Green Isle Community School News

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FEBRUARY-MARCH Highlights

SCIENCE FAIR Our first Science Fair was a huge success! Thank you to everyone that came to show our students your support! Kudos to all of the students that participated this year! Thank you to all of the volunteers that made this happen!! Our top 4 winners are pictured here

SNOWBALL CHALLENGE 25,000 MINUTES!!! WE DID IT!! The students reached the goal for "I Love to Read" month. Mr. Chies will be getting a new haircut courtesy of 4 of the students that participated in this challenge!

WINTERFEST The students once again enjoyed our WinterFest activities. We had different dress up days and different activities each afternoon. The highlight was the tug-a-war-the teachers just could not seem to win… Fun was had by all!!!

NEY CENTER

We had a WONDERFUL day at the Ney Center in Henderson. Thank you for being flexible with us when we had to reschedule for a warmer day. Thank you to Becky and Nick Pollack for making this day a success!

Carnival April 29th 5:30-8:00

Way you can help

- Sign up to work at a game or in the kitchen
- Donate prizes
- Donate item for your classroom raffle basket (more details will be coming home about this)
- Ask local people/businesses for donations

Upcoming Events

CVN MEETING

Our next CVN Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 30th at 6:30. We will continue to talk about the Carnival. Parents and community members are invited to attend these meetings.

PRESCHOOL Round-Up

We will be having Preschool Round-Up on Thursday, April 4th at 6:30 pm. Bring your 3 4, or 5 year old to see what our Preschool Program is all about!

ANNUAL MEETING/ AUTHOR'S FAIR

GICS will be holding our Annual Board Meeting – Election on Tuesday, April 19th at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be followed by an Author's Fair presented by our students.

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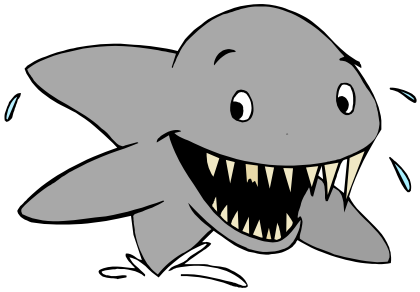
Kerry-(Preschool) Monthly Highlights-By: Mrs. Ann Czarnecki

Our theme in preschool this month was oceans. All month we've been reading and learning about oceans and ocean life. The preschoolers especially enjoyed playing Sharks & Fishes in the gym, making penguin crafts, moving their bodies like fish and whales, and learning how to do the crab walk. One of the highlights of the month was testing classroom objects and toys to see if they float or sink in a bucket of water. The students were delighted to discover that many of the animal figures in our classroom are able to "swim" instead of sink.

For Valentine's Day our class not only celebrated with a party, but we also talked about how to be a good friend. We discussed how to be polite and kind, how to share and take turns, and the students roll-played several different scenarios. We ended the unit by making a friendship quilt. Also we've been jumping, leaping, running, hopping, skipping and crawling through an obstacle course. We've also been practicing bouncing, passing and dribbling basketballs.



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

There were so many exciting things to do in Kindergarten this month. We celebrated Valentines Day with a party and fun games.

Did you know you could make towers with Sweet Heart candies? The 100th Day of School was definitely a highlight in our class. We counted to 100 many times, played games with 100 balloons and then popped them, made 100th day headbands, wrote about what we would do with $100, and ate a 100th day snack brought in by students. We celebrated Presidents Day by learning about George Washington and Abraham Lincoln and why they were important. Students made Abe Lincoln beards and stove-pipe hats. We had many Abraham Lincoln look alikes in our classroom! Besides all the celebrations this month we also learned 4 more letters and their sounds and are working on recognizing larger numbers. We now know 16 High –Frequency words! We learned what a thermometer is, how it works, and how to read it. We had lots of cold days to talk about in February! Our Play Centers this month were a water table with toys and a clothes washing center. I'm sure we had the cleanest baby clothes in Green Isle. Our extra play center was a Floral Shop. Students made beautiful flower arrangements to give to their friends.

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

The Limerick lads and lasses have been busy. We learned prominent African Americans throughout our nations history. We broke into small groups so we could become experts on one particular person. The end of this unit was celebrated by the students presenting their prominent African American student to the class.

During writing we practiced writing and answering questions with a friend. Students were also introduced to the writing process. Each student was given a writing prompt to get their creative juices flowing. They took that prompt brainstormed different ideas, created a writing plan then using that plan they wrote amazing stories!

STRIKE!!! During Physical Education we worked on our bowling skills. Students enjoyed getting strikes!

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

February was I LOVE TO READ MONTH and the students in our classroom have been quite busy. We started off the month finishing a few things. The students wrapped up their Roald Dahl Book Clubs and wrote him a letter. Roald Dahl is deceased, however the children still found they had many questions for this beloved writer. The children also finished their Social Studies "Explorers" unit. On February 17th, the students presented their Power Points to family and friends. They completed their Dioramas for their February Independent Reading Project.

The last part of February was focused on our 1st Annual Green Isle Community School Science Fair. The students worked very hard to complete their projects by March 3rd. We also started a Mixtures and Solutions Unit in Science. The students received a mixture of gravel, sand and powder and had to come up with a plan to separate the mixture. For writing this month, a big focus was on Comparing and Contrasting. The students wrote an essay comparing and contrasting. The students are still reading their mystery books for Book Club and will finish them in March. They started their new Independent Reading Project this month as well. Each student will be doing an Author Study and will present their projects at our Author's Fair in April. Stay tuned for more details as the Authors Fair will be open to the public!

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

County Donegal had a busy month, aside from the numerous snow days, and most likely our favorite day of the year – the field trip to the Ney Center! In reading, students were busy with DRA testing, continually working on comprehension, and learning immaculate vocabulary. Our latest Social Studies unit has been 'Immigration', learning about the number of people coming from different countries over the years, and lately, learning about the role that Ellis Island played in the immigrants' journeys. Immigrants were tested for over 60 diseases in a matter of seconds, but could even be turned away for having 'a strange facial expression'! In the end, only 2% of immigrants were forced to make the return trip back to their original country. The current, large, and on-going IRP project is our author study, where students need to read at least two books by the same author and will use different ways of comparing their styles. In math, the theme has been fractions. Proper, improper, mixed, adding, subtracting, multiplying...and yes...dividing! So many rules... Lastly, 5th and 6th graders thoroughly enjoyed our basketball unit. Since most students are under five feet tall, finding the hoop can be difficult – but that hasn't stopped our enthusiasm and effort!

In the SPOTLIGHT

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

On February 2nd
Tommy Flannery, Tamara Ehrich, Alyssa Stoeckman & Erin Grams
On February 9th
Austin Schwartz, Tate Miller , Ben Czarnecki, & Becky Young
On February 16th
Shanise Bates, Tyson Grams, & Madison Lueck
On February 23rd
Carter Hendley , Sami Pollack, & Lauren Menne

March-April 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
13	14	15 Spring Pictures	16 Visit the Good Samaritan Home	17 5:30 Board Meeting	18	19
20	21	22	23 Art with Mrs. Roepke	24	25	26
27	28 Sibley East Building Mtg @ GICS	29	30	31	1	2
3	4 Elder's Lunch	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 MCA Testing	12 MCA Testing	13 MCA Testing	14 MCA Testing	15	16

Dominick with his IRP project

Harley with his IRP Project

Thank you for choosing GICS!!!

Bryton with this IRP Project

Savi and Carter celebrating President's Day.

Lauren and Savi celebrating the 100th Day