

SARGENT

January 2019



NEWS

Greetings from the Music Room:

Attention all 5th Graders: If your recorder is at home, please bring it in ASAP.

Chorus members:

Two select students will begin their preparations for this year's All-County Choral Festival. Students are selected on their musical skill, technique, overall character, responsibility and eagerness to learn.

Happy New Year Sargent!

I want to wish all of our Sargent community a Happy 2019. I also want our students and families to start New Year's resolutions and keep them regarding reading and academic goals and plans. Our young STARS should be reading for enjoyment a minimum of 30 minutes per day after school. One of the great joys of parenting is to read with your children...please make that time happen.

We also need to recognize and congratulate our Student Council led by Ms. Gida. Our Student Council donated socks, puzzles, books and cookies to our veterans at Castle Point. Thank you Student Council for all of your efforts during the Holiday Season.

Have a great January.

Regards,

Brian Archer

Student Council News:

Our Fill the Stocking Drive was a success! Thank you to all that donated, that helped bring happiness to a child/family in need. This month our focus is giving back to our Music Department, with a new sound system. Every Friday, in January we will have an activity to participate in for \$1.00 each week, which will help purchase the equipment. Our first Friday, is Crazy Hat Day (January 4). Next, January 11th, Teddy Bear Day, January 18th, Pajamas Day, and lastly, January 25th, Crazy Hair Day! Have fun!! As always, we appreciate your continued support.

Happy New Year! This month in library the primary grades will be learning about the Caldecott award which is given to books based on the illustrations. We will also explore previous Caldecott award winners. Upper grades will be focusing on research, using databases and 5th grade will learning how to use Tinkercad to design a 3D project!

Grade Level News

Pre-K has finished the first part of our school year. The children are now experienced students! This month, we are preparing for our first report cards (coming home on Feb. 1) with a lot of skills practice and assessments. We will learn about the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We've begun our next language unit which focuses on animals, handwriting and hearing syllables. In math, numbers 6 through 10! Happy 29th Birthday to Mr. Dom on 1/24!

Happy New Year! Kindergarten is beginning to learn about our 5 Senses. We will be doing lots of hands-on projects! We will be starting to work on comparing length, weight, capacity, and numbers to 10. Our writing is starting to take off!

First graders have been learning about the human body and how the different systems work. We've been reading a lot of nonfiction stories and have begun working on writing our own nonfiction books. We have also been working hard on subtracting numbers from 20.

2nd grade is finishing up learning about holiday traditions around the world. We are continuing our learning of place value and applying it to adding and subtracting large numbers. We are wrapping up matter and will be moving into our geography unit and learning about land forms. We will soon meet with DIA to begin planning our Art and Ed. program with them that will take place in spring! Happy New Year to all our families.

The third grade is working on learning their multiplication facts. Please help them practice at home. In science, we are learning about water around the world. We are working on reading non-fiction text and using text features to support our learning.

The 4th graders are beginning American Exploration and Colonial America in Social Studies / ELA. In Math we are currently working on, and heading towards, Multiples, Factors, Long Division and Two-Digit Multiplication.

It's a good thing we are well-rested from our Winter Recess! January looks to be a very busy month!

In fifth grade, students are excited to be exploring the biodiversity of rainforests as part of their ELA unit. In math, they are working on Module 3, the addition and subtraction of fractions. In science, students are learning about earth systems and how they interact with each other.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 1	Happy New Year
January 2	School Re-Opens
January 10	PTO Meeting—3:45

January 17	Trivia Night 7:00 PM
January 21	Martin Luther King—District Closed
January 28	BOE Meeting—7 PM @ 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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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:

The big news surrounding the PE department this month is the new look of our gymnasium! With the help of the PTO and many volunteers, we covered up the old, boring beige/tan that surrounded the gym we now have a very bright, exciting yellow! The students have been very excited to see this change when they came back from break. If you get a moment, peek your head in and see just how bright it now is! Ms. Tobin and I want to thank the PTO and all of the volunteers who donated their time and energy over Winter Break. Also, we wish all of the Sargent Families a Happy and Healthy 2019! Thank you for all of your support.

ART NEWS:

The elementary art department's annual Art show will be held at the Howland Library with an open reception January 19, 2019. A select number of students will have artwork on display at the library and invitations will go out shortly.