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TROJAN UPDATE.

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PRINCIPALS CORNER

BY JENNIFER BERG

Dear Tri-County Families and Students: Winter break is here and classes will resume the 5th of January. The first part of the school year has come to an end. I would like to take a moment to thank the teachers, staff, students, and parents for all your flexibility and support. It has been a wild ride with the pandemic and I appreciate the role our school has in educating our students. Even through a pandemic, the students have maintained their school spirit and pride. I want you all to enjoy the break with your family. Take time to relish in making memories, relax, read a book, bake cookies, sleep, and enjoy your precious time. The upcoming important dates are: January 1st: Happy New Year January 4th: No School: Teachers report for Professional Development January 5th: Classes resume January 13th: 2:00 p.m. Early dismissal January 18th: No School: Teachers report for Professional Development January 27th: 2:00 p.m. Early dismissal FAST testing for the K-11th grade students will be fast approaching in January and the ISASP (lowa Statewide Assessment of Student Progress) will be given in March.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Be merry and kind!~Ms. Berg jennifer.berg@tri-countyschools.com

JANUARY HAPPENINGS

JAN 1- HAPPY NEW YEAR! JAN 4- JH GIRLS BASKETBALL @ HOME 4:15PM **JAN 5- WELCOME BACK!** JV BOYS @ HOME 6:00PM VARSITY @ HOME 6:00PM JAN 7- JH GIRLS @ HOME 4:15PM VARSITY @ HOME 6:00 PM JAN 8- JH BOYS @ HOME 4:15PM JAN 12- JV BOYS @ HOME 6:00 PM VARSITY @ HOME 6:00 PM JAN 13- EARLY OUT 2:00 PM JAN 15- JV BOYS @ HOME 6:00 PM VARSITY @ HOME 6:00 PM JAN 21- JH BOYS @ HOME 4:15 PM WRESTLING VARSITY @ HOME 6:00 PM JAN 24- YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE @ HOME 11:00 AM JAN 26- VARSITY @ HOME 6:00 PM JAN 27- EARLY OUT 2:00 PM JAN 28- JH BOYS @ HOME 4:15 PM JAN 29- JV BOYS @ HOME 6:00 PM VARSITY @ HOME 6:00 PM





HOLIDAY DRESS UP DAYS

Pictured: Ashia Maxwell, Patty Davis and Nora Hall

JANUARY FOOD TRUCK

TUESDAY JANUARY 12TH: 3PM TO 4:30PM LOCATED IN THE CHURCH BASEMENT. THE FOOD TRUCK IS OPEN TO ALL KEOKUK COUNTY RESIDENTS WHOM NEED A LITTLE EXTRA HELP RIGHT NOW.

DUE TO THE WEATHER CHANGING, FROM NOW THROUGH THE WINTER WE WILL HAVE THE GROCERIES PRE BAGGED IN THE BASEMENT OF THE CHURCH FOR YOU TO PICK UP. WE WILL BE LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE IN THE BASEMENT AT ONE TIME. WE ASK THAT YOU WEAR A MASK INTO THE CHURCH AND BRING SOMEONE TO HELP CARRY YOUR GROCERIES IF NEEDED BECAUSE WE CAN'T GUARANTEE WE WILL HAVE THE HELP THERE TO CARRY THEM FOR YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

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HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE UPDATE

BY PENNY KRUMM

Mrs. Krumm has been working to accommodate online learners as well as in seat students. Online students are working on the same curricular areas as students in class, via ZOOM technology, which allows students to "attend" class virtually, ask questions, do labs, etc. All class periods, with their handouts, videos and assignments are posted on the Google Classroom platform for all students.

Topics covered at the moment are: Physical Science: Mixtures and Solutions Anatomy and Physiology: Blood and Lymph Physics: Forces Chemistry: Periodicity Biology: DNA and Genetics Earth Science: Tectonic Theory, Earthquakes and Volcanoes

Below are photos from a Physics lab where onsite and online students went outside to do lab. We were looking at how much force the average student uses to push a car and the forces of friction.

Pictured are Katie Post, Mrs. Krumm, Lily Elwood, Lauren Molyneux, Payton Thomas.



HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE CONT' A NEW WAY OF LEARNING

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Classmates who are currently studying online, Dhane McKay, Sierra Meyer, and Madison Purdy. Not pictured is Chloe Staley.

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KINDERGARTEN NEWS

BY BARB SEATON

The Kindergarten class has done a great job learning the rules, routines and expectations of their class. Way to be True Trojans!

They are learning many new skills in reading. They are learning all 26 basic letter sounds and are putting the sounds together to make words. They are learning what makes a good sentence. In Kindergarten that means we need an upper case letter at the beginning of the sentence, punctuation at the end, and it must make sense. They are quickly becoming readers and writers.

The children have been exploring many tools in math. They are using the calendar, a weather graph, ten frames, number lines, counting blocks, dice and dominoes. They have been learning about more, less and equal to. They have started learning about time to the hour and half hour. They are learning which hand on the clock is the hour hand and which hand is the minute hand. They are learning about pennies and nickles.

The Kindergarten class is full of hard workers and great friends.



DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

PK- BROOKLYN MAXWELL K- LEO MOLYNEUX 1ST- CLAIRE SNAKENBERG 2ND- EVEE KEMPF 3RD- BAILEY MOORE 4TH- SLOANE MCKAIN 5TH- GAUGE WERNER 6TH- GRACE LINDLEY 9TH- REINA POWERS 12TH- DYLAN ICENBICE

STOCKINGS!

BY JODY PRELL

The art classes are trying something new this year. We are working with fabrics and sewing by making stockings. Students cut out the shape of their stockings from felt. They were then asked to create a design out of colored felt to decorate the stocking. We have the Grinch, Baby Yoda, Jack Skellington, and Among Us characters to name a few. All designs were cut out and sewn on by hand. The students have really enjoyed this project and hopefully learned some basics of hand sewing. This was a fun project for them to do before break.





