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Last month, 5th graders enjoyed a classroom visit from the Story Pirates! While being thoroughly entertained, students learned how to write a humorous fiction story. In their class story, students developed a "fish out of water" character, included sensory details, and used sophisticated word choice. Every student laughed while they listened to their classmates make important suggestions and contributions to the class story. Overall, 5th graders became better writers by having this delightful experience.

Adam Beirlein, Gr.5 Teacher

Monday, April 23rd is the Jimerson String Festival at Nyack High School, 7pm concert.

Bandapalooza!

Grades 4-12, band students! It is a district band festival happening on Wednesday, April 25th, 7pm at Nyack HS. 4th and 5th grade students report to the high school at 5:15pm wearing black and white!

Students are reminded to bring their instruments and music, and to eat dinner before they get to the high school.

Kristen Johnsen, Band Teacher

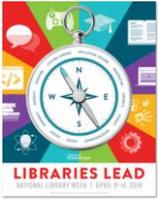
April 2018

Events:

- 2-6 Schools Closed, Spring Recess
- 6 Supt. Conference Day for Staff
- 9 "C" day, schools reopen
- 11-13 NYS ELA testing Gr.3-5
- 17 School Bd Mtg, H 7:30pm
- 18 PTA Mtg, 7:30pm
- 20 Courtyard Cleanup, PTA
 - Spirit Day: Crazy Hair day
 - JCC/BTB Talent Show, 4pm Café
- 21 PTA Touch-A-Truck Event, 11:00am
- 23 Spring Picture Retakes, PTA
 - Jimerson String Festival, HS 7pm
- 25 Bandapalooza!, Band Festival, Gr.4-12 HS 7pm
- 26 Gr.4 Field Trip: Liberty Science Ctr, 9am-2
- 27 Gr.3 Assembly: Day in Clay workshops
 - Talent Show, 7pm
- May
 - 1-3 NYS Math Assessments, Gr.3-5
 - School Bd Mtg, HS 7:30

ONGOING PROGRAMS IN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER: 5TH GRADE GIRL'S CIRCLE

Six weeks of activities, games and discussion designed to promote girl's natural strengths and abilities and create opportunities for the development of strong, healthy relationships. Tuesdays during lunch/recess through April.



Notes from the Library Media Center

National Library Week is April 8-14. We celebrate our libraries and the role they play in our life. Just like the basketball madness, the 4th and 5th graders playing along with the brackets filled with books. We voted on the Final Four and after break will be the championship round. Kindergarten students will begin an author study on Mo Willems and 1st graders are talking about fairy tales and the big bad wolf. Second graders are on a Calda-cottge committee to review the best illustrated book from past Caldecott winners. Third graders are navigating through the almanac, while fourth graders are researching our data bases from our library webpage. Fifth graders are creating a research paper from start to finish. After break, they will be viewing well-crafted and some fake websites, to learn about digital citizenship.

Spring into Reading!

Carolyn Travers, School Library Media Specialist



Notes from the Nurse

Remember to notify voicemail at 353-7290 before the start of the school day if your child will be absent due to sickness. Voicemail is on 24/7.

Medical Doctor signature is required for all medications to be administered during the school day. This includes over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, etc.

- State law requires that all new students as well as kindergarten, second and fourth grade students have a physical on file.
- The district physician will conduct physicals for those who are not in compliance on April 26th and May 24, 2017.
- Keep in mind we are entering ALLERGY SEASON. Symptoms of allergies are often itchy ears and nose, sneezing, runny nose.

Ask your pediatrician for the best treatment plan. There are several over-the-counter medications available.

- All medication must be supplied to the school nurse in its original labeled pharmacy container accompanied by a note from the doctor.
- Students are prohibited from carrying any medication into school.
- If your child is home or was sent home with a fever, they must have a normal temperature (98.6) for 24 hours before returning to school.
- Please notify the nurse by voicemail at (353-7290) before the start of the school day if your child is to be absent due to illness. Voicemail is on 24/7. For any other reason, call the main office. An absence note upon return is required to the office.

Patti Kozar, RN, Professional School Nurse

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