

The Salmon Have Returned!



The annual tradition continues...a salmon tank has been set up in the elementary again, stocked with salmon eggs the color of luscious tangerines. We have been watching them for a couple of months now and noticing as the eggs begin to move around and eyes begin to appear. Dan and his friends came back to discuss the salmon life cycle with us and make salmon life cycle bracelets. They were quite impressed with our knowledge of salmon and what we had remembered from last year!



Winter Talent Show

In lieu of a winter program this year, Mr. Dahlman and Mrs. Williamson put together a lovely Fine Arts Talent Show.

The evening started with a clam chowder dinner fundraiser put on by the senior class with various pieces of student art displayed on the walls. After dinner, the show started with a choral performance by the K-2 classes.

After this, a variety of talent acts were offered up. There were break dancers, singers, bucket drummers, pianists, a guitarist and students offering up their original baked goods to the judges.

It was a festive evening enjoyed by many though once again we were made aware of the necessity for a better sound system in the multipurpose room for events such as this. If you weren't sitting right on the floor below the stage you probably couldn't hear much.

Kudos to all the kids who were brave enough to get on stage and share their talents. Many students in

our class did—Jayden, Kristin, Abby, Rylee, Katie, Kelsey, Anna, and Jediah all offered up wonderful solo or duo performances! It sounds like they may be cooking up another show for the spring so if you didn't get signed up in time for the winter show, you might just get another chance.



Jokes to make you laugh (or groan)...

What do you get when you cross a bear with a skunk? *Winnie the Pee-yew!*

What animal has more lives than a cat? *A frog. It croaks every night!*

Why aren't leopards any good at hide and seek? *Because they are always spotted.*

Why can't you play cards in the jungle? *Because of the cheetahs.*

Mrs. Sanders' 1st and 2nd Grade

Classroom

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Jan 7, 14, 21, 28 Early Release 1:50 (Teacher In-service)
- Jan 19 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Jan 21 6:00 Board Meeting
- Jan 30 Title I Winter Festival 5:00-7:00
- Jan 31 Saturday Field Trip Peking Acrobats

What's Been Happening

In December we began a new unit in Writer's Workshop working on informational writing in the form of Lab Reports. We are wearing two hats at once—those of scientists and those of writers. We all worked together on the first experiment to see if a toy car would go further on the carpet or the tables. We wrote our first lab report together which included our question, hypotheses, materials, procedure, results, and conclusion. In the next lesson, students paired up and agreed upon one element to change in the experiment and go through the process again, creating a second lab report on the altered experiment. We will pick up where we left off after break.

In math we dove into measurement and began estimating and measuring with centimeters. We also started looking at 2-D and 3-D shapes. We studied triangles, quadrilaterals (special ones of note being squares and rectangles), pentagons, and hexagons and the differences between them all. We also built paper cubes and rectangular prisms. We will continue with these concepts after winter break.

We finished our Liquids and Solids unit with a fun day of experiments/gift making the Wednesday before break. A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to all the moms and firefighters who came and made this event possible—it definitely wouldn't

have happened without you! The kids had a blast making lip balms, bath bombs, peanut butter chocolates and peppermint chocolates, smoothies and crayons. Our volunteers made the event that would have been utter chaos (Sue was unexpectedly sick that day!) seem "easy peasey lemon squeezy" and the kids were able to share what they have learned about liquids and solids. (I don't know about you, but I still get a kick out of hearing the kids talk about viscous liquids!)

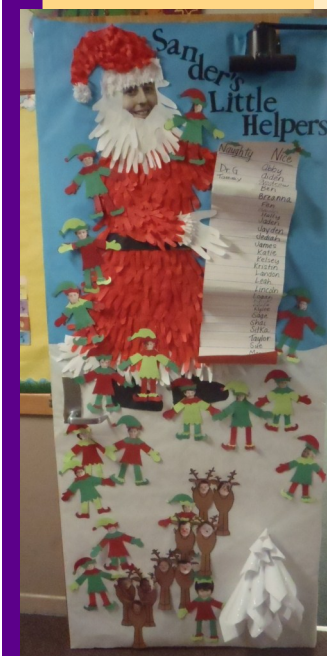
This year the office ladies came up with the idea of a holiday door decorating contest. Every classroom decorated their door with a different winter theme and there were some really creative ideas. We, of course, were partial to ours. It was titled "Sanders' Little Helpers" and I was Sanders Claus (I was born on St. Nicholas' birthday so I don't think he would be totally offended). Each student chose to create an elf or reindeer version of themselves. They also traced their hands (over and over again!) and cut them out to make my red suit and my white beard. And of course, they all went on my Nice list. They did vote to put Dr. G on the Naughty list because "He doesn't listen to his wife. She tells him to put sunscreen on and he doesn't." You have to be careful what you divulge to these little judges with long memories! We didn't win but we had fun!

The new year brings with it a change in the Music/PE schedule. K-2 will now be having 25 minutes of music and 25 minutes of PE on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. On Wednesday and Thursday, they will have 45 minutes of PE one day and 45 minutes of music the other day. The opportunity for physical activity 4 days a week seems like a good thing.

A note to all—I have somewhat updated our website and a copy of each monthly newsletter can be found there, in case they don't make it home to you. Of course, if that is the case, then you aren't reading this and you won't know to look there! I do my best. You can go to the school website at quilcene.wednet.edu and click on the Elementary tab and from there click on 1st/2nd Heather Sanders. Here you will find a link to my weebly website. Or you can go directly to it at quilcenesanders.weebly.com I try to keep it current but am not always timely.

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and had lots of extra time to spend with your amazing children. I have missed them and look forward to seeing them again!

Let your smile change the world, but don't let the world change your smile.



Featured Student: Holly



Holly Hoffman

Holly was born on December 14, 2007. She lives with her mom, dad, older brother, dog, cat, and Rodney the rooster in a festive winter wonderland.

Favorite food: Corn

Favorite ice cream flavor:

Banana

Favorite color: Pink

Favorite school subject: Math

Favorite song: Austin Moon

Favorite recess activity: Monkey bars

Name one thing you did over the summer: Played in the pool

What do you like to do for fun? Play with Rodney

What is something that you do well? Monkey bars

What is one skill you want to improve this year? Reading

What would you like to learn about this year? Respect

What do you want to do when you grow up? Be a farmer

What is something that you are afraid of? Dogs

If you could play any instrument, which would you pick? Violin

Are you excited for school this year? No, I would rather be home

I don't know if any of you made it to see the Key City Theater's presentation of Cinderella but Sitka made a stellar debut and the show itself had us laughing our heads off! Thanks for your effort, talent, and invitation Sitka!

January Birthdays



Sitka Vicha 1/15

Featured Student: James



James Scanlon

James was born on October 23, 2006. He lives with Wes and his mom and his little brother and their two cats.

Favorite food: Peanut butter and jelly

Favorite ice cream flavor: Chocolate and rainbow sherbet

Favorite color: Green

Favorite school subject: Science

Favorite song: Warm Kitty, Soft Kitty

Favorite recess activity: Swings

Name one thing you did over the summer: Played in my room

What do you like to do for fun? Play with my \$2.50 bouncy ball

What is something that you do well? Math

What is one skill you want to improve this year? Spelling

What would you like to learn about this year?

To tell time better
What do you want to do when you grow up? Be a mechanic

What is something that you are afraid of? Something popping up when I'm not expecting it

If you could play any instrument, which would you pick? The mouthpiece of the trumpet

Are you excited for school this year? Yes, for the bus at least.

Ranger Awards Assembly

On the final Friday before break we had our first Ranger Award Assembly of the year.

Awards were given out by Veda in the cafeteria, Darlene in the library, Mr. Dahlman for music, Mr. Beathard for PE, and each of the classroom teachers for reasons both academic and behavior related. Dr. G also gave out "shoulder buddies" to students who met a goal they had set with him earlier in the year

Fire fighters attended once again and offered another ride home in the fire engine to two lucky students. Every time students are given a super citizen or super scientist award in class (for showing respect, making good decisions, and solving problems) they put their name on the back and put it in a bucket. All

classroom teachers combined student names into one bucket and from this two were drawn—congratulations Kristin and Breanna!

Santa also attended the assembly and chose four bike winners, one from each class. Jediah was the winner from our class and no, it was not rigged—although I do hound him regularly to fill out his reading log and turn it in! Sadly, our class only had 5 names entered because there were only that many students who read for 20 minutes a night five nights a week (and turned their weekly reading log). There are usually two drawings a year so keep reading and turning those logs in (make sure to write how many minutes you read and have your parents initial it each day!) and you may be the owner of a brand new bike in the spring!



Featured Student: Jayden

Jayden was born on April 6, 2007. She lives with her mom, dad, three dogs (Cooper, Daisy and Tucker) and two cats (Zoey and Dixie).

Favorite food: Ice cream

Favorite ice cream flavor: Chocolate

Favorite color: Blue

Favorite school subject: Art

Favorite singer: Miranda Lambert

Favorite recess activity: Slide

Name one thing you did over the summer: Play

What do you like to do for fun? Climb

What is something that you do well? Math

What is one skill you want to improve this year? Times

What would you like to learn about this year? Math

What do you want to do when you grow up? Be a teacher

What is something that you are afraid of? Spiders

If you could play any instrument, which would you pick? Guitar

Are you excited for school this year? Yes



Jayden Talley