge to families. Wonewoc Head Start is located in the lower level of the Wonewoc-Center School and is part of the Early Learning Center. Meals and transportation are provided. Children can be dually enrolled in Head Start and 4K programs. Head Start also offers a home-base program. For more information please call Carmen, 464-3500 or stop in and pick up an application.

WONEWOC-CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUR-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NIGHT

Thursday, March 26
3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Located in the Kindergarten and
4K Classrooms

Children must be 4 or 5 on, or before,
September 1, 2009

If you did not receive a letter notifying
you about registration night, please call the
elementary office at 464-3165, ext. 119.

MRS. BEEMAN'S THIRD GRADE NEWS

On February 18, our class made breakfast for Mr. Keenan, Ms. Noll and ten other staff members. We served pancakes, sausage, orange juice, milk and coffee. This was a great time for the students to practice their manners and serving skills. The breakfast was a success and we did great!



On the same day we had our invention contest. Every year Mrs. Louis, our Gifted and Talented coordinator, comes to our Third grade classroom and explains inventions and the contest for third graders only. The week prior to our contest we learn about other inventors and discuss options for our own. We had several inventions this year. All our inventors are winners. Jace and Noah went to Cashton to share their inventions with other third grade winners; they also saw a real inventor. Be sure to read Mrs. Louis's article and see some pictures.

We would like to thank Mrs. Louis for taking time out of her busy schedule to help our third graders. We would also like to thank Mr. Keenan and Ms. Noll for coming to see our inventions.



TITLE I

Mrs. Urban and Mrs. Zirk

TIPS for parents of Kindergartners

Play with letters, words, and sounds! Having fun with language helps your child learn to crack the code of reading. The tips below offer some fun ways you can help your child become a happy and confident reader. Try a new tip each week. See what works best for your child.

Say silly tongue twisters. Sing songs, read rhyming books, and say silly tongue twisters. These help kids become sensitive to the sounds in words.

Read it and experience it. Connect what your child reads with what happens in life. If reading a book about animals, relate it to your last trip to the zoo.

Use your child's name. Point out the link between letters and sounds. Say, "John, the word *jump* begins with the same sound as your name. *John, jump.* And they both begin with the same letter, J."

Play with puppets. Play language games with puppets. Have the puppet say, "My name is Mark. I like words that rhyme with my name. Does *park* rhyme with *Mark*? Does *ball* rhyme with *Mark*?"

Trace and say letters. Have your child use a finger to trace a letter while saying the letter's sound. Do this on paper, in sand, or on a plate of sugar.

Let your child choose. Even easy books are ok. Allowing your child to choose his or her own books builds confidence and independence.

Play sound games. Practice blending sounds into words. Ask "Can you guess what this word is? *m - o - p.*" Hold each sound longer than normal.

Watch my lips. This may feel odd at first, but ask your child to watch your lips and mouth while you speak. Have your child think about how his or her own lips and tongue move. Say, "Can you feel how your mouth moves the same way at the beginning of the words *mouse*, *mom*, and *man*?"

MRS. HINEMAN'S FIRST GRADE NEWS

Wow! How time flies when we're learning, working and doing. We have had so much snow we definitely had to make snowmen. No, not out of snow but big tubes. They're above everyone's heads; wearing hats, mittens, and boots to remind everyone to bring them daily. To make January and February fly fast, we had a snow day at school. That was really fun. We started out the morning by making "Bread in a Bag." We measured all the ingredients, put it in a zip lock bag, kneaded it, and let it rise. Meantime to make the time go faster we went outside with Ms. Hineman to have races sliding down the hill. Then we played "Follow the Leader" around the playground and equipment. Out to the softball field it was really fun. No one had been out there to make any tracks everyone took care of that. Ms. Hineman showed everyone how to make snow angels. Then everyone went out to make their own. What fun! By then everyone went in to check on our bread resting and rising and then off to a nice cold movie called "Ice Age." What a day! Thank you Mrs. Zimmerman for the idea, and Ms. Hineman for

the outside activities. Oh yes, and our bread turned out great!!

Wonewoc Public Library and FEMA sponsored a fun and very informative puppet show dealing with the fears of this past summer's flooding. Great job Wonewoc Public Library—we really enjoyed it!

We had a few four-legged visitors this past month also. Ethan's mom brought in his pet cat Sophie who didn't like school very much. Hunter's mom brought in two of their new little puppies. They were so soft, fluffy and cute, we didn't want them to leave. Jacob's mom brought in his gecko. We learned a lot about them. A big thank you to the mom's for taking time to share with us.

February 2nd had us predicting the groundhog's visit. I believe our predictions were half and half. I'm sure we'll still have a little more winter and spring will be just around the corner.

February brought us a Valentine Party and 100 Days of School, both on the same day. We had many fun activities for both. First Graders made a 100 Day name quilt and we're in the process of scrolling numbers way past 100.

Everyone is reading, reading, and reading some more. One hundred one days came and went. Girls and boys both enjoyed picking up a book to read, especially the 101 Dalmation easy readers, then of course there is the 102 Dalmation story, too.

All the first graders made a super 100 Day Project and were so happy with their \$100 bill bookmark they received for bringing in their project.

So much for January and February. What do you suppose will happen during March?



"100" DAY ACTIVITIES

by Ms. Hineman

We had one super morning of 100 Day activities. Mrs. Jacobson's, Mrs. Zimmerman's, Mrs. Hineman's and my class started out the day by dividing into little groups, going to the gym and reading over 100 books. We lined them all up across the gym floor to see how far they would go.

Then off to our little group sessions for some great fun. In Mr. Z's room students built sculptures with 100 marshmallows and toothpicks. In Mrs. Jacobson's room students played a dice game up to 100 and tried to grab 100 pennies with one hand. In Mrs. Zirk's and Ms. Messer's room students made over 100 valentines for nursing homes and in Mrs. Hineman's room students graphed their favorite cookie, which was Oreo of course. In my room students made handprints and had to think of 100 things they liked about going to Wonewoc-Center and played BINGO. Oh yes we ended the morning juggling over 100 balloons in the gym and then popping them. What a morning! Thank you teachers for helping to make this morning possible.



SECOND GRADE NEWS

Ms. Hineman

Is it really March already??? In second grade we have been so busy in February. Groundhog's Day, Chinese New Year, Abe Lincoln's birthday, Valentine's Day, 100th day!!! And those are just the special days!

For the week of the Chinese New year the 2nd graders used Tangram puzzles in math, used chopsticks at snack time and made dragons. We also looked at the Chinese Zodiac and wrote about whether we thought our animal described each of us or not. For Groundhog's Day, we shared a reader's theatre experience with Mrs. Zimmerman's 1st and 2nd graders.

In addition to participating in the K-2 100th Day Challenge, the second graders also began writing a list of "100 Things to See and Do." We tried to look for things we would like to do soon and things that may come much later in our lives. Each list is very different and contains ideas like: Go to the Grand Canyon, Visit my cousin in West Virginia, Pet a dolphin, Go camping with my dad, See a real eagle, Go swimming at Great Wolf, Go on the second grade bike trip, etc. We will be bringing these home soon. We also each made a 100 Day Project. Second Grade projects are expected to go above and beyond counting and grouping 100th things like they did in Kindergarten and first grade. We try to have more than one area of learning. Second graders are encouraged to find something in their favorite subject area. Here are some of the awesome projects:

Hannah- "I rolled a dice 100 times and tallied the results."

Dathaniel- "I wrote a 100 day song and sang it for the class!"

Zach- "I made a t-shirt with 100 dots on it and wrote a silly story about where all the dots came from."

Paige- "I wrote a story about a puppy coming to visit on the 100th day of school."

Alyssa- "I found 100 animal pictures and labeled them all in a book!"

Marcelo- "I wrote a book about 100 synonyms or words that mean the same thing. It was a lot of work."

Melissa- "I found a cookie recipe. I re-wrote it to make enough for 100 people and then brought some to school to share."

Dani- "I wrote and sang a song about ways to make 100."

Vanessa and Katelynn- "We each made a T-shirt to wear on the 100th day. Then, we made 100 cookies to share."

Andrew- "I made a t-shirt to wear on the 100th day of school!"

Taylor- "I made a huge dragon. Then, I grouped 100 stickers to decorate him!"

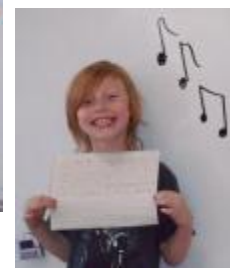
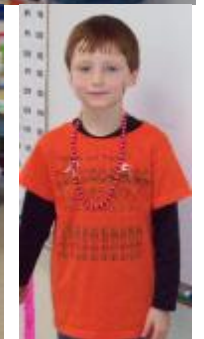
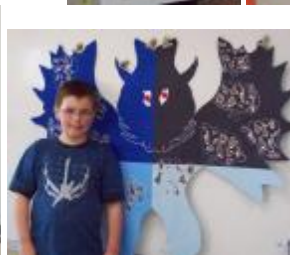
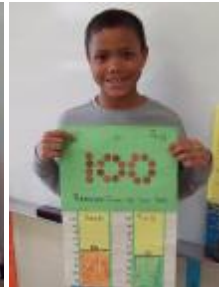
Jade- "I wrote a poem/song to share."

Tanner- "I flipped a penny 100 times. Then I graphed my results."

Samantha- "I used 100 Popsicle sticks and made stars. Then I made them into a mobile."

Brooklyn- "I made a t-shirt with math problems and all of my friend's names on it."

We had 7 second graders meet their reading goal in February! These Reading Stars have what it takes to become the best they can be!! Keep reading!!!



WHAT'S KOOKIN' IN KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Roloff

Hey, there! I've seen you before! J
Wondering what's happening inside our door.
Well, I see another month has already gone by,
So, I'll tell you about what we've done--and why. J
Ground Hog's Day came so we all took a guess
If he'd see his shadow or not was our test.
Some wanted more winter with all of the snow,
But most want to see spring with all that will grow! J
The library down town had a special puppet show;
We went to learn about disasters and where we should go
If a tornado or hurricane--its face should show.
We are comparing groups to see which is less, which is more,
So we do not get cheated when we go to the store. J
Money is important all through our life
We will use it often, whether we're husband or wife.
Counting by 2's, 5's, and 10's—
Then starting all over and doing it again! J
We WILL learn how! Let's make that clear!
(We will, we will... if it takes all year!)
Speaking of counting... we loved the projects for the 100th Day!
There were stickers and buttons and worms coming our way! J
We counted each project by the way it was made--
Thanks to the parents who did as they were bade.
We had fun on that day, which went so fast!
And the Valentine party, too, didn't seem to last.
Symmetrical mittens we hung in our room
To review a concept that really did zoom!
Talking about being honest and never to lie
Is a hard one for youngsters to learn by and by.
Consequences are tougher if the lying is done,
So teach your child to tell the truth number one! J
Presidents Day and birthdays for two--
Lincoln and Washington- with much more to do!
They appear on some money--both coins and a bill...
Do YOU know which? Seeing it gives us a thrill! J
Reading continues--everywhere it is found...
Words flood our life, so we need every sound!
Lots of blending the letters, initial--and then--
We looked at the middle and finally, the end! J
Mrs. Baker had a lesson we all could afford.:
By concentrating on work, we'd be done--our reward! J
So now you have had another trip along with me
For another month--give your child another hug--just from me!! J



READ ACROSS AMERICA OR DR. SEUSS WEEK

March 2-6, 2009

The week of March 1st was Read Across America Week, or as some call it, Dr. Seuss Week. How could you not celebrate in the library?

On Monday, March 2, Wonewoc Board President, Mr. Jennings signed a proclamation resolving that the Village of Wonewoc endorses "Read Across America" Week and commits our community to be involved with programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.

Also on Monday, the elementary students were treated to some stories by story teller, Ms. Visqer. She captured everyone's attention with her special method of telling a story. Her whole body and voice really got into telling the stories. She stressed how her storytelling begins with reading, and encouraged the students to READ!

All week long there were special dress up days, a trivia contest, a book exchange and in the library and computer lab there were all kinds of books, videos and activities centered around the wonderful world of Dr. Seuss.

On Monday, students were treated to Dr. Seuss Birthday Cake for lunch, and on Wednesday, the elementary students tried out green eggs and ham for lunch.

Wednesday during parent teacher conferences, various Dr. Seuss videos were shown for students and parents in the library media center.

A big thank you to all the teachers, staff and students who participated in this fun week, and for celebrating reading.

Monday, March 2

Inside-out day

Tuesday, March 3

Hat/Shades day

Wednesday, March 4

Pajama and stuffed animal day

Thursday, March 5

Wacky hair day

Friday, March 6

Sneetches day - (wear a yellow shirt with or without a star on your belly) (if you still have your yellow shining star shirt, that would work great)



Kevin Jennings signs the Reading Proclamation



Story teller Ms. Visqer



Mrs. Chipman reading Seuss stories



Kindergarteners make good Sneetches



First grade on hat and shades day



Third grade on wacky hair day



Kindergarten on pajama day



First Grade on pajama day

3rd GRADE INVENTION FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS!

By Mrs. Louis

The 3rd grade class took on a big challenge in February to invent something that has never been invented before! Six students took on the challenge and on Wednesday, February 18th they shared their inventions in front of a team of judges. High school students, Tyler T., Tammy C., and Ron S. said they were really impressed by all the different ideas for inventions! In the end the winners were announced:

Jace R. was announced the winner with his “Armed Shovel” invention! Jace thought about people that might be handicapped or elderly, that need help shoveling their snow. His invention added an “arm” to the shovel with a wheel attached to it. This would make it easier for people that might not have two arms or strength in their arms to shovel snow. His invention would make snow removal a lot easier!

Noah S. was declared the Runner-Up with his “Rebound It” invention! This is a FUN game that any basketball player would love to have! In his game, red mats are placed in an arc just a little further out than right under the basket. Then black mats are placed on the outside of the red ones. To play, each player stands at least one giant step outside both arcs. Player #1 shoots the ball and then all players run to the mats and reach up to the basket. If you are on a red mat when the ball hits the rim you score 2 points. That would be a great place to be able to get a rebound in a REAL game! If you are on a black mat when the ball hits the rim you get 1 point. If you actually rebound the ball, you get 3 points. This is a great invention to help basketball players work on their rebounding skills.

Other students participating in the Invention Fair and their inventions:

Danyelle F. – Sleep-Tite Sleeper – This invention had Danyelle designing a sleeping bag with pockets built right in to hold a flashlight, an i-pod, a water bottle, a book to read, and your toothpaste & toothbrush. All the comforts of home right inside your very own personally decorated sleeping bag!

MaKayla S. – Hurries – Have you ever had trouble finding your socks when you’re in a hurry? Well, this invention has your socks attached to the bottom of your pants! No matter how rushed you are in the morning, you’ll always have your socks to put on right along with your pants!

Amber B. – Catch A Pet – Using one of her dad’s ice fishing poles, Amber attached a “cat toy” to the end of the line for her invention. Every time you cast your line, the ball goes flying, and the cat goes running after it! This is a great way to entertain your cat and practice your casting technique at the same time!

Abby E. – Hot Beverage Warmer – Abby’s grandmother always complained that her coffee got cold in her coffee cup, before she was finished with it. Abby’s idea for her invention was to fill a heavy sock with rice, sew it shut, and heat it up in the microwave. Then she puts this sock in a special little box, and when you put your coffee cup in the box, the heated sock keeps your hot beverage nice and warm for a long time!

Jace and Noah went on to represent Wonewoc-Center at the Regional 3rd Grade Invention Fair held in Cashton on February 24th. This event is sponsored each year by the Mississippi Valley Gifted & Talented Network. Over 75 other 3rd grade students from 13 school districts were in attendance to share their wonderful inventions!

To top it off, they were able to meet a “real” inventor, Mr. Harter, who shared with all of our 3rd grade inventors, how to get a “patent” and how to sell their invention to a merchandising company. You can check out his website for more information: bobharter.com



CONGRATULATIONS to all our inventors on a job well done!

KC SPELLING AND MATH CONTEST

These are the winners of the Knights of Columbus Spelling and Math contest for grades 5-8. They competed with other school districts and received the following awards: 5th grade: Lane W.-2nd Spelling; 6th grade: Carly S.-1st Math & Ashley S.-1st Spelling; 7th grade: Adam S.-2nd Math; 8th grade: Dalton Y.-3rd Math, Emma J.-1st Spelling & Gabe B.-3rd Spelling. Congratulations and Good Job!



Board of Education Meeting
February 16, 2009
Wonewoc-Center High School Library
7:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Rogers at 7:29 p.m. Members present: Rogers, Trodahl, Miller, Laack, Preston, Woolever and Dieck.

Motion by Miller, second by Preston, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Proper notice verification was given by District Administrator Keenan.

Motion by Laack, second by Woolever, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting(s): January 19, 2009 regular meeting and the closed session minutes of January 19, 2009. Motion carried.

Motion by Preston, second by Laack, to approve voucher checks # 52701 - #52832 in the amount of \$205,603.52, payroll taxes (manual checks/ACH) #200940 - #200944 in the amount of \$70,192.39, payroll checks #23243- #23312 in the amount of \$49,008.79, direct deposits #4179 - #4252 in the amount of \$77,330.76, and the student activity account #10017 - #10039 in the amount of \$11,839.44. Motion carried.

Motion by Preston, second by Laack, to approve the treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

Public forum-

Discussion-

Guidance Counselor Mrs. Nemeč Highlighted the "Guiding, Shaping, Preparing" handout.

Board members who attended the State Convention gave their reports.

Principal Noll reported that there are 44 candidates for graduation. Valedictorian-Melinda B., Salutatorian-Jessica L..

District Administrator Keenan reported on the 2009-2011 Biennial Budget and the upcoming Rural School Symposium.

Action-

Motion by Trodahl, second by Preston, to approve the Spring Coaching contracts- Softball-Mrs. Ertel, Baseball- Mr. Howe, Track-Ms. Hembd and Mr. Rueckheim. Motion Carried.

Motion by Preston, second by Trodahl, to go into closed session at 8:13 p.m. Board polled unanimously.

Motion by Miller, second by Preston, to go out of closed session at 9:21 p.m. Board polled unanimously.

Motion by Miller, second by Preston to roll up Principal Noll's contract for two years. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, second by Woolever, to adjourn at 9:22 p.m. Motion carried.

Mrs. Dieck, Clerk

PLEASE NOTE
Board Meetings are the
3rd Monday of every month.

Financial Report

February 2009 Receipts \$974,247.22
February 2009 Disbursements \$406,117.23

A detailed report of receipts and disbursements is available in the district office at request.