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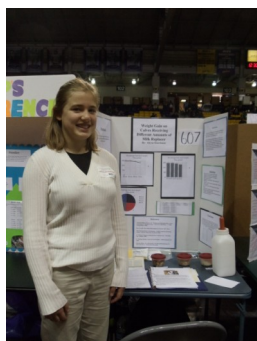
Elder's Celebration

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 pm. GICS will be holding it's annual Elder's Celebration. We will be honoring Gene Herd and Dick Ames. Come to see this wonderful show!

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Regional Science Fair

7 of our students participated in the Regional Science Fair in Mankato on April 30th. They all did very well! We are so proud! Congratulations to Alyssa Stoeckman, Brendan Dabek, Bethany Schlueter, Sam Roepke, Nick Grams, Greg Pollack, and Ian Malinowski!



Carnival

Thank you to everyone that helped make our carnival a success! We would not have been able to do this without your support! Thank you to everyone that came for the evening of fun. Plans are already in the works for next year!

Annie

We went to see Annie at the Children's Theatre on Friday. Everyone enjoyed the show! We give the performance two thumbs up

Essay Winner

Our very own Ashley Rechtzigel won an essay contest. She wrote about the best day of school. Because she won she was able to read her essay at the state capital. Congratulations to Ashley-we are so proud of her!!

Upcoming Events

Field Trips

We have a few field trips planned for the end of the year. We will be going to the Ney Center on May 10th to plant trees and learn about trees. We will be going to St. Paul Lutheran

School in Arlington to see Viktor the Viking on May 24th. We are so thankful for this invitation!

Fun Events at GICS

We have lots of fun things happening at GICS

in May. We are going to be having a Bike Rodeo on May 27th-BRING YOUR BIKE AND HELMETS kids. We will also be having our annual track and field day that afternoon. Come and join us for day of fun!

Kerry-(Preschool) Monthly Highlights-By: Mrs. Ann Czarnecki

During the month of April we focused on the letters V, W and X. For V week we talked about vegetables and discussed how to make healthy food choices. The students cut pictures of food out of magazines and then decided if it was healthy to eat that food everyday or if it would be healthier to only eat those foods every once in awhile. During W week we talked about the states of water (solid, liquid, gas). We walked and waddled in the gym. While focusing on the letter X we talked about the /x/ sound and words that end in x. We also focused on the number six. Students

made a craft with 6 tally marks, 6 stickers, 6 feathers and 6 tissue paper squares.



When it has been nice enough to be outside, we have been visiting the playground. On rainy days we have been in the gym, focusing on gymnastics. The students have been working on forward rolls, bridges, and tripods. During our music and movement time we've been using a few new CDs: *Feel the Beat: Funky Fitness Fun* and *Getting Strong!* We've also started work on a hand bell song that we will perform for our End of Year Program on May 26th.

Monaghan-(Kindergarten) Monthly Highlights: By: Mrs. Terry Kroehler

We had an awesome month of April! We did an Author's Study about Eric Carle. We became artists like him as we learned how he creates pictures for his books and then we tried it ourselves. The pictures were on display at our Author's Fair. We also learned many interesting facts about Eric Carle and read as many of his books as we could. Celebrating Earth Day was definitely a highlight. We got to go outside and clean up leaves, twigs, and trash. We learned 4

more new letters and now know 29 high-frequency words. We made Quilt squares and ate a quiet snack for Q week, made elves and ate elephants for E week, made Foxy Loxy headbands for X Week, and made Yellow Yarn books and Yellow Jacket insects for Y week. Our special centers were a grocery store and a beauty salon / barber shop along with a "shaving" station and the sensory table had various items to look at through a magnifying glass. It's hard to

believe we are in our last month of school already!



Limerick-(Grades 1-2) Monthly Highlights By: Mrs. Julie Grams & Mrs. Kristy Konopacki



The students enjoyed showing their projects at our Author's Fair. They worked so hard and learned so

much about the author that they picked.

During writing we continued to write to our pen pals we are working on our third letter to them!

Beginning at the end of April the students have been able to pick the greeting and activity that we do for Morning Meeting. The students are enjoying being in charge for the

day. During Science we continued to work on air and weather. We spent a lot of time learning about the wind and anemometers. We even got to blow bubbles to help us learn about the wind.

In PE we played baseball. We are currently working on a Frisbee unit.

We also enjoyed delivering May Day Baskets to house in Green Isle.



Galway-(Grades 3-4) Monthly Highlights-By: Mrs. Kristen Strauss



We have been busy as bees.....

Students completed their Author's Fair projects and we held our first annual Author's Fair on April 19th. The projects looked wonderful! We began our Colonial America and Revolutionary War Unit in Social Studies. Students worked very hard on their online webquest. They completed research about Artisans, Farmers, Slaves and Women during Colonial times. Upon completion of research, students further developed their characters by writing a play with their groups. The students created scenery, props and costumes for their plays. Photos attached are pictures of the students performing their plays.

In Math students have been working on a variety of things including; area, perimeter, multiplication, factors, and fractions. In writing students worked on writing a story with a rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. Their stories were quite inventive! Students have now started writing their own Revolutionary War Newspaper. They are working very hard on writing factual articles as if a reporter during that time period. They are also creating a Lifestyle article, letter to the editor, an editorial, an obituary and classified ads from Colonial Times. In phy. ed. the class has been enjoying some kickball, t-ball and trench.

In Reading we have been working on some important skills! Making connections is always a hard part of reading. It can be challenging to make deep connections with characters in books. The students have been working hard and will be making connections in their final Independent Reading Project.

For Art we stick with our Colonial/ Revolutionary War theme with our "face of a leader" project. Students trace significant leaders' heads and then proceed to write famous words by that person inside of their head in fancy handwriting.



Donegal-(Grades 5-6) Monthly Highlights-By: Mr. Dan Chies

What a fantastic month it was for Team Donegal! First of all, congratulations to Ashley Rehtzigel for taking second place in state-wide essay writing contest. Second, congratulations to the students in my class who participated incredibly at the regional science fair in Mankato: Bethany Schlueter, Brendan Dabek, Sam Roepke, and Alyssa Stoeckman. Alyssa did particularly well – if she writes a strong essay of application, she and a parent could be flown to Washington

DC in September for the *national science fair*! WOW! I am also extremely proud of the rest of my class, for their science fair boards, and their recent author-study IRP project. Another recent project our class had was a week's worth of *crayfish*! We humanely experimented and observed them for the end of April and beginning of May. We continue to practice our elder's play celebrating the life of Mr. Dick Ames (of Ames Construction), and by the time you read this, we will have

spent three days up north at the Audubon Center of the Northwoods!



In the SPOTLIGHT

The following students have been in the spotlight! They enjoyed sharing information about themselves with their homerooms.

On March 29th

Cody DeVries, Dakota Hendley, Greg Pollack, Dominick Ramirez

On April 5th

Harley Arneson, Hailey Seidel, Beau Stewart

On April 12th

Nathan DeVries



May-June 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
8	9 5-6 Audubon	10 5-6 Audubon	11 5-6 Audubon	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 10:00 Fly-Up Day 5:30 Board Mtg.	19 Safety Patrol Pizza party 7:00 Elder's Celebration Program	20	21
22	23	24	25 Field trip to Sportsman's Park	26 11:00 Preschool Graduation	27 9:30 Bike Rodeo 1:00 Track & Field	28
29	30 No School Memorial Day	31	1	2 Last day of school K & 6 Graduation Bell Ringing End of the Year Picnic	3	4
5	6 Report cards sent home	7	8	9	10	11



Jelena and Collin

Tristan enjoying some building time



**Thank you
for choosing
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Nathan, Bryton, Madison, and Tate doing their Colonial times play



Tyson, Madison, Lindsey, Aaron, Joe, and Shanise with their Author's Fair Project

Ava with her elephant for E week

