

## Upcoming Events

- Jan 2: Staff & Students Return (B DAY)
- Jan 9: NH PTC 3:30
- Jan 9: Virtual Readers From Birth
- Jan 16 & 19: Student Lighthouse Meetings
- Jan 20: PTC Movie Night 5:30
- Jan 26: Half Day of School



## Sharpen the Paw Highlights

December 22, 2023

Every 5-weeks, staff host a 45-to-60-minute activity to celebrate student's hard work! During this time, students are able to renew and refresh by choosing an activity of their choice!



From Left to Right Above: Winter Wonderland with Mrs. Rodas, Crafts with Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Ruttan, Robots and Coding with Ms. Cullen, Decorating (& eating) Christmas Trees with Mr. Teifke, and BINGO with Ms. Barry

# Tiger Times

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## A LETTER FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

As we approach the holiday season, I want to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you. Your support and dedication to our school community have been invaluable, and I'm incredibly grateful for the partnership we share in nurturing each leaders' growth and learning.

Your engagement in service-learning projects has been extraordinary and has enriched the educational experiences of our leaders! You have demonstrated how the act of giving can impact our community while filling our hearts with happiness and fulfillment. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to get involved exemplify the values we aim to instill in our leaders.

This past Monday, a Mission Statement Family Challenge went home! It is a great way to reset together, as a family, by defining your purpose and vision for 2024! We look forward to receiving these in the new year!

Wishing you a wonderful holiday season filled with peace, joy, good health, and continued togetherness.

Warmest regards,

*Mrs. Granholm*

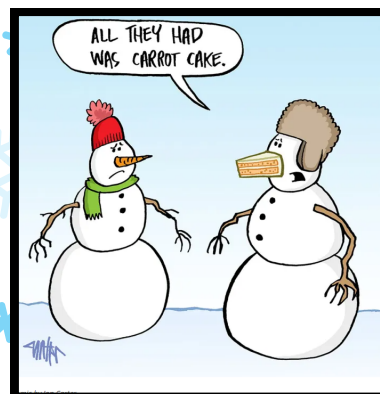


Above: Ms. Close and our 3rd and 4th grade musicians performing during New Haven Elementary's Holiday Chorus Concert! Cold Snap was a real crowd pleaser!

## Winter Wonderland

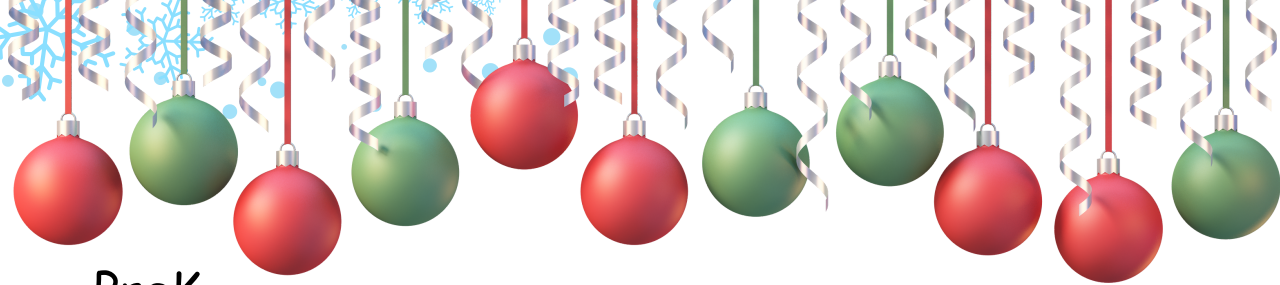
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- WONDERLAND
- SLEDDING
- FROZEN
- BLIZZARD
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- SNOWBALL
- HOT CHOCOLATE
- SNOWFLAKE
- FROSTY
- ICICLE
- GLISTEN
- WINTER
- SNOWFALL
- SKATING



What do snowmen eat for lunch? *Icebergers*





## PreK

PreK has been learning about families and we have shared stories about the chores, traditions, and celebrations we have with our families. In math, we continue to count objects to five and have begun working on patterns. We also continue to learn about the different emotions that we feel. This month we were very busy practicing to get ready for our Prek Holiday Concert and we would like to thank everyone who supported us during our first school performance!



## Kindergarten

In Kindergarten, we have been busy reading and writing words with up to three sounds and in math, we have also started learning about units of measurement. In science, we have been learning about the impact of humans and animals on our environment. We are very excited about our next unit in science, engineering! Our challenge is going to be to build something out of recycled materials. Kindergarten would like to thank everyone for their donations to our Treats for Troops Service-Learning Project. With your help, our we collected and donated 227 lbs. of candy!



Mrs. Maloney is helping us learn about our emotions through stories.

**What do you call a snowman on Rollerblades? A Snowmobile**



## 1st grade

First Grade has been busy working on many fun activities, including learning sight words, math facts, and how to decode words with “magic e”! We’ve been loving our new unit on astronomy, and we can tell you a fact or two about each of the planets in our solar system. One especially fun activity we’ve been doing recently is writing friendly letters to spread some holiday cheer! We are writing to friends in each of the first-grade classes and delivering these notes into stockings each day. THANKS so much to everyone who helped us with our service-learning project – we collected lots of food for the Mexico Food Pantry. It is fabulous here in 1st grade, and we can’t wait for the fun and learning to continue after the break!



## 2nd grade

This Month second grade has focused on Habit #3: Put First Things First. The classes have learned about Big Rocks, which are the important actions that move us forward toward our goals. They learned that “big rocks” are the things he or she needs to do, and the small rocks are the things he or she wants to do.



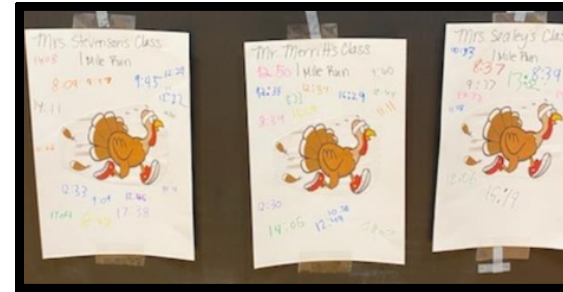
Students are learning to take care of their big rocks first and then if there is time, or room he or she can take care of the little rocks. As a family engagement activity for the month of December, students were asked to decorate a green triangle at home with their families. When they were returned to school, we created a Syner-TREE. We are better together.



**What does a gingerbread man put on his bed? A cookie sheet**



## Physical Education



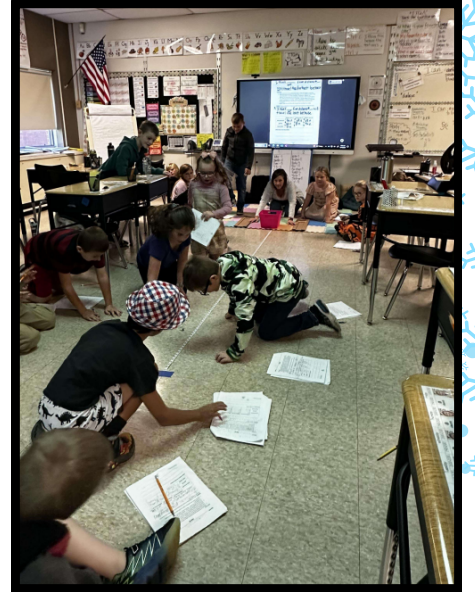
All students participated in a Gobble Til You Wobble Run. Each grade level had an age-appropriate distance to run! Pre-k & K were able to complete ¼ Mile Run, 1st & 2nd Grade completed a 1/2 Mile Run, and 3rd & 4th ended the week out with a 1 Mile Run! Each class has been working on establishing a long-distance pace where breathing and running techniques have been practiced and instilled. Congratulations to all students for completing an individual and class goal!

## Library

The New Haven Library will host author/illustrator Daniel Jude Miller next Monday. Mr. Miller will read to students and share with them how he gets an idea for a book and creates his illustrations. Library students have been participating in a variety of activities this fall. Notably, 2nd grade students are doing an awesome job learning Keyboarding. In 3rd and 4th grade students have done basic 3D printing designs. Students have also participated in the Hour of Code this month. Learning Computer Programming / Coding can help students land great jobs after high school!

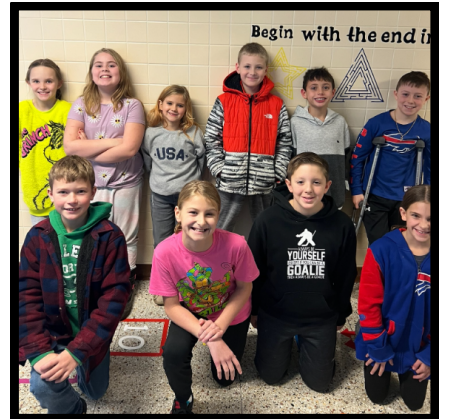
## 3rd grade

Third graders have been introduced to the first unit of study in science, “Forced to Stick With It: Motion and Magnetism,” where they have been planning and conducting investigations, making observations, asking questions, and applying scientific ideas about magnets. They have learned about balanced and unbalanced forces, friction, mass, and gravity. In ELA, we have learned about classic tales, animal classifications, and have almost completed our learning of the human body. Third graders have had the opportunity to improve their writing skills and start to piece together paragraphs with a topic sentence, supporting details, and a conclusion. In math, third graders have been introduced to the properties of multiplication and division, and have almost concluded their learning on place value, and problem solving with units of measure. They are almost halfway to their W.I.G of completing 2,000 iReady lessons with at least 70% accuracy for the year. Keep working hard, leaders!



## 4th grade

The 4th graders have been enjoying our first unit of study in science called Makin’ Waves: Patterns of Waves and Information Transfer. In this unit, the driving question is: How do spies and sailors use waves? With much exploration, we are continuing to find that light and sound waves are very beneficial



to spies and sailors in many ways! In CKLA, we have become poets and have been implementing many poetic devices into our writing such as alliteration, repetition, similes, and metaphors. In math our focus has been on long division and multiplication. Congratulations to the following students who have mastered their 50 questions timed challenge in 2 minutes and 30 seconds! Multiplication Timed Challenge- Joey Spereno, Alayna Sova, Aria Parkhurst, Mackenzie Wilder, Austin Boots, Ruari McDonald, Harper Small, Castial Brown, Duncan Ware, Corbin Grey, Gunner Clark, Gabriella Borden Division Timed Challenge- Joey Spereno, Aria Parkhurst, Austin Boots, Castial Brown, Mackenzie Wilder

