



Cook County Schools - ISD #166

The Viking Voice Monthly

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Thank You for Reading to Us!

A big "thank you" to Ms. Erika from the Grand Marais Public Library. She is reading to Kindergarten students on Friday Fun days twice a month. Ms. Erika will find specific books related to content the students are learning each week.



Kindergarten Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for 2020-21 kindergarten families on Thursday, April 2nd at 5:30 pm, Join us for a multimedia presentation about the excellent education your child will receive at Sawtooth Mountain Elementary School. At this meeting, administration and the current kindergarten teachers will share information about our small class sizes, aligned curriculums for mathematics, reading, writing and language arts, our licensed specialist teachers (physical education, music, art), our World Language program, our elementary library, our use of technology to enhance instruction, our school garden, school forest trail systems, and Winter Wonderland. Please plan to enter through the Main Entrance door and follow the signs to the Sawtooth Media Center. Free childcare will be available. Please RSVP for childcare by March 31st. For more information and to RSVP contact Lacey Smith lsmith@isd166.org 387-2271 ext. 455 or Autumn Hood ahood@isd166.org 387-2271 ext 457



School Drop Off and Pick Up

Parents/Guardians, please **do not** park along the yellow curb in front of the school to wait to pick up your child or to drop off in the morning. We have experienced a lot of traffic congestion because of parked vehicles in front of our school. Please find a parking spot in our lot if you are dropping off or waiting for your child after school or an event. Parking on the yellow curb or a non-parking spot makes it impossible for other cars to get through our lot.



Thank you for helping keep our parking lot safe and accessible to all.

Lyric Opera of North Visits Sawtooth

LOON sent their traveling division (Little Opera of the North) to perform an adaptation of Jules Massenet's "Cinderella." Some of our Kindergarten and First Grade students were able to perform with the professional cast that day and did a great job as Cinderella's mice and later as guests at the royal ball. Cast members were very impressed at the way Sawtooth student performers knew their parts. That same afternoon many classes were able to schedule a visit from performers so that questions could be answered. One of the professional performers did not really sing much before he started college! Middle Schoolers were also told that the most important quality was the desire to sing and improve, not raw talent (obviously also important, but not primary). We were told singing properly is a skill that can be learned.

Because this troupe performed at our school there is a discount available if supporters would like to see the original French version performed this spring in Duluth on either June 12 or June 14. The discount code is "cavaradossi." One BOGO per family is available.

Special thanks to the North Shore Cooperative for providing the funds to make this artistic opportunity possible.



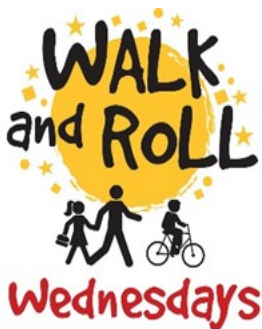
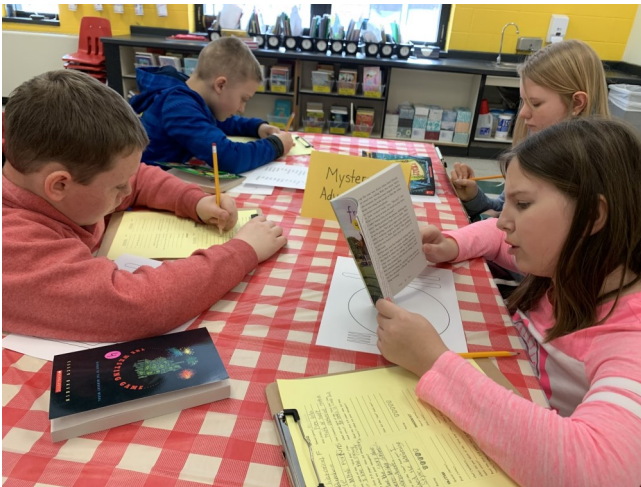
5th Grade News

Ms. Pickett's class has been busy learning about the battles of the American Revolutionary War, and the planning that was involved. Students worked in small groups to recreate versions of Durham boats that were used by General George Washington to cross the Delaware River. They planned, tested, revised, and reflected on boat qualities that General Washington would have looked for to ensure the safety of his troops.



I Love To Read

On February 3rd, Sawtooth Mountain 5th graders kicked off "I Love To Read" month by participating in a book tasting during their language arts class. Students had the opportunity to sample books from a variety of genres in a restaurant-like setting. They will use the information they gathered from their "tastings" to select a book for a math-integrated book report project.



Help your kid(s) join the Safe Routes to School weekly walking group, Walk and Roll Wednesdays, for a chaperoned walk to school! The group follows the SRST Walking School Bus map, alternating starting locations. They leave the scheduled location at 7:30 and walk to ISD 166 and GES. For more information, check their Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/walkandrollwednesdays> or contact Andrea Orest, the SRTS

Coordinator at andrea@sawtoothmountainclinic.org or 387-2330 ext. 110. The group is also looking for parent volunteers! Happy walking!

Schedule:

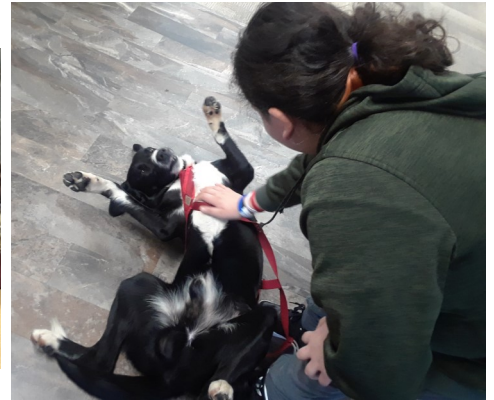
March 4th: West Route
March 11th: Central Route
March 18th: East Route
April 1st: West Route
April 8th: Central Route
April 15th: East Route
April 22nd: West Route
April 29th: Central Route
May 6th: National Bike (or Walk) to School Day-Stay tuned for more information!
May 13th: West Route
May 20th: Central Route
May 27th: East Route

Mrs. Nelson's Students Become Tech Teachers for a Day!

On Monday afternoon, February 24th, a full house and lots of chatter filled the rooms of the Cook County Senior Center. A collaborative effort between Boreal Community Media, Cook County Schools, and the Cook County Senior Center brought in a new group - Ms. Nelson's students! Ms. Nelson's Study Skills students traded in their studies for a new role today: they were the teachers!

Greg Peroutka, a senior at Cook County Schools and Boreal Community Media's technology intern, has been coming to the Senior Center for months, offering free walk-in support. Today was the first day that Mrs. Nelson's amazing students joined him at the event. Community members were lined up waiting to have questions answered on email, mobile devices, Facebook, and many other things.

Students patiently assisted community members with their technical issues as Lisa Bauer, District Technology Director and Sue Nelson were on standby for anyone who needed them. Sue Nelson stated, "I am so proud of my students! They were naturals at being the teacher! Questions about technology from our seniors were answered with clear communication, patience, and friendliness. They put the seniors at ease and the seniors left with less intimidation of and more confidence for using social media, email, and search engines. Just what an invested, caring teacher hopes for! In turn, my students walked away with a confidence boost that will transfer back to the classroom. We truly all are lifelong learners and teachers!"



Instrument Adventures for 3rd and 4th Grade

In February, 3rd grade students started learning their first instrument - the recorder! So far they have learned the notes B, A, and G. They have also connected the rhythms and solfege from their previous units with the instrumental unit like "Ta", "Ta-Di", and "Do, Re, Mi." They're sounding great!

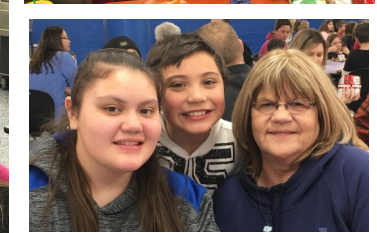
In February, 4th grade students started learning the guitar. They started with some basic chords like Em and D major. They're making fast progress; to date they have also learned G major, E major, C major, and A major! Their next challenge is to play songs that require them to change chords!





Special Lunch is always a Great Time!

Our 3rd grade families enjoyed a Special Lunch with their students! Due to Third grade being the largest elementary class we needed to accommodate all of the families in the cafeteria. During the special lunch the students and family members enjoy a taco lunch as they spend time together. The memories created during this socialization time are priceless. Thank you to the PTA, families, and staff for making this positive event happen.



March 2020 Calendar

Monday, March 2

Boys Basketball Play In Game if needed - TBD
Girls Basketball Semi-Finals @ UMD - TBD

Tuesday, March 3

Spring Sports Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 4

Wolf Ridge - 5th Grade
Middle School Exploratory Day
Boys Varsity Playoff Game @ High
Seed - TBD

Thursday, March 5 - EATS Fundraiser

Wolf Ridge - 5th Grade
Girls Basketball Finals @ UMD - TBD
Robotics Competition in Duluth

Friday, March 6

Wolf Ridge - 5th Grade
Robotics Competition in Duluth

Saturday, March 7

Boys Basketball Quarter Finals @ Hibbing Memorial- TBD
Robotics Competition in Duluth

Tuesday, March 10

4th Grade Special Lunch Day - 11:45 a.m.
High School Band Contest in Duluth

Wednesday, March 11

Boys Basketball Semi Finals @ Hibbing Memorial - TBD

Friday, March 13

Boys Basketball Finals @ Hibbing Memorial- TBD
Seeds of Change Elementary

Thursday, March 19 - End of 3rd Quarter

Friday, March 20 - NO SCHOOL-PDD Day

Monday, March 23-27 - NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 30 - School Resumes



On March 5th, the Cook County Education Foundation will present its 17th annual E.A.T.S. celebration fundraiser. E.A.T.S. (Enriching Academics Through Sustenance) is one of the area's favorite fundraisers. To date over \$189,000 in grants for projects, innovative instruction, co-curricular programs, activities and equipment which supplement and enhance the educational process in Cook County ISD 16 schools.

The event features wonderful food samples from many of our finest local restaurants and food vendors. With only 150 tickets available from the PK-12 offices, Java Moose, the Blue Water Café or an Education Foundation board member—tickets will go quickly at \$25 dollars each. This year we will have a chance to sample elegant salads, Jamaican jerk and raspberry chipotle BBQ chicken wings, tater tot hotdish, vegetarian quiche, reuben sliders, homemade breads, cookies, Swedish cream and more!

When you have made your food selections, be sure to stop in the cafeteria and enjoy your meal to the music offerings of the Cook County School's choir and band.

The highlight of evening is the silent auction that raises funds for funding requests. The items and services donated by local businesses and individuals are exceptional. You will find something for everyone at the auction tables: antiques, books, artwork, fine jewelry, toys, gift certificates from local businesses, and even special baskets full of surprises.

Come early and bid often—pay the cashier the suggested bid amount and take home your find right away!
See you at E.A.T.S. 2020!

Only 150 Tickets will be sold! \$25 dollars each
Tickets available at Java Moose, Blue Water Cafe, Cook County PK-12 offices or from Board members:

Myron Bursheim, Leslie Condon, Gene Erickson, Dave Hanson, Autumn Hood, Marcie McIntire, John Oberholtzer, Karen Obinger, Doug Sanders, Emma Spoon, Ann Sullivan, Sharon Van Ruiswyk

Choir News

Middle School/High School choir members will be performing at EATS on March 5th at 6:00 and a performance at the North Shore Care Center on March 17th at 1:30. Parents and supporters are welcome to attend these events. Tickets can be purchased from the office for the EATS fundraiser which benefits education in our schools and features a variety of performing groups, foods, and a silent auction.

The High School Choir will be participating in the Boundary Waters Choral Festival on March 6th. They will perform with other High School Choirs at the Ely High School at 7:00 p.m. that evening and this event is open to the public.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A&B Lunch - Build your own Cheese Burger with tomatoes, lettuce, onions and pickles, Fries, Fresh Fruit and Milk 2	A Lunch - Orange Chicken, Fried Rice with Egg Roll, B Lunch -Pizza Sticks with <u>marinara</u> sauce, Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Mandarin Oranges and Milk 3	A&B Lunch - Homemade Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Bread Sticks, Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit and Milk 4	A & B Lunch - Chicken Nuggets, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Steamed Carrots, Fruit and Milk 5	A&B Lunch - Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Spinach Mix, Fresh Fruit and Milk 6
A&B Lunch - BBQ Rib Sandwich with tomatoes, lettuce, onions and pickles, Fries, Fresh Fruit and Milk 9	A&B Lunch -Taco in a bag with tomatoes, lettuce, cheese and black beans, Steamed Corn, Pears and Milk 10 4th Grade Special Lunch	A&B Lunch -Homemade Chicken Noodle Soup, Bread Sticks, Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit and Milk 11	A&B Lunch - Turkey Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Steamed Carrots, Fruit and Milk 12	A&B Lunch - Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza, Spinach Mix, Fresh Fruit and Milk 13
A&B Lunch - Build your own Chicken Burger with tomatoes, lettuce, onions and pickles, Fries, Fresh Fruit and Milk 16	A Lunch - Lasagna with Garlic Toast, B Lunch - Pizza Sticks with marinara sauce, Romaine Spinach Mix, Mandarin Oranges and Milk 17	A&B Lunch - Tomato Soup with Bosco Cheese Sticks, Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit and Milk 18	A&B Lunch - Pulled Pork Sandwich, Baby Carrots, Broccoli, Fresh Fruit and Milk 19	NO SCHOOL 20
NO SCHOOL 23	NO SCHOOL 24	NO SCHOOL 25	NO SCHOOL 26	NO SCHOOL 27
A&B Lunch - Build your own Cheese Burger with tomatoes, lettuce, onions and pickles, Fries, Fresh Fruit and Milk 30	A&B Lunch -Taco Nachos with tomatoes, lettuce, cheese and black beans, Steamed Corn, Pears and Milk 31			



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Many Tiny Lights was a beautiful success! Thank you to everyone who donated, and everyone who came out to enjoy the lights and music.



Read-a-thon was a huge success! Students read more than 55,000 minutes – GOOD WORK! Readers earned a pizza party and movie for the whole elementary! And, because they read for so many minutes, they earned a TRICYCLE RACE between Ms. Meyers and Mr. Dorr!

Project Fair is coming again! Thursday, April 2 – details coming soon. All elementary students are invited to participate!



Special Lunches coming up:
4th grade Tues Mar 10th
5th grade Tues Apr 14th

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