

# Big Woods Elementary School

January Newsletter

## Message from the Principal

Our 4th Grade Garage Sale and our Giving Tree Event showed a tremendous outpouring of serving and helping others. I watched as families donated new and old items to support both activities. Together, our school raised over \$2,300 that will go directly to families in need within our community. Our 4th grade students loaded over 650 items that were donated to the Hanover Food Shelf.

I am so proud to be the principal of Big Woods. Thank you for your selfless living to support families during this Holiday Season.

### UPCOMING DATES:

#### January.

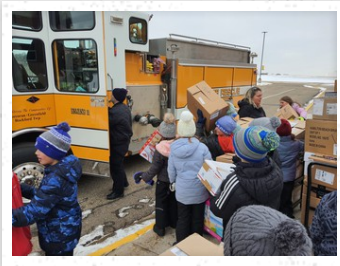
- 16 - No School/Teacher Workshop (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)**
- 17 - School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM**
- 23 - Grade 2 Concert @ MSW (6:00 or 7:00 PM)**
- 27 - PTO Bingo Night**

#### February.

- 6 - School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM**
- 7 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00 PM**
- 9 - Early Release @ 12:00 PM (Parent Teacher Conferences)**
- 16 - No School/Teacher Workshop**
- 17 - No School**
- 20 - No School/Presidents' Day**
- 21 - School Board Meeting @ 7:00 PM**
- 27 - Grade 3 Concert @ MSW (6:00 or 7:00 PM)**



**Giving Tree - 4th Grade Team**



**Giving Tree - Loading the fire truck**



**Giving Tree - Team Effort**



**Caught Being Good**



**December Students of the Month**



**January Students of the Month**

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024

Online kindergarten registration for the 2023-2024 school year OPENS Wednesday, February 1! Please visit the Albertville Primary website at: <https://www.stma.k12.mn.us/Page/155> for more information, as well as the link to register.

Registration information and details for Kindergarten Open House (May 2023) and Kindergarten Orientation (September 2023) will be mailed to families with potential kindergarteners at the end of January.

Please call the Albertville Primary office at 763-497-2688 if you have any questions.

## 2nd Grade Concert

Dear BW 2nd Grade Guardians/Parents:

We hope you have been able to be outside and enjoy some of the beautiful snowy weather we've had this month! Our 2nd graders are already doing a tremendous job in our rehearsals and look forward to performing for you. Below are some concert details to put on your home calendars.

**Monday, January 23rd**

**Middle School West Auditorium**

**Classes for 6:00 concert (arrive at 5:45)**

**Mrs. Christensen, Mrs. Gavic, Mrs. Hermes, and Mr. Huerd**

**Classes for 7:00 (arrive at 6:45)**

**Ms. Springer and Mrs. Sukalski**

**What to wear:**

We're asking students to wear a white, light blue or light gray shirt. We would recommend something lightweight! Please also wear what you have or what you can borrow. ***Please do not feel obligated to purchase anything new to wear for the concert.***

Our annual music program is always an excellent opportunity for families to emphasize the importance of music education. We often need to prioritize our busy schedules to attend and participate in a concert. Feel free to email with any questions or concerns. You have great kids and we look forward to seeing you on Monday, January 23rd!

Musically Yours,

Mrs. Phillips & Ms. Van Beusekom

Big Woods Elementary Music

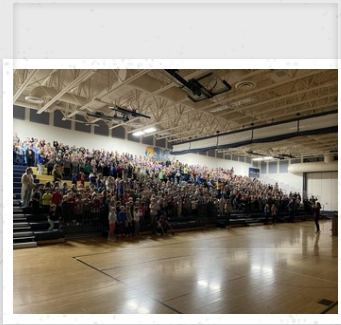
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## **Superintendents of the Day - Iris T. and Brennon F.**

Two of our wonderful students were chosen to be part of an exciting day with Dr. Foucault. Iris and Brennon joined four other 4th grade students from St. Michael Albertville Elementary and Fieldstone to learn what Dr. Foucault does on a daily basis.







**2023 Winter  
Assembly**



**Rose and Grace  
our Winter  
Assembly MC's**



**4th Grade  
Performing Winter  
Assembly**



**Hockey Lunch**



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# MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

## HIGHLIGHT

This month we will be focusing on:

### Trying Something New

**What does this mean?**

To do something completely different from what has been done before.

#### **Ways to Try Something New:**

- Playing a different game
  - At Recess
  - In Class
- Read Different Books
- Sitting in a different spot
  - At Lunch
  - On the Rug
- Talking to someone you typically don't
  - At Lunch
  - At Recess
  - In Class
  - On the Bus
- Try a New Activity or Sport (Outside of School)

## GROWTH MINDSET: FEEDBACK IS A GIFT - ACCEPT IT

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a Gift -  
Accept It

J. H. Florence

## RESOURCES

### **Activities:**

Choice Board  
Flexible Thinking (Slides)  
Flexible Thinking (Worksheets)  
Keeping an Open Mind (Sorting)  
My Brain is Growing

### **Books:**

Don't Worry Little Crab by Chris Haughton  
My Brave Year of Firsts: Tries, Sighs, and High Fives by  
Jaime Lee Curtis  
The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds  
The Koala Who Could by Rachel Bright  
The Magical Yet by Angela DiTerlizzi  
Try and Stick With It by Cheri J. Meiners







## MEET YOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK TEAM:

AP Social Worker -  
Bethany Nordby  
BW Social Worker -  
Elly Tran

FE & SE Social Worker -  
Rachel Benedict  
SE Social Worker -  
Erin Peterson

## RECESS

If students are well enough to attend school, they are expected to go outside for recess. Weather permitting, students will go outside. Students are expected to dress appropriately for each season. Parents are encouraged to check the weather and monitor students' dress.

<b>29° and Below</b> Jacket, headwear, mittens, boots & snow pants <small>(Boots and Snow Pants grades 1, 2, and 3 only)</small>	
<b>30° - 40°</b> Jacket, headwear, & mittens	
<b>41° to 59°</b> Jacket only	
<b>60° and Above</b> No jackets	

## Big Woods Certified Faculty - Flannel Day





## Message from our PTO

Anyone who would like to be notified of volunteer opportunities (fun run, grandparents lunch, garage sale, etc) can send us an email at [bigwoodsptovolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:bigwoodsptovolunteers@gmail.com)

We are so grateful for those that have supported Big Woods this school year. Please reach out if you are interested.

Sincerely,  
Big Woods PTO Team