



Dalton Elementary Newsletter



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- ☺ I Noticed You Awards
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It is hard to believe that 2009 is right around the corner. November and December have been very busy at Dalton Elementary, which must be why it seemed the months went by so fast! I hope that all parents had the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher during parent conferences. Conferences are a great way to keep up to date on classroom expectations and student achievement while providing us with feedback on your child's needs. It is very important to keep the lines of communication open.

It has been great to have our new drop-off loop open. Thank you for your patience during its construction. For everyone's safety, please remember to pull up to the curb on the right hand side when using the loop and dropping off your children. The left lane is only for those exiting the loop.

When the children return from the holiday break, those in grades three through five will be getting ready to take the New York State English Language Arts Test. These exams will be given the week of January 12th. More information will be sent home after vacation.

I hope that all students and their families have a safe and happy holiday vacation!

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Elementary Principal

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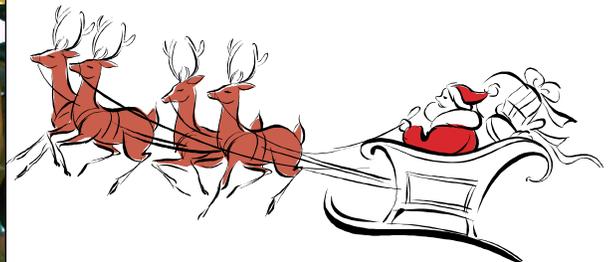
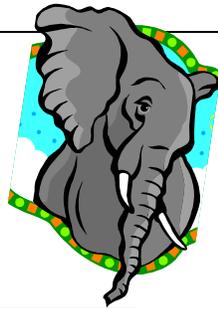


Kindergarten

The Kindergarten classes completed a unit about the five senses.

The boys and girls participated in hands on experiences for each of the five senses. Some of their favorites were experimenting with mixing colors, tasting sweet, sour, and salty foods, identifying the source of various sounds, feeling and naming textured objects, and making animal nose masks.

The students in Mrs. Randall's class are pictured with animal noses.



Kindergarten

Fifth Grade Journal Helpers

Everyday a handful of fifth graders visit Mrs. Snyder's classroom and Mrs. Forrester's and Mrs. Macomber's classroom to help out with journals. The older students help develop topic ideas and check journals when they are done for spelling and punctuation. Both kindergarteners and fifth graders alike learn from this experience. The adults are very impressed with the kind, caring nature of our older students. Meet our fifth grade helpers:

Mrs. Forrester's and Mrs. Macomber's Journal Helpers



Abby Wood

Favorite Part of Her Visits: Abby likes to come to kindergarten and visit the children. She loves to help them sound out words in their journal.

Hobbies: Abby likes to read. She also likes to play volleyball and basketball. She enjoys cheerleading, as well.

School Activities: Abby is a member of the 5th grade chorus and select chorus. She is in art club. Outside of school, Abby is a Girl Scout.

Favorite Subject in School: Abby enjoys science and math.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Abby wants to be a veterinarian when she grows up or a photographer.

Mary Columbo

Favorite Part of Her Visits: Mary enjoys seeing the children each morning. She loves to hear their funny stories and the silly things they say.

Hobbies: Mary likes to read. She also likes to play soccer and basketball. She enjoys cheerleading, as well.

School Activities: Mary is a member of the 5th grade chorus and band. She is in art club and hopes to become a member of Keshequa Elementary's Mock Trial.

Favorite Subject in School: Mary enjoys science and social studies.

What do you want to be when you grow up? Mary would like to work with animals in an animal shelter or work with children in a day care/ nursery school.

Mrs. Snyder's Journal Helpers



Hannah Moriarty

School Activities: Band, Page Turners

Favorite Subject: ELA (Reading)

Hobbies: skiing, horseback riding, swimming, hiking and reading

What is your favorite part of visiting kindergarten?: "Getting to meet all of the kids."

What do you want to be when you grow up?: "college professor"



Austin Galton

School Activities: Student Council, Bible Club, Band

Favorite Subject: gym

Hobbies: skiing, baseball, soccer and wrestling

What is your favorite part of visiting kindergarten?: "Helping out the kindergarteners."

What do you want to be when you grow up?: "a doctor or a teacher"



Amelia Borgus

School Activities: Art Club, All County Chorus, Select Chorus, 5th Grade Chorus, Band

Favorite Subject: Social Studies

Hobbies: dancing, singing, soccer and softball

What is your favorite part of visiting kindergarten?: "I like helping with the little kids."

What do you want to be when you grow up?: "a dancer"



Rachel Bugman

School Activities: Band, Chorus, Art Club

Favorite Subject: Math

Hobbies: soccer, swimming

What is your favorite part of visiting kindergarten?: "signing everybody's journal."

What do you want to be when you grow up?: "professional soccer player"



Dylan Lew

Favorite Subject: Gym and Math

Hobbies: sports - baseball, hockey, basketball, soccer, snow boarding

What is your favorite part of visiting kindergarten?: "correcting mistakes in journals."

What do you want to be when you grow up?: "sports player (probably baseball)"

Second Grade News



Mrs. Downey's class is getting ready to perform a play on December 19th for their families. It is called The True Meaning of the Holidays.



The children wrote the play themselves and worked very hard.



Mrs. Downey is very proud of them.

Way to go kids!



More Second Grade News

Mrs. Ellis' class has enjoyed additional lessons with Miss Paulman for the past two months. She is a practicing teacher from SUNY Geneseo who successfully completed her first placement at Penfield.

Miss Paulman shared her technological strengths with our class. We now have a Web site set up! Also our students are able to practice weekly spelling words on line at home by registering on Spelling City.com. And we were most excited about her lesson on the "Promethean Board" in the computer lab (as shown in the photo). The children learned about the similarities and differences of other cultural celebrations at Christmas time like Hanukkah, Kwanza and Navidad. It was very informative and interesting to our children. They learned a great deal of new vocabulary, too.

Miss Paulman had a wonderful way of reaching and teaching our children.

She will be sadly missed as she completes her time with us on Dec. 16. We will remember her and all she shared with us. Hopefully we will be able to keep in touch with her as she goes on to complete her Masters work at the University of Buffalo. We wish Miss Paulman all the best at Christmas time and throughout her teaching career. She has a great deal to offer children and is a super addition to the profession of teaching!

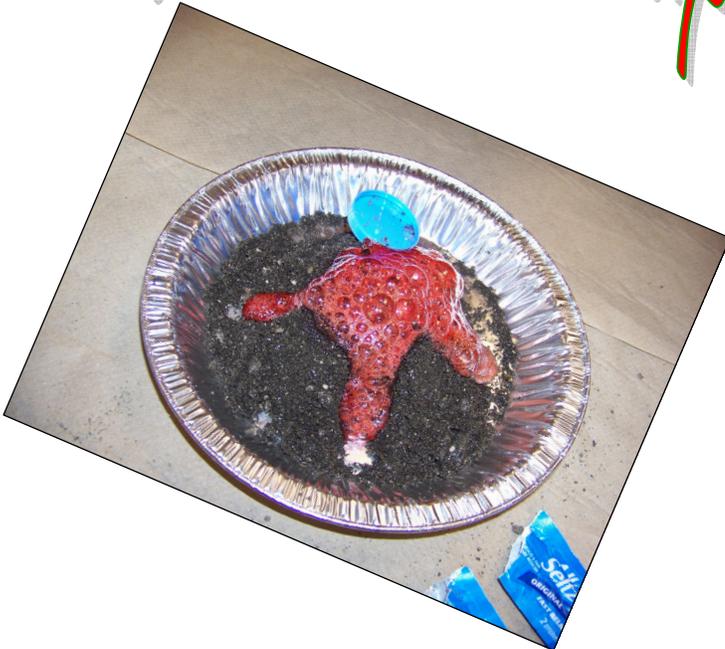


Student Council Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner Photos

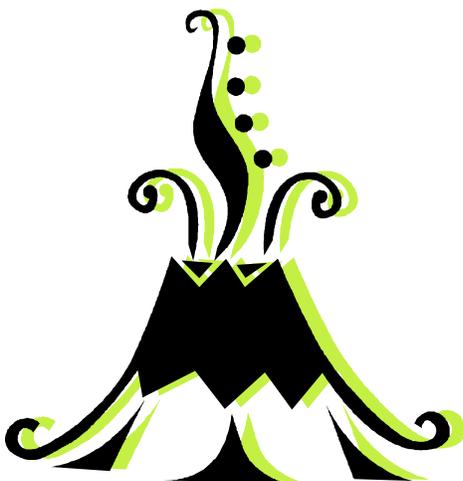


Fifth Grade News

Volcanoes Erupt in 5th Grade!

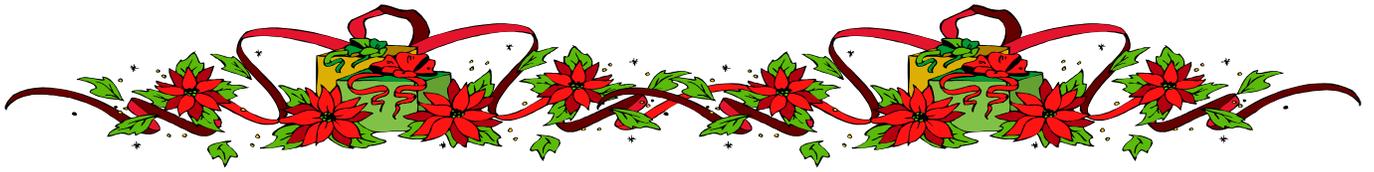


What better way to learn about volcanoes than to make one yourself? At the end of our Science unit entitled "Changes to Earth's Surface" fifth grade students simulated a volcano using potting soil, antacid, corn syrup, and red food coloring (for the effect, of course). We quickly saw how magma would ooze through the vent of a volcano and as we watched the volcano's lava continue to spread, we thought about how important it would be for people living near active volcanoes to be prepared and have a plan in case of a real eruption! What a fun way to end the unit!





From The Art Room



This year has really flown by, and winter is definitely here with the holidays close at hand. I would like to take this time to wish all of my colleagues in our faculty, staff, and administration, as well as students and their families a wonderful holiday season and peaceful, happy and healthy new year!

Here is a continuation of the article from the October newsletter. I hope you are enjoying these informative data-based articles regarding the benefits of art education for our children.

What is Gained by Exposure to the Arts?

Arts education is not about public support for the arts, but about learning, learning both in the arts and about one's self. - *Arts Education Policy Review, 1996*

Educational Reform

The arts are essential to the education of all children and a comprehensive education in the arts (visual arts, dance, music, and theater) provides a powerful means of engaging children in learning and improving student achievement. The arts help teach students many skills they need to succeed in life. - *Official Policy Resolution, 63rd Annual Conference of Mayors, 1995*

The process of studying and creating art in all of its distinct forms defines those qualities that are at the heart of education reform in the 1900s- creativity, perseverance, a sense of standards, and above all, a striving for excellence. - *U.S. Secretary of Education, Richard Riley, 1995*

Students of the arts continue to outperform their non-arts peers on the Scholastic Assessment Test, according to the College Entrance Examination Board. In 1995, SAT scores for students who studied the arts more than four years scored 59 points higher on the verbal and 44 points higher on the math portion than students with no course, work or experience in the arts. - *The College Board, Profile of SAT and Achievement Test Takers, 1995*

In schools almost everything is focused on individual work; in the work place almost everything happens collaboratively. The arts are capable of bridging this transition as they encourage both individuality and group interaction. - *How We Think and Learn, 1992*

Arts for Learning, Arts for Life!!!

Source: *Advocacy Information Provided by New York State Alliance for Arts Education, P.O. Box 2217 • Albany, NY 12220 • 800 ARTS.N.ED • WWW.NYSAAE.ORG*



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November

GARRETT SZULEWSKI
BROOKE BORDEN
CHAD CURRY
IAN GABY
PAYTON POWERS
RAYCHAEL PALMER
MASON GEENS
HAYDEN STROBEL
DYLAN DEATON
JOE DWYER
RILEY REASE
TONY JEFFORDS
ELIZABETH CASSIDY
ZACHARY GROVER
KYLE GALTON
BROOKE SHULTZ
CHASE ELWOOD
PATRICK WOOD
BRETT PARSONS
PAIGE MCKERROW
LAYNE PAYNE
TRAVIS COTTON
HENRY SCHIANO

December

HANNAH OSTRANDER
GREGORY SHEARING
CALEB BUCHINGER
CRAIG DOTY-MANN
JOCELYN PARTHEMER
KAITLYN KNAPP
COLLYN WHITE
NICHOLAS WOOD
LIZA BLOWERS
BRYCE BORDEN
COLBY SHARP
KYLE GALTON
DENA E RATHBUN
NICKOLAS FORCE
ALICIA PARTHEMER
CHRISTINA GADDY
TUCKER SANFORD
JUSTIN WISE
BRETT PARSONS
KAYLA DARDEN
BILL MEHLENBACHER
AUSTIN GROVER

Lower Level Page Turners off to a Great Start

By Joan Ellison

The 2008-2009 Page Turners team worked hard to get ready for its first competition which was held on December 12th at Letchworth Central School. Team members read books from the official Page Turners list and then wrote questions about what they read. The list contained many genres of books such as poetry, science fiction, mysteries, biographies and non-fiction. The books were also at many different reading levels. The students, who are in grades 3-5, met every other week after school to practice for the competition. Once at the competition they were asked questions about the books and it was amazing how much they remembered! They competed against schools from Dansville, Letchworth, Wayland, and Cohocton. At the end of a tight competition the team is currently in fourth place.

The team members are: Christina Adams, Liam Costello, Danielle Dean, Julia Howell, Cheyenne James, Allegra Learn, Tami Lovell, Hannah Moriarty, Kyrstin Rawleigh, Lauren Simmons, Nicole Simone, Cassandra Szuluski, Garrett Thompson, Sylvia Thompson, Savannah Vasile, Lillian Willett and Hannah Wood.

The next competition will be in April. They will have a new list of books to read. The score from the December competition will be added to the score of the April competition and whichever team has the highest score will go to the finals in May or June. Congratulations team. Keep up the good work.

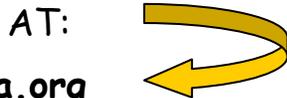


Five Dalton Students Will Go To Livonia All-County Conference

The top ten singers from surrounding school districts (5 fifth graders and 5 sixth graders) will have the privilege to participate in the All-County Conference to be held in February at Livonia Central School. Mrs. C. Sanford is proud to announce the following fifth graders who have been accepted into the Elementary All-County Chorus:

- William Rich
 - Nicole Simone
 - Kelsey Holley
 - Kathryn Gelser
 - Amelia Borgus
- Congratulations, kids.*

Visit your child's teacher's web site and get information on what is happening in their class.



- * www.keshequa.org
- * Dalton Web Pages
- * Select your teacher



IN OCTOBER

Since October's Newsletter was distributed before the Halloween Parade, here are a few pictures.

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December Happenings

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- 12/15 MS Band/HS Chorus Concert—Nunda
- 12/15 Santa's Gift Shop
- 12/16 Santa's Gift Shop
- 12/17 Santa's Gift Shop
- 12/18 2nd Grade Field Trip
- 12/18 Merry Go Round Theatre Grades 3,4 & 5
- 12/19 2nd Grade Play
- 12/22 HS Chorus Assembly Pre-K—5th at 9:00 am
- 12/23 Kindergarten Christmas Program
- 12/24—01/04 No School