



School Street News

March 1, 2011

Bradford Area School District

Calendar:

March 4
Read Across America
Dr. Seuss's birthday!!

March 9
Early Dismissal
1:45 p.m.

March 10
After School Tutoring
Ends

March 13—
Daylight Savings
Time Begins
Spring Ahead
One Hour...



March 14-March 25
PSSA Testing
Reading and Math

March 17—
Report Cards
Distributed
Happy St.
Patrick's Day!



March 19—Justin Fox
representing School
Street Elementary at
Scripp's Spelling Bee
Western PA Competi-
tion in Pittsburgh.

March 28—April 1
PSSA Writing
Grade 5

A note from the Principal

Dear School Street Family Members,

It has definitely been an eventful month at School Street Elementary School. As the snow continued to build up outside, we've been bustling with activities inside as you will read about in this newsletter.

Recently, we conducted the 4 Sight Benchmark Assessments to all the students to determine each students' strengths and weaknesses in reading and math. I was pleased with the overall results. There will be many students recognized for their achievements at our Celebration of Learning/PSSA Pep Assembly on March 14.

As a reminder, we will be starting the PSSA testing for reading and mathematics on March 15. The testing will be conducted every morning from 9:00-11:00 for

six school days ending on March 22. You should have received information about the assessments a few weeks ago from your child. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions about the tests. Also, please try to schedule any appointments around the testing times and ensure your child arrives to school rested and on time.

The next few days you will be receiving information about your child's placement for next year. This information reiterates what was in the student handbook. Please review the information if you plan on

requesting a specific teacher. I will be strictly following the guidelines put forth in the letter. This is the first year that we have permitted parents to make formal requests in this manner. We always assign students to classrooms where we feel they will be successful. It is a timely process and we appreciate your support in this process.

Thank you for all that you do for your child. We do appreciate the time you spend checking their assignment notebooks and reading with them. Your support does make a difference.

Stay warm and think positive....warm weather will be here eventually.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Tingley



PTO News

The PTO would like to congratulate Bobbie Green. She won the attendance award at the February PTO meeting. All parents are welcome to attend the meetings. This is a great way to hear what is going on at the school and meet other parents.

Thank you to all the students who sent in Box Tops for Education. Keep saving for next year! We will have the results next month. Check back and see who won.

A new clothing sale will be starting soon. We will be offering a variety of colors in shirts and sweatshirts for School Street Spiritwear.

PTO meeting on **March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the library.** Please plan to attend. Hope to see you there!!

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. February 4— Grade 3: Hugh Kennedy, Jeanne Villamor, Paige Thomas, Erzsi Olsen, Ciera Gallagher, Kenny Dunkerley, Bray McMahon, Kate Pfeil, and Jordan Knight. Grade 4: Griffin Kirk, Olivia Belsler, Peyton Kirk, Mikayla Bond, Lexi Bennardi, and Hunter Fox. Grade 5:

Maddy Guay, Juliana Grover, Kaitlyn Shields and Landon Quick. February 11 we honored the following students in Grade 3: Colton Swanson, Evan O'Neil, Anna Anderson, Jacob Ferarro, Joseph Morrison and Jacob Maley. Grade 4: Owen Lundgren, Justin Williams, Morgan Tyger, Mitchell Hayden and Michaela Terry. Grade 5: Devin Abbott, Alec Kuzmeskas, Alexis Brown and Aedin Vetere. On February 18 we recognized students in Grade 3: Cassidy Blackwell, Blake Bernhard, Gavin Miller, Sydney Sheridan, Alivia Laird, and Arianna Piller. In Grade 4 we recognized: Branden Reed, Indra Lopus, Nick Boser, and Brianna Goodell.

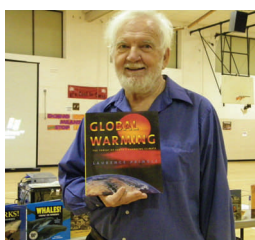
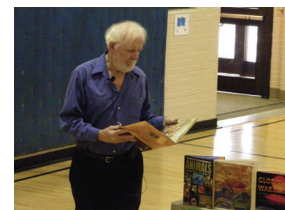
Grade 5 students honored were: Kathleen Kontz, Destinee Deitz, Adam Boyer, and Todd Smith.

If you would like to see the wonderful posters that have been made to honor all the students, please stop by the cafeteria.



Laurence Pringle by: Mackenzie Dunlap and Abby Zickefoose

On Feb. 2nd author Laurence Pringle visited! Laurence said his main goal is to help us as writers. Mr. Pringle said his career was an accident. He didn't start writing until after he was 30 years old. He wrote in magazines until writing children's books was suggested to him.



Laurence grew up in the country and loves and is curious about nature that inspires his subjects (animals, snakes, whales, etc.) for non-fiction books. Mr. Pringle's first book was "Dinosaurs and Their World" He wrote this book in 1968. Mr. Pringle said that this book took several months to finish. It got rejected 8 times before being published. Dr. Seuss got rejected 27 times on his first book. Laurence gave advice saying, "Don't let rejection stop you!" "Dinosaurs and Their World" is outdated because science is updated constantly. Take notice of how the writer starts as you read. He said if your writing and you get stuck chuck it. That's what he did for the "Animal Encyclopedia". This is what all good writers do. They get comfortable and better at it with practice, spot problems and fix them!

Announcers by Lexi Bennardi and Alexis Brown

Our announcers for February came from Miss Gustafson's class. We have had the pleasure of hearing **Faith Langdon** and **Maya Ervin** each morning as they have kept us informed of the day's events.

Faith Langdon is an announcer at School Street Elementary. She likes being an announcer because it's fun and funny because Mrs. Tingley turns out the lights and sometimes they don't know what they are reading and they always laugh after they mess up. The most challenging part is making sure you're there on time. Her favorite subject in school is math. Her favorite

teacher is Mrs. Roulo because she's awesome and she's the best teacher ever. Some of her hobbies are mudding, four wheeling, camping and listening to music. Something no one knows about her is that she's afraid of the dark and secretly a Justin Bieber fan. Her future plans are to be a teacher and have 2 mountain dogs, a huge house and have three 4 wheelers.

Maya Ervin is one of the announcers at School Street. Maya likes being an announcer because she likes having the whole school hear her over the loud speaker and if she messes up she knows the people who are listening so she

won't be embarrassed. She says the most challenging part of being an announcer is being there on time and setting up. Maya's favorite subject is art because she can express her feelings on paper. Her favorite teacher was Miss Caldwell her fourth grade teacher, she refuses to call her Mrs. Clapp. Some of her favorite hobbies are dance class, art, laziness, and annoying her brother. Something nobody knows about Maya is that she loves cooking and watching the food channel. Maya's future plans are to become a chef and a part time dance teacher. Her best friend is Madison Sera.

Miss Whitcomb—Our new Foreign Language teacher by Hayden Nicaastro

Hola!!! We would like to welcome Miss Meghan Whitcomb to School Street Elementary School. Miss Whitcomb is our new Foreign Language teacher. She recently graduated from St. Bonaventure University with a degree in Spanish and Business Administration and has been a long-term sub in Salamanca. She enjoys introducing a new language and culture

to our students. When not in school enriching the lives of the students, Miss Whitcomb enjoys cooking, crafts, hiking, camping and spending time with family and friends. Something no one knows about her is that she has a stuffed cow collection.



Miss Whitcomb's future plans are to continue teaching the students a foreign language, next fall she will be getting married then she plans to start a family.

Star Students

If you come to School Street you will see many STARS. Did you know that students and staff can be recognized for being nice, being safe, being responsible and/or being respectful?

After the student or staff receive a star, they have the option of putting them in the big boxes in the cafeteria. Once a month 6 students from each grade and 6 staff members are selected to have lunch with the principals.

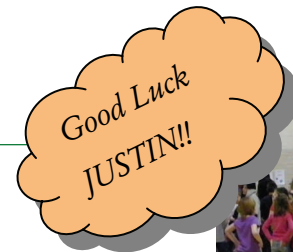
The students and staff selected for

February were: Grade 3: Hugh Kennedy, Colten Nichols, Marc Skaggs, Andrew Kraft, Anna Anderson, Tyler Fink. Our grade 4 recipients were: Lexi Bennardi, Mikayla Henry, James Buck, Zoey Osborn, Stephen Tingley, and Marcus

Pabon. In grade 5 the students selected were: Teddy Bryan, Abby Zickefoose, Taylar Mager, Jonah Tucker, Liz Schoonover and Rae El Larson. It is always a fun-filled time when the students and the principals get together. There is always talk of sports, school, and family.

Congratulations and keep earning those stars.

Be Nice
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe



The Second Annual Scripp's Spelling Bee by: Gavyn Larson and Jonah Tucker

The second annual School Street Elementary Scripp's Spelling Bee was held at 2:00 p.m. on Valentine's Day February 14th in the gymnasium. The bleachers were filled with 4th and 5th grade student and family members of the participants. The 3rd grade students and some staff members were seated on the gym floor. To be a participant in the Spelling Bee, classrooms Spelling Bees were held first in every 4th and 5th grade classroom. Students with the highest number of points from words spelled correctly won a spot in the school's bee. In the end over 25 students participated in the Bee. The participants were Calia Sherk, Makenzie Gibson, Brianna Keller, Kaylee Howard, Justin Williams,

Justin Fox, Jordan Pillar, Easton Rinfrette, Quinn Geist, Aedin Vetere, Leia Kightlinger, Jessica Stack, Jonah Tucker, Owen Lundgren, Hunter Gray, Garrett Wineberg, Peyton Kirk, Gavyn Larson, Alexandra Bennardi, Andrea Winsor, Mackenzie Dunlap, Kyle Hartman, Chelsea Burkhouse, Kyle Stewart, Jordan Defillippo, Abigail Zickefoose, Sydney Emerson and Timothy Case. The participants were seated in a row of chairs in front of the entire audience! Mrs. Cannon was the pronouncer and checker. She pronounced the words, gave the definition and used the words in a sentence. Mrs. Waugaman helped with the judging. There were five excit-

ing rounds. What made the rounds complex was the variety of words to be spelled, some were easier than others.

Some words that students spelled were preliminary, crocodile, whittle, and abracadabra. In the last round there were three students left, Calia Sherk, Kyle Hartman and Justin Fox. It went on for three more rounds and the total spelling bee was eight rounds. Justin Fox won by spelling the word "inoculate". Justin will be representing School Street Elementary in Pittsburgh on March 19 at the Western Pennsylvania Competition.

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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 February. How many do you know?

equation, suffix, persuasive, inference, rhombus, operation, exaggerate, rotation, comprehend, area, synonym, prism, metaphor, setting, fluency, trapezoid, plot, capacity

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



STUDY ISLAND

Have you logged on to Study Island yet?

<http://www.studyisland.com>. Your child has their own special log-in and password....check it out!!

Bingo for Books by Owen Lundgren

On Feb. 3rd we had Bingo for Books. Bingo for Books is an opportunity for students and their families to do something together and for students to win books to take home and read. It started at 6:30 and lasted one hour. There were at least 1,000 books that we got from The Scholastic Book Company. Kids from any school are allowed to attend Bingo for Books. This year we had at least 220 people attend. Mrs. Arrowsmith and Mrs. Baldwin were the Bingo Callers for the evening.

