

SARGENT



Greetings from the Music Room:

During the month of December many students will be learning about different winter holidays and celebrations. We will play dreidel, and different Christmas holiday games from various regions, as well as explore the music from Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker.

The 3rd and 4th graders are continuing to learn about reading music and playing the recorder.

The 5th graders are soon to follow. If your child doesn't have his/her recorder in the music room, please send in \$3 so a new one can be ordered.

Reminder: The Winter Concert is on Dec. 17th at 7pm. Students are asked to arrive by 6:30pm. Concert attire: White shirt, black bottom and black shoes. Please enjoy the sweet sounds of the holiday season!

NEWS

Dear Sargent Community,

Happy Holidays!

This is a good time to reflect back on the past year at Sargent. Our testing scores improved across the board. I am pleased about that. I think we have other reasons to be reflective about. Our youngsters are happy and healthy at Sargent. I commend our faculty for how they work with your children, as well as our very supportive families and generous community.

Our students need all of us working and collaborating together.

Again, happy and safe holidays.

Regards,

Brian Archer

.....

■ **Student Council News:**

■ **Our Fifth Annual Fill the Stocking, is up and running. We are continuing to work with, The Salvation Army, in Beacon, to help our local families fulfill their holiday needs. We are collecting small toys for boy/girl any age, coloring books, crayons, candy, socks, mittens, stuffed animals, etc. Donations, will be collected in Room 4, until December 19th. Our School Store, is open every Wednesday, in our new location, the Cafeteria, from 8:30-8:55 a.m.**

■

December 3-9 is Computer Science Week and Hour of Code. We will be coding both online and offline throughout December. We are very excited to receive our 3D printer cart thanks to the generosity of the Skorewicz family and PTO. Thank you! Fifth grade will soon be learning how to print in 3D!

Grade Level News

In December, Pre-K will be learning about and celebrating the many holidays that make up this special time of year. Our World Travels continue as we visit the birthplace of the Candy Cane, Europe!

Our annual Solstice Pajama Day will be on Friday, December 21.

Kindergarten will be learning about some of the December holidays and how they are celebrated around the world. We will be finished with our lowercase letters by the end of the month. Please keep practicing at home! We hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season and Happy New Year!

First graders really enjoyed their Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the weeks ahead. We have been studying fact families in math, creating and reading non-fiction stories and learning about different kinds of families in social studies. December will also bring us some holiday treats and activities....and maybe some SNOW brrrrr...stay warm!

Second grade has a lot of fun and exciting things planned for the month of the December. Our matter unit is in full swing, and students are excited about getting to change matter soon! We are reading and writing nonfiction, with an emphasis on text features, and will be learning about many different holiday traditions from around the world. As we wrap up our place value unit, we will be moving into larger number addition and subtraction strategies using what we learned about place value in the process. We hope all our families have a happy holiday season!

Third grade is focusing on rounding, adding and subtracting in the month of December. For most the adding and subtracting are review but we are fine tuning and using the skill to answer multi step word problems. Ms. Belloch's class is learning about the fascinating culture of Japan. The class will be reading and learning to take notes to collect important information. Mr. Carpenter's class is studying The United States of America. We will be learning about our geography, culture, government, and economy. The class will also be completing a variety of maps to be adding to their growing Atlases. Ms. Belloch's Class is learning about Bull frogs, as well as, learning about Ancient Japan while reading Magic Tree House - Dragon of the Red Dawn. Mr. Carpenter's class is doing a unit on famous disasters. We are looking at different ways non-fiction can be written as well as finding the main idea and supporting details. The unit will culminate with a project.

The 4th graders have been very busy! We had a visit from the "Chef in the Classroom". We made and tasted a dish cooked with a variety of healthy vegetables, In Science, we are learning about Food Chains, Food Webs and Ecosystems.

We are beginning division in Math. The 4th grade is continuing to learn about the Iroquois / Haudenosaunee who lived right in this area of New York. Lastly, we are excited that our instrumental lessons have begun. We will be making beautiful music before you know it !

Some 5th graders did an awesome job serving at the the Seniors Thanksgiving Luncheon. This was a great experience for everyone involved. 5th grade is looking forward to touring Met Life Stadium on December 7th. Thanks to the PE teachers for setting this up. We also are looking forward to the Winter Concert as the Band and Chorus students have been working hard preparing to put on a great show for the audience. Lastly, 5th grade can't wait for the Holiday season and winter Break.

IMPORTANT DATES

December 2	Hanukkah Begins
December 3-7	Holiday Boutique
December 5	Karate Night—6:30-7:30
December 10	Board of Ed Meeting—BHS
December 13	PTO Meeting—7:00 PM

December 14	PTO Grown Up Fun Night
December 17	Sargent Winter Concert—7PM—BHS
December 21	Progress Reports Go Home
December 21	First Day of Winter
Dec. 24 - Jan 1	Winter Recess

PLEASE CHECK OUR LOST AND FOUND—WE HAVE MANY ITEMS OF CLOTHING...THANK YOU!

With the onset of the cold weather here are some tips from your School Nurse.

Dressing properly is very important. Children should not be coming to school without coats, hats and gloves when the weather is cold. Even if you drop them off or the school bus picks them up; they still need to wear appropriate outerwear. As long as the weather is 26 degrees or above students will go out for lunchtime recess.

The arrival of cold weather brings with it increased cases of illnesses especially influenza, pneumonia, bronchitis and other serious and contagious childhood illnesses. The best way to reduce the spread of these illnesses is to follow the tips that are listed below:

Please stress the importance of proper hand washing.
 Children should not be sent to school if they have a fever
 or have been vomiting
 Excessive cough, complaint of sore throat, headache, muscular aches or pains are
 all signs of illness.
 The student who is not feeling well cannot benefit from instruction and will be
 the cause of spreading infection to others.
 We also can never forget the importance of getting a flu vaccine before the winter.

Hope these tips help our students here at Sargent stay healthy this winter.

Mrs. Carmela Walden-Lail R.N.

Sargent School Nurse

“Banana Sargent students starting next recognized established to children ing major separation, riage.



“Splits”, a program for dents grades 1-5 will be month. This nationally program has been es- address the needs of whose families are fac- changes as a result of divorce, and/or remar-

Consent forms will be sent home with children interested in participating. If you do not receive a form and are interested in having your child participate you can contact Ms. Zappala or Mrs. Oliver at (845) 838-6900 ext. 4504.

Physical Education News:

This month, we have our Karate Night on Wednesday December 5th from 6:30 to 7:30pm. It is only \$5 for admission per student and all of the proceeds go towards the Sargent Phys Ed Gymnasium Beautification Project. Ms. Tobin and I would like to make the gym a more bright, inviting place. Also, we are taking the 5th grades from Sargent and South Avenue on a field trip to Met Life Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ on Friday December 7th for a tour of the stadium. Thank you all for your support and we wish you a happy holiday season! - Ms. Tobin and Mr. Carofano.

ART NEWS:

Students learned about foreground, middle and background and how it can show distance and make our work more realistic. Our projects now are focusing on the element of texture with winter-themed activities.