

Saranac Elementary School

NEWS FROM THE HILL

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 21 ½ day School release 11:00
November 22 & 23 Thanksgiving Break-No School
December 4 Pizza Hut Fundraiser Night
December 6 4th Grade Winter Program 7:00
December 24-January 4 Winter Break- No School
January 7 School Resumes
January 18 End of 1st Semester
January 21 Martin Luther King Day
February 18 1/2 day school release-11:00
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DID YOU KNOW?

K/Y5, In our Wonder's Reading curriculum, Kindergarten students are talking about rules here at school and how some rules are the same and some are different when we go to different places. We are also learning about what makes a sentence, how all sentences need to have an action, and when we write a sentence, it has to have an uppercase letter to start and an end mark. Our Bridges Math curriculum has students working with the concept of adding or subtracting one. Students are beginning our journey into addition and subtraction and gaining exposure to writing equations!

1st Grade, The first graders are learning about the fractions $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. They have practiced folding circles and squares into two and four equal parts and labeled the parts. They can see that one half is bigger than one fourth.

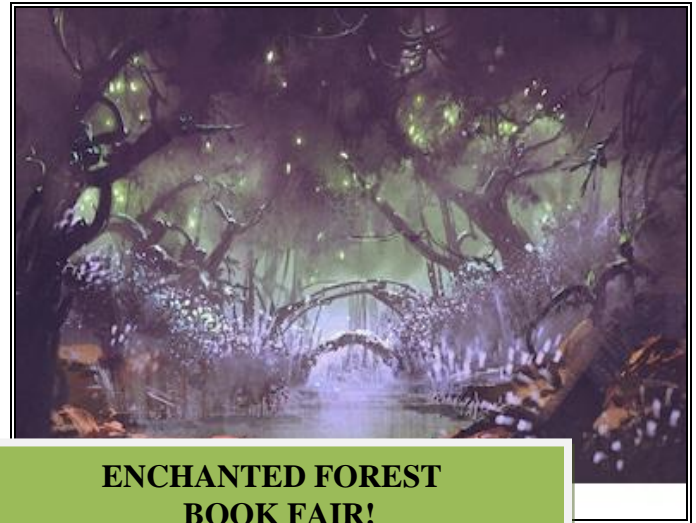
2ND Grade, Did you know that during math our 2nd graders are learning how to add and subtract two digit numbers using a number line. We have also been learning to tell time on an analog clock, adding coins to find the total value, and solving all kinds of word problems. During reading we have been practicing different strategies to help enhance our comprehension skills. We have learned to use visualization, context clues, questioning, and making predictions to help us understand the stories we read and to make real life connections. In writing we have been combining simple sentences to make more interesting and complex sentences. Right now we are working on our first informational writing our "How To..." pieces. We can't wait to share our finished work!

3rd Grade, In third grade, we have been busy studying many efficient ways to do our math and to have more than one strategy depending on the math problem. In social studies we are learning more about Michigan's first people, the Native Americans. We are learning about the three major Native American tribes of Michigan!

4th Grade, 4th graders are working with fractions and equivalent fractions. Don't forget the 4th grade winter musical is December 6. You can send in your Greenfield Village forms and money in at any time. The Greenfield Village field trip is May 31.

5th Grade, 5th graders in Mrs. Rasmus room have been learning about the 13 original colonies. This week we have spent time learning about our New England Colonies. We discovered that speaking out in this colony was not allowed and they had a lot of rules. We also spent time looking at the Salem Witch Trials. It has been an interesting time comparing life back then to now!

6th Grade, Yellowstone, Glacier, Biscayne, Everglades, all of these national parks and more are being researched in 6th grade! We will be taking our learning to the big screen to watch National Parks Adventure and Dream Big on IMAX in January! Thank you to our generous donors who helped to fund our donorschoose.org project. In science we are continuing our learning to answer the question, How is the Earth Changing? We have tested buildings to see if they can withstand earthquakes and tested how the amount of gas affects the explosiveness of a volcano. With each new phenomenon we experience we learn more about how the earth is changing!



ENCHANTED FOREST BOOK FAIR!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR
FALL BOOK FAIR!

November 26th - December 3rd

Daily Hours 8:00 am – 3:15 pm

2 Family Nights this year

November 27 & November 29!

3:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Retired Saranac Community Schools Teacher Deb Woodard will be at November 27th Family Night to read to students her newly published children's book, Naughty Pants Believes a Lie. She will also have the book available for purchase for \$10.00 (cash & credit cards accepted) \$1.00 from each book sold will be donated back to the Library for purchasing more books.



WINTER GEAR

Is your child in need of a winter coat, snow pants, hats, or gloves? Call the office or send a note in with your student. We have had many generous donations from the community to help out our families!



Students in 2nd through 6th grade were administered a fitness test this fall to assess their overall fitness level. The standards chosen address three or four health-related fitness components below:

1. Aerobic Endurance (one mile run)
2. Flexibility of Back and Hamstrings (V-Sit and Reach)
3. Abdominal Strength and Endurance (Sit-Ups)
4. Upper Body Strength and Endurance (Triceps Pull-ups or Right Angle Push-Ups)

The main goal of your child's Physical Education class addresses 'health and fitness' needs by encouraging good fitness habits throughout life. The purpose of physical education is to instill in students, at an early age, the importance of choosing a physically active lifestyle. Along with parents and guardians plan fitness activities which matched to their individual needs. That way your child can improve or maintain each of the fitness components. We encourage you and your child to discuss the goals: By taking part in a commitment to increase participation in a physically active life, which will help your child reach success.

There will be a follow-up test in the spring, just before *Spring Break* through May, to evaluate your child's progress in the fitness components. We will recognize the students who achieve "Fitness Champions", "Improved Fitness", and "Healthy Champion".

NEWS FROM THE HILL



Who has heart? WE DO!

HEART! Captain Heart! Here at Saranac Elementary school we were fortunate enough to have another visit this year from our fearless leader Captain Heart! During our time with him he reinforced what it means to have HEART! Students gave examples of being HONEST in the hallway, classroom, and bathroom. The examples continued for Effort, Accountable, Respect and Teamwork.

Ask your child (ren) what HEART stands for!





**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE NEXT
PTSO MEETING ON MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 19, 2018 AT 6:30PM**



Girls Pitching Clinic with Ed Feuerstein will begin on Monday November 5, 2018 & will run every Monday night at the Elementary Gym through March 25, 2019.
Grades 3-6 will run from 6:30-7:15.
Jr/Sr High will run from 7:15 8:30.
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