

Green Isle Community School News

December Highlights

ELDER'S INTER-VIEWS— Mrs. Jaus' students interviewed Mr. Gene Herd and Mr. Chies' students interviewed Mr. Dick Ames. These interviews will be used to create plays and songs for the our spring program.

hosted the 2nd Elder's Lunch of the year. The students enjoyed playing cards games with the kids.



WINTER PROGRAM— The students have been working so hard on their program. Please join us on January 10th at 7:00 for the program. If you are bringing cookies or juice please

ELDER'S LUNCH— Mrs. Grams' homeroom



bring them to the kitchen before 7:00. Thank you for your help.



We hope that you all have a wonderful winter break and Happy New Year!!!



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Ways you can help GICS!

- We are looking for a few more judges for the Science Fair on March 3rd. We do not want the judges to be related to any of the students at GICS, but if you know of someone who may be interested please let us know
- **VOLUNTEER READERS WANTED!!!** If you are willing to be a volunteer reader please call the office to get on our list.

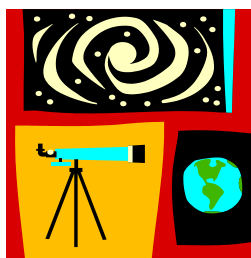
Upcoming Events

Winter Program— Due to the wonderful Minnesota weather we had to reschedule our program for Monday, January 10. It will be at 7:00 pm. Please join us—the students have been working so hard!

Family Fun Night- Information Meeting

Science Fair— We will be having a science fair information meeting on Thursday, January 6th. Supper will be served from 5:45-6:15 and then we will start the meeting

at 6:30. The meeting will be followed by a family fun night that will be Science themed.



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

The preschoolers have been busy this month learning about the letters I, J, and K. The highlight of I week was playing with ice. The students practiced picking up ice and transferred it from one container to another with tongs or a spoon. During J week we learned the poem *Jack and Jill*; each student then had the opportunity to pretend to be Jack or Jill. The preschoolers played a game iden-

tifying different words that start with the /k/ sound for K week. With all of the snow we've had this month, we've talked a lot about snowy weather. The students really enjoyed reading *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats, and had so much fun acting out the story while we listened to the song *Forgotten Dreams*.



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

The month of December flew by in Kindergarten. We spent a lot of time practicing for the Winter Program and are very excited to perform for our parents and the community. Our Letter of the Week unit continues and we studied the letters A, F and C. We made action astronauts, funny frogs and caterpillars. We ate astronaut pudding, cookie frogs, and kitty cats. To celebrate the season we made and decorated

the school with hand Santas, reindeer, and toy soldiers. Our Winter Party was definitely a hit with our gift exchange and yummy treats to eat. Our Dramatic Play center changed into a Bakery. We made cupcakes, cakes, rolled out lots of dough, and sold and ate many sweet treats. We may have some future chefs in the classroom! The sensory table was

filled with soft clean sand. There was much sifting and pouring of sand.



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

This was a fabulous month for our class. We worked on writing letters which was a lot of fun! We started by writing a letter to a friend in our classroom. We will be sending letters to friends that are not in our class after the New Year. We also wrote letters to Santa that will be published in the Arlington Enterprise. During Social Studies we talked

about pilgrims. We learned how strict life was for them and how important manners were for them. So we have been practicing using our manners.

During P.E. we got to have some fun with the scooters. Our favorite thing was the corkscrew.

We had a wonderful class party on Wednesday, Dec. 22. It was a lot of

FUN!!



Galway-(Grades 3-4) Monthly Highlights-By: Ms. Beth Jaus



The month of December has been very busy in our classroom. At the beginning of the month Mrs. Strauss welcomed her son into her family I will be with Galway students until the end of January and we are off to a great start! This month we finished our IRP projects.

Students created movie posters and summaries about their books. Students have created some very colorful posters and detailed summaries. Some of our writing time was also spent on helping create summary paragraphs. Students also wrote paragraphs that include topic sentences, details, and concluding sentences.

In science we wrapped up our unit on water. Students were very interested in doing various investigations. One of our favorites seemed to be when we created water turbines in class to learn about the power of water. It was very exciting once

we got our turbines to work.

We are still working on finishing our plays about our sci-fi/fantasy book in book club. We will be performing them to our class in the near future and then we will start a book study Roald Dahl.

Finally, we have been busy practicing our parts and songs for our winter program, which will be January 10th. We wish you and your families a very happy and safe holiday season.

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

The month of December has been busy with Program Practice, but our class found the time to do some incredible things. First, we wrapped up the books we wrote for our kindergarten reading buddies. Every Thursday, our class goes and reads books with Mrs. Kroehler's class – and the project we couldn't talk about was making a book for our buddies on the side. A biiiig thank you to the couple of students who have younger brothers and sisters in that class – you were able to keep the surprise secret! Our gift-giving had been delayed for

two weeks due to multiple reasons, and my students were constantly asking, "Can we give them their books yet?!" It was a very fun morning as you can see by the smiles of both young and old students. We also finished our World War II unit, by making large-scale (incredible!) dioramas of famous battles. They are on display in the GICS hallway – they will stay there until the rescheduled winter program so parents can check them out! Another unit we finished was our latest book club – students read "Chinese Cinderella and the Secret

Dragon Society," "Bud, Not Buddy," and "Number the Stars." All books somehow related to WWII. Lastly – I am very proud of my students' fast memorization of their program lines and effort in program practice! Don't forget anything over break!



In the SPOTLIGHT

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

Spotlight on December 7th
Jordan Latzke, Audrey Parrott,
Teddie Dinning, & Sam Menne

Spotlight on December 14th
Emma Hecksel, Savi
Rosenlund, Skyler Kock, and
Gavin Latzke



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2	3 WELCOME BACK!!	4 4:00 Board Work Session	5	6 6:30 Science Fair Info. Meeting 7:00 Science Family Fun Night	7	8
9	10 7:00 Winter Pro- gram	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	18	20 5:30 Board Meeting 7:00 CVN Meeting	21	22
23	24 No School	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



Austin and Adam working on the Water Unit in Science.

Brendan giving the book he for Trevor, his reading buddy



Dick Ames and Dale Zumberge enjoying lunch with our students.

**Thank you
for choosing
GICS!!!**



Carter Chef in training...



Nick and Greg working on their Science