

SARGENT

February 2019



Greetings from the Music Room!

We have been very busy!

The kindergartners have been enjoying working with new percussion instruments (Boomwhackers) and enjoying some singing games.

The 1st/2nd grade students have been working hard to identify and read various rhythms in standard music notation.

The 3rd, 4th and 5th graders have been expanding their knowledge in the area of music literacy, and applying their knowledge by playing their recorders.

NEWS

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The school year is quickly passing and our lives only seem to get busier and busier. Between the start of February and April is when the major part of school instruction takes place. We have fewer days off from school and this allows for more contact time teaching your children. With that being said, it is more important now that we spend time with our children reading. There is a great deal of data out there that says our children who read at home do better in school. I ask that you spend a few minutes a day having your children read to you. I also know that when our kids are a bit older they do not want to read to us as much. Please make your kids read even if they say no. And...if you ask your child what happened at Sargent today and your child says nothing; that is certainly not the case.

I also want to take a moment to thank our students, faculty, parents and PTO for supporting Sargent. Our PTO and PE staff painted a large section of our gymnasium that really makes it look much better and brighter. Our 4th and 5th graders are working with an artist to create a mural on our bottom floor walls. Thank you PTO for sponsoring this expansive and creative endeavor.

Student Council News:

We would like to thank all those that participated in our Spirit Month, and hopefully enjoyed doing so. We raised \$477.00 to help purchase a new Sound System and other materials Mrs. Stickney, could use for her Music room. For February, we are giving back once again to our Veterans by making cards and collecting chocolate and cookies for them. Please remember our Veterans for all their selfless acts of kindness. Student Council, will also be focusing on spreading KINDNESS in our own building by providing tear off notes that students can take for themselves or to share with someone they feel may need some encouragement. We are learning to build one another up. What a great month to focus on Kindness <3

In honor of Black History Month and President's Day, we will explore biographies of famous African Americans and presidents and learn how to find biographies in the library. We will also be coding and learning about the research process. 5th graders are excited to print their first project on the 3D printer.

Grade Level News

In Pre-K this month, we will work with numbers up to 10, continue letters and sounds and learn about groundhogs and presidents. We will also begin to explore the continent of ASIA. Gung hay fat choy!

Also, Ms. Kristen celebrates her 29th birthday on 2/6!

Kindergarten is so excited to be celebrating Valentine's Day AND the 100th Day of School this month. It will be a very busy month as we dive into writing even more and begin decomposing numbers.

The First Grade Team celebrated Mrs. Watson's retirement with her, & we welcomed Mr. Werba (who has worked in the classroom all year) as her replacement. We're so glad to have him as our peer teacher! In ELA, we are learning about blends in words, and adding some new, really tricky, Trick Words. We will be writing "How-to" books in writing. It's always fun to see how kids write directions on "How to Make a PBJ Sandwich" or "How to Wash a Dog." In Math, we will move onto a fun unit of measurement next. The kids always seem to enjoy this unit a lot! In Social Studies, we will learn about communities.

2nd grade will continue working on addition and subtraction strategies, now within 1,000. We will move into some time and money before starting our multiplication unit. 2nd graders are moving back into reading nonfiction with the purpose now of gathering information. They will be reading about influential African Americans and writing biographies using their research. We will be wrapping up land forms and changes to the earth and moving to our big Animals in Winter science unit. Lastly, teachers are beginning their meetings with DIA art museum and will kick off our Arts and Ed program with them very soon!

Math: We are finishing up multiplication for 0 - 10. Make sure you are studying your multiplication facts. We will be introducing Area for rectangles and shapes made out of rectangles. After this we will be moving on to fractions. Science: They are studying Water. In this unit we will discuss the water cycle, water pollution, and water distribution as well as conserving water. Reading: Mr. Carpenter's class is delving into the world of fictional stories. We are learning about the different types of fiction as well as the parts of fiction. Mrs. Belloch: Remember to read every night!

The 4th graders are busy learning about the Colonial Time Period, including the many valuable trades that existed. In Math, they are learning how to configure the area and perimeter of various shapes, and will begin to learn about the different types of angles. The 4th grade teachers are in the process of setting up a trip...possibly in March...to the NYS Museum in Albany! Details to follow.

In ELA, 5th graders will be starting their study on sports in American culture over time which includes the biography, Promises to Keep: How Jackie Robinson Changed America. In math, students will be starting Module 4, Multiplication and Division of Fractions and Decimal Fractions. In Social Studies, the 5th graders will be diving into European Exploration of the Western Hemisphere.

IMPORTANT DATES



February 4	Report Cards Go Home
February 7	PTO Meeting—7PM
February 8	Family Fun Night Dance 6:30-9:00 PM
February 11	BOE Meeting—7 PM—BHS

February 14	Happy Valentine's Day!
February 15	President's Weekend—School Closed
February 18	President's Day—School Closed
February 25	BOE Meeting—7PM—BHS

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

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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.

forms will be sent home

Physical Education News:

This is a friendly reminder that with the cold weather, please send in your student with appropriate sneakers on PE days. PE is every other day, so if your child had class on a Monday, he or she will have PE again on Wednesday and Friday. Also, we will be doing our Gymnastics/Rock Climbing/Rope Climbing Unit this February so your child we be doing a lot of different body contortions and tumbling. We will also be starting up our Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser shortly. Thank you for your continuous support! - Mr. Carofano and Ms. Tobin

ART NEWS:

Thank you all who supported our "Art is Elementary" show last month - We were told by the Howland Library that it was our largest turnout. The show will be running until Mid-February. Some of our students are now working with surrealism, in preparation of our next art show - more to follow!