



School Street News

December 2, 2011

Bradford Area School District

Calendar:

November 29—
December 9
FOOD DRIVE

December 7 -
Report Cards
Distributed

December 13—15
Santa Store

December 20—
Winter Concert at
School Street Elem.
9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

December 23—30
Winter Break

January 2—no school

January 3—Return to
School

A note from the Principal

Dear School Street Family Members,

It is the most wonderful time of the year!

We've been very busy with an abundance of activities at School Street. Our annual Open House/Art Show was well attended. Thank you to all the families that were able to come out for this year. As always, Mrs. Bennett did a remarkable job of showcasing the students' art work.

We are in the middle of the annual Caring and Sharing project. Every year we take food donations for the local YWCA food pantry. I know they depend on us every year to stock their shelves. I am very pleased to report that we are not letting them down. The boxes are starting to fill up in the classrooms.

Academically, reports cards are on their way! The second marking period passed quickly and the students will be bring-

ing home their report cards on December 7. Please review them to celebrate your child's strengths and consult with the teacher to see if your child needs additional support. We will also be giving our 4Sight Benchmark Assessments on December 7 and 8. These exams are given four times per year to see how they are mastering grade level content.

Finally, we have many events coming up at School Street prior to our winter vacation. Our music department will be performing their annual concert on December 20 at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at School Street Elementary

School gym. When coming to the concert you may enter any door, which is convenient to you, including the playground door. Additionally, we will be having another Celebration of Learning assembly on December 23 for our students. We recognize students for their many accomplishments. It is always an exciting time to see students applaud one another for doing great things.

Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to your child. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, then please contact any of us at the school. We'd be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tingley



PTO News - The PTO wishes all of the parents, staff and teachers a very merry holiday season. We are so thankful for all of your support.

We Care Award

We Care!!

On Friday, the excitement builds as we recognize students for the following attributes: good character, outstanding attitude, remarkable responsibility, and amazing effort. Students may be selected by any staff member for this award.

We would like to recognize the following students for this award. On November 4th we recognized the following students in Grade 3: Adam Kline, Serenity Himes, Brenden Stidd, Jett Simmons, Tiffany Bryer, Betsy Pire, Gavin McGee, Kayda Hensley, Anastacia Deitz, Paige Craig and Kailyn Smith. In Grade 4: Tyler Kraft, Tony Lonzi, Emily Warner, Serena Wixson, Anthony Haight, Kate Pfeil, Samantha Gray and Mikah Wat-

kins. Grade 5: Sierra Kirtz, Isaac Smith, Danny Fedak, Tyler Buck, Blake Taylor and Abby Kohler.

On November 11 we were honored to recognize the following students: Grade 3: Johnna Allen, Jocelynn Bowen, Jacob Quick, Kaitlyn Paskhow, Brianna Holton, Aubri Skaggs, Lilly Skillman, Marshall Arnold, Jacob Smith and Colbey Steele. Grade 4 honorees are Rainey Updegrove, Taylor Komidar, Carol Miller, Trinity Cramer, and Kenny Miller. In Grade 5 we honor



Mitchel Baker, Morgan Jordan, Mikayla Henry, Griffin Kirk, Hunter Fox and Jordan Bond.

On November 18 the following students were awarded the We Care Award. Grade 3: Louissa Brandt, Jeff Thacker, Levi Reed, Bruce Manross, Hannah Lary, Evan Stewart, and Jordan Ward. Grade 4: Joe Gorse, Ian Grady, Kelsey Hervatin,

Emily Holly, Brandon Moore, Josh Dixon, Eve Baker and Andrew Kraft. Our Grade 5 honoree was Joe Yonker.

We Care Award posters are on display in the cafeteria. Stop by and see

We would like to welcome. . . Mr. McGinnis room 304

We know you saw Mr. McGinnis in last month's newsletter but we would officially like to welcome him to School Street Elementary School.

Mr. McGinnis is our newest fifth grade in room 304.

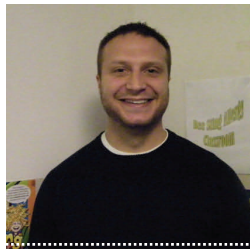
Mr. McGinnis teaches all the subjects in fifth grade as well as striving to raise the class scores to help the school reach it's previously set goals of 90% proficiency in both Math and Reading PSSA's.

Mr. McGinnis has 7 years of previous teaching experience. He taught 4 years

at Abraxas 1, with young juvenile males in high school as a Math teacher, and then 5th, 4th, and 2nd grade in West Palm Beach, Florida.

Mr. McGinnis is currently enrolled at Walden University in the program for Adolescent Literacy and Technology Master's program.

During Mr. McGinnis's free time he enjoys pets, playing tennis, base-



ball, and golf. Plus he enjoys watching sports on TV, reading books and magazines.

Something no one else at school knows about Mr. McGinnis is that he dreams of one day becoming a Principal somewhere and helping to create a positive learning atmosphere like the one here at School Street Elementary School.

Mr. McGinnis's future plans are to finish his master's in Adolescent Literacy and Technology, enroll in a Principal Program and one day become an Elementary Principal.

Million Minute Challenge

"Happy Holidays!" The "Million Minute Challenge" is well under way here at School Street Elementary. Our students have been racking up minutes by reading at home and tracking it on their million minute forms. So far we have read a total of 32,114 minutes! It is not too late to start helping our school reach a million minutes. The contest will be going on all year. Please see your teacher or Mrs. McDivitt for a million minute form and start reading today. Help our school win the "Pie-in-the-Face" contest where you earn a chance to throw pies at Mrs. Tingley, Mrs. Waugaman, and three lucky teachers. Keep Reading!

Bullying Prevention Tips

Keeping Your Cool!!

If you stay cool and calm when someone is teasing you, you will better be able to ignore the teasing and not get upset. When you don't look hot and bothered, the teaser is more likely to stop. It is not always to stay cool and calm, but there are things you can do to help yourself. (Schab,2001).

- ◆ Remind yourself: If they are ignored, they will get bored.
- ◆ Walk away from the situation.
- ◆ Think of something that makes you happy.
- ◆ Take a few breaths.
- ◆ Stay calm and confident.
- ◆ Hum a happy song to yourself.

Happy Birthday to you!

We wished the following students a Happy November Birthday.

Alexander Szoke, McKenna Shipman, Arianna Piller, Brianna Moore, Breann Reed, Colby Laird, Selena Zamberlan, Katherine Huber. Katelynn McGuire, Nolan Norcross, Jacob Pattison, Sydney Rodgers, Sierra Jackson, Brandon Moore, Raymond Allen, Anthony Haight, Isaiah Gobin, Gabriel Mitchell, Stephen Tingley, Damien Howard, Dylan Reynolds, Amaya Gonzalez, John Kennedy, Victoria Kennedy, Rosa Echevarria, Dakota Myers, Seth Lichtenberger, Olivia Belser, Donald Pattison, Eve Baker, Joshuwa Bradley, Isaac Paterniti, Lorelei Kenyon, Kailee Arnold, Caleb Wolters, Danny Fedak, Alyah Gobin, Mikayla Henry, Rylan Gee, Nikolas Erickson, Destiny Hackett, Kain Campbell, Dominic Cary, Jason Girdlestone, Zoey Osborn and Jaron Ambrose.



Star Students

We have STARS!!! Our students and staff can be recognized for *being nice, being safe, being responsible* and/or *being respectful?*



Each student and staff member have the opportunity to receive STARS.

After the student or staff receive a star, they have the option of putting them in the big

boxes in the cafeteria or keeping them. Once a month students and staff members are selected to have lunch with the principals. Plus their name and picture are displayed on the bulletin board in the cafeteria.

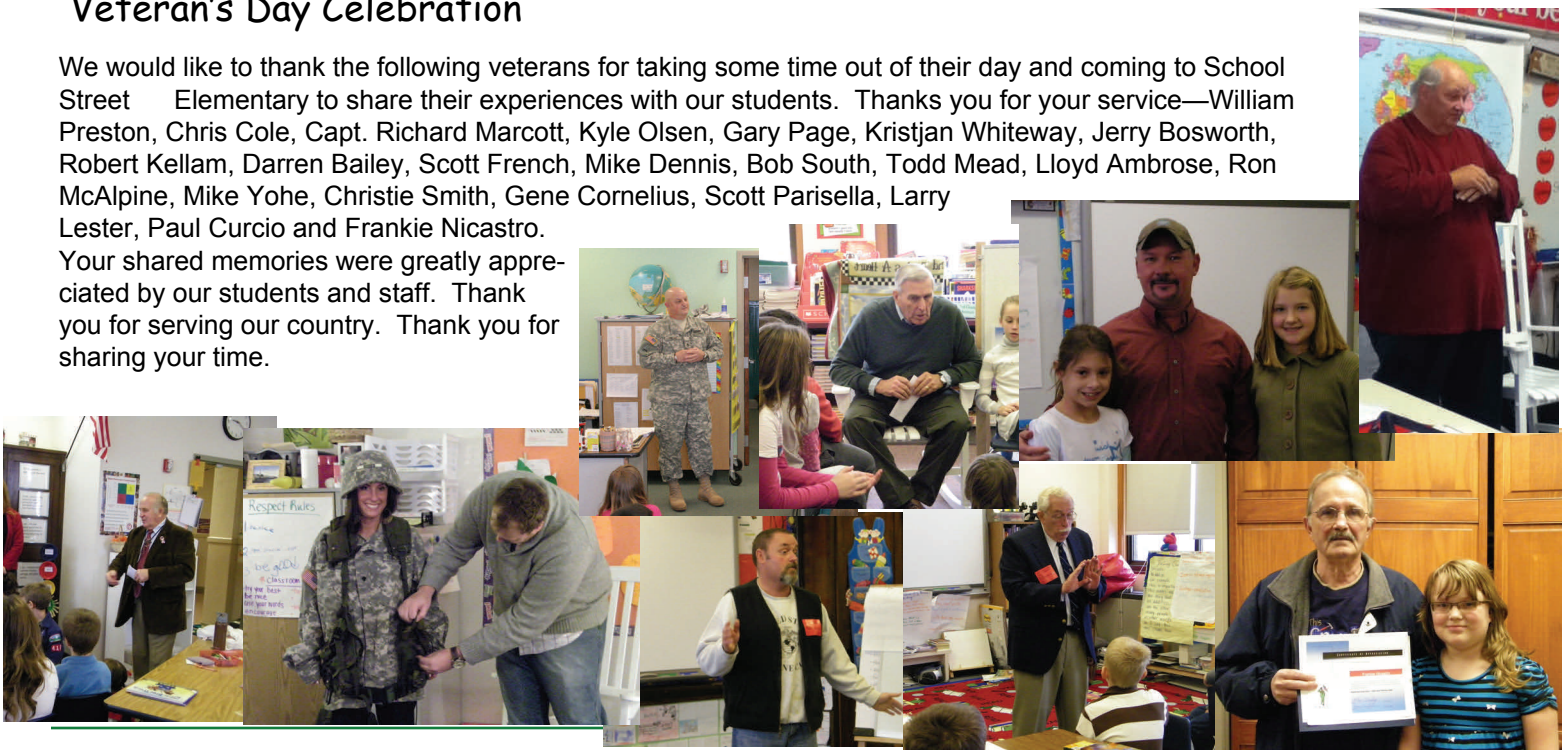
The students and staff selected for September were: **Grade 3:** Angelina Burgess, Gavin Dach, Hunter Smith, Gabriella Mager, Jacob Smith, and Damien Howard. **Grade 4:** Haley Chiodo, Chaz Ackley, Skylar Adams,

Mackenzie Swanson, Andrew Meadows and Brandon Moore. Our **Grade 5** winners were Joey Yaros, Collin Haskins, Paige Jennings, Nikolas Erickson, James Green and Lexi Bennardi. Our staff members were Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Bryan, Mrs. Downey, Mrs. Mongillo, Mrs. Moore and Ms. Anderson.

Congratulations and keep earning those STARS!!

Veteran's Day Celebration

We would like to thank the following veterans for taking some time out of their day and coming to School Street Elementary to share their experiences with our students. Thanks you for your service—William Preston, Chris Cole, Capt. Richard Marcott, Kyle Olsen, Gary Page, Kristjan Whiteway, Jerry Bosworth, Robert Kellam, Darren Bailey, Scott French, Mike Dennis, Bob South, Todd Mead, Lloyd Ambrose, Ron McAlpine, Mike Yohe, Christie Smith, Gene Cornelius, Scott Parisella, Larry Lester, Paul Curcio and Frankie Nicastro. Your shared memories were greatly appreciated by our students and staff. Thank you for serving our country. Thank you for sharing your time.



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Word of the Day...

The students at School Street are learning a new vocabulary word each day. They have a chance to write the definition after they hear how the word is spelled and used in a sentence. Here are the words for September. How many do you know?

**mundane, compose, hermit, balmy,
tedious, dormant, essential, condensation,
urban, ancient, overwhelmed, sincere,
perimeter, and vertices**

* A random drawing of students with the correct definition are read over the morning announcements.

Announcers

Every morning we have announcements read by fifth grade students.. This month we had the pleasure of hearing the students in Mrs. Troisi's class. The students announce birthdays, and attendance award winners. They read the events of the day and end with the pledge of allegiance. We would like to thank **Emily Keltz** and **Ashton Himes** for being our School Street announcers for November.

Emily Keltz was one of our announcers for the month of November. Emily thinks it is fun to be an announcer. She said the most challenging part of being an announcer is trying not to mess up. Her favorite subject is math because she is good at it. Mrs. Cottillon is Emily's favorite teacher because she is funny. Emily likes to read. When asked what is something no one

else at school knows about you, her reply was I have 2 brothers. Her future plans are to be in the reading competition.



Ashton Himes likes to be an announcer because she can talk in front of the whole school. She finds announcing people's names the most challenging

part of being an announcer. Her favorite subject at school is math because she is good at it. Ashton's favorite teacher is Miss Stormer because she is nice and funny. Her favorite hobbies are reading, swimming, and basketball. When asked something that no one knows about her is that she gets car sick. When looking to the future Ashton hopes to be a teacher or a doctor.

In December our announcers are from Miss Reiley's room. It is always exciting to learn more about our students. Check back next month and see what they have to say.

