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Huron City Schools



Important Dates:

- Dec. 14 Start of the Holiday Spirit Days
- Dec. 17 & 18 Fall Picture Retake Day
- Dec. 21 Gray Day - Students on the gray schedule attend
- Dec. 22 Early Dismissal at 2:40 P.M.
- Dec. 23-Jan. 1 Winter Break No School
- Jan. 15 End of the 2nd Quarter
- Jan. 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day – No School
- Jan. 19 Begin 5-days a week schedule

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December 4, 2020

School Board Decides To Continue With Hybrid Schedule Plan 5-day Return For 3rd Quarter

At the November School Board meeting the board members decided to continue with the current hybrid schedule through the end of the 2nd grading period with plans to start in school 5 days a week learning at the start of the 3rd quarter. Parents would have three delivery models to choose from starting with the 3rd grading period.

- The first would be choosing to send your child to school 5 days a week. We would do our best to meet social distancing guidelines and continue to practice our mitigation standards.
- The second option would be learning remotely 5 days a week at home by connecting to daily live instruction with their teacher through Zoom. Students would need to follow their regular daily schedule from home making sure they are logging into the zoom lesson on time each day for every class.
- The third option would be virtual learning through the Huron Virtual Academy. The virtual academy is online programming that does not offer live instruction.

After the first of the year parents will need to decide what option they would like their students to follow for the 3rd grading period. We will be sending out a survey to collect each family's decision on their education choice for the 3rd quarter. Please contact the school office with any questions.

Good Bedtime Routines Can Help Your Child Get Better Rest and Also Help Them Get Organized and Prepared For Their Day

A good bedtime routine can be the difference between good sleep habits and a lot of sleepless nights. There are dozens of parenting sleep books about kids and sleep problems. And while any of the books can help you get your child sleeping better, even though they all use different methods, it is important to notice that most of these parenting experts stress the key of having a good bedtime routine for a good night's sleep.

In fact, the American Academy of Pediatrics, in their "Guide to Your Child's Sleep" book state that "it's almost impossible to overstress the importance of a calm, orderly bedtime routine." A bedtime routine includes all of the things that you do with your child just before and up to the time that they go to bed, such as taking a bath/shower, putting on pajamas, brushing their teeth, reading a bedtime story, and even getting ready/organized for the next day, etc.

Getting ready for the next day prior to going to bed allows for a much smoother morning as well. Making sure your child is organized and ready to start their day is a good activity for them to end their day with. This should include putting their device on their charger and putting it away for the night. Laying their outfit out for the day and making sure their backpack/book bag is packed for the next day.

We have had many students coming unprepared for school this year. Being on the hybrid schedule has made it difficult for our students to establishing a routine allowing them to make sure things are ready for the next day. With students not attending each day they really need to set time aside to make sure they are ready and organized for the next day.

Also several students have been coming to school without their needed supplies. If you are unsure of the supplies your child needs you can find our supply list [here](#). If your child is in need of supplies please contact your child's teacher or the office and we will help them out. We do have a stock of school supplies that we can provide for families in need.

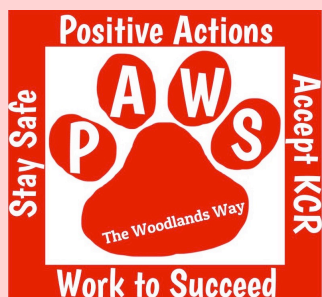
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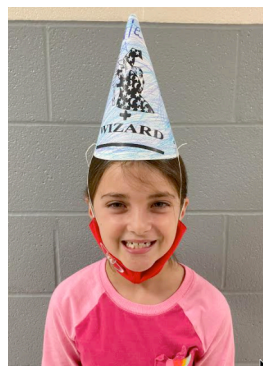


3rd Grade Update

Science: Exploring the scientific method with experiments. Creating google slides about renewable resources and alternative energy.



Math: Discovering different subtraction strategies. Two new math magicians in Mrs. Young's room: Allis Francis and Evie Mazur!



Gifted Language Arts- November was national novel writing month (NANOWRIMO)! National Novel Writing Month is a U.S. based nonprofit organization that promotes creative writing around the world. Students created characters and developed original stories in their very own novels.

Our next gifted L.A. adventure takes us into the moving novel *The One and Only Ivan* by K.A. Applegate. Using this book, students will explore the theme of animal cruelty.

Gifted Math- In the next few weeks, we will be diving in to multiplication and division in gifted math.

English Language Arts- Third graders learned story elements through our Fairy Tale unit, in the nonfiction unit they learned facts, main ideas, and used text features to read about disasters and animals. We then finished the quarter with a unit on Voting. Election time was exciting! In writing, we began with personal narratives and moved on to opinion writing. We could feel their enthusiasm and interest in learning how to write beyond simple paragraphs.

Starting in December, we will be reading about Immigration and a unit on Presidents will surely capture interest. Students will also begin research on either an animal or a biography.

Third graders are working hard and are so happy to be with their peers and friends.

Thank you so much for parent support and your partnership!

4th Grade Update

Fourth grade students had a wonderful first nine weeks, despite the many challenges that we were faced with. It is truly amazing how adaptable our students have been with the new protocols, schedules, and expectations they have had to adjust to.

In math, students will be conquering advanced multiplication and division skills in the upcoming weeks. IXL has been a great addition to our math curriculum. The students have answered 58,457 math questions since the beginning of the school year; with a total of 976 mastered math skills! We are so proud of them!

Our reading is moving along as well. We have completed two novel studies, and the novel projects the fourth grade students have created have shown true imagination! We have many more novel units planned that will be incorporated into our Wonders curriculum throughout the school year. Perhaps one of the biggest highlights of this year are the research projects the students completed on earthquakes and volcanoes in science class. Students not only researched independently, but also had the opportunity to create a presentation that really "wowed" their classmates. We look forward to a continued year of enthusiastic learning!

5th Grade Update

Mrs. Ferguson's and Mrs. Norwell's ELA classes will be taking a short break from the Wonders textbook and will be reading the novel *Love That Dog* by Sharon Creech. Each student has an individual copy of the book to borrow. Students will be using their poetry skills to recite poems and write their own.

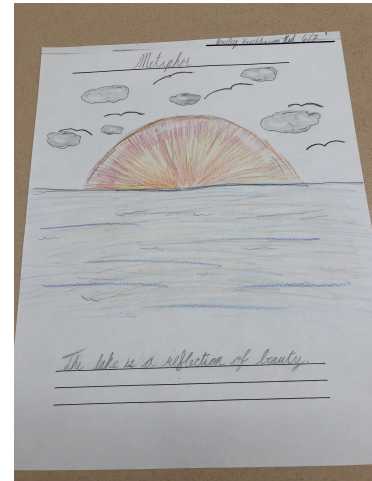
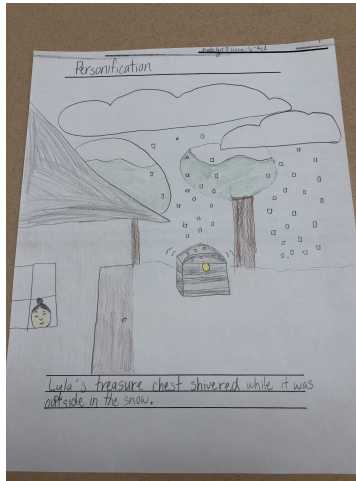
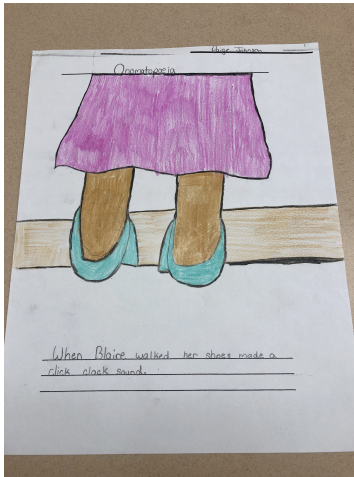


Students have been working hard on completing their monthly book reports. We will not have a December book report assignment, but students are always encouraged to read regularly.



6th Grade Update

Sixth grade language arts students have been *busy as bees* this year. Ask your child what that means as we have just finished our figurative language unit. They should be able to tell you it is an idiom and the meaning of the phrase. We have also completed three novels in three different genres. The novels read are: Number the Stars, Windcatcher, and Pompeii: Nightmare at Midday. We will be starting our fourth novel, The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, after Thanksgiving. After reviewing sentence skills, students have been practicing these skills through writing extended responses to the novels along with creating Magic Square book reports and Postcards to Ellen. In addition, students have been busy independently reading books for Accelerated Reader, practicing their word attack skills, working on Study Island lessons, and are currently being introduced to IXL for language arts. It has been a joy to be back in the classroom with our students.



Sixth grade students have been getting back into the flow in math. It took a couple of weeks to shake off the “quarantine cobwebs” but we have shown some good signs lately. We’ve been spending a good amount of time on the *number system* so far this year. Fractions and decimals have dominated our time so far. We will continue to work with fractions, but in ratio form in December. This can be tricky material for 6th graders so please encourage them to ask questions. Also in December I will begin Zoom lessons on Monday for students. I will be teaching lessons via zoom and assigning homework after the lesson. The dates to look out for these lessons are December 7th and 14th for my 6th grade math students (usually at 1:30 pm). The honors class will be zooming every Monday in December. I am using these lessons to keep our pacing up as well as get the students used to this technology in case it is needed. We will also continue to use IXL for practice over the topics. This is what students should be completing while they are at home during the week. I am using IXL scores as part of grades as well as attendance for the days students are not in school. I post the scores in ProgressBook every Tuesday. Be sure to encourage your students to keep up on the IXL sessions. It’s a pretty great tool to have for our current setting.

Holiday Dress Days

To add a little Holiday Cheer this year at Woodlands, the students and staff will have the opportunity to participate in some special dress days before we dismiss for Winter Break. The dress days will start December 14th and continue until we release for the winter break. A schedule of the days and themes are listed below.

December 14th - Santa Day (Tiger Monday)

December 15th Timber Tuesday- wear your favorite flannel

December 16th - Christmas in July or Santa Day for students

December 17th- Dress your best for your holiday picture with Santa

December 18th- Elf or Grinch Day. Which one are you?

December 21st - Choose your own Christmas accessory adventure

December 22nd- Class or Carolers- 3rd grade Blue, 4th grade White, 5th Green, 6th Red