



Bath Bulletin

December 2023

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 4-8 PTA Holiday Shop

Dec. 4- Intermediate Orchestra
Rehearsal

Dec. 6- Beginning Orchestra
Rehearsal

Dec. 7- Coding Club
- Bath Orchestra
Performance

Dec. 12- Board Meeting

Dec. 14- Coding Club

Dec. 15- Bath Team Hero Spirit
Day/Popcorn Friday
- RMS Choir Performing for
Gr. 5 Students

Dec. 18- Math Olympiad Test

Dec. 19- Winter Classroom Parties

Dec. 20-Jan. 2- Winter Break

Jan. 3- 1st Day Back From Break

Jan. 9-10- Winter MAP Testing

Dear Families,

This year is absolutely flying by. It is so hard to believe that it is already December and the holiday season is upon us. I hope you have many opportunities over the upcoming month to enjoy this amazing time with your children.

Our wonderful Bath PTA is hosting their annual Holiday Shoppe on December 4-8. Bath students can bring in money to shop for their loved ones during their library encore time. Thank you in advance to all of our PTA volunteers for helping to make this a special event for our students.

The kids are anxiously waiting for that first big snow so that we can get the sleds out during recess!! Please remember that we do go outside and enjoy the snow and cold weather at recess and the kids are encouraged to wear their boots, snow pants, and winter clothing every day when it is cold. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Dan Fry, Principal

Andrew Wilson, Assistant Principal



Holiday Parties

As a reminder, we will not be having big PTA sponsored winter parties to help celebrate the holidays. Our teachers will organize their own activities and festivities for the students on December 19. Some teachers may ask for snack donations or for a few volunteers if needed for their activities.

For those of you planning ahead, our Valentine's parties will be organized in a similar manner. Our teachers will plan their parties on Feb. 14 and will let our room parents know if they need any assistance. Students will pass out valentines, enjoy delicious snacks, make crafts, and play holiday games.



What's Happening in the STEM Lab with Mrs. Racin?

Throughout the year, our Bath students will be working on both a coding and design thinking module in the STEM Lab. The coding class uses the Tynker App and "Get Started with Code 2" from Apple Education. With Tynker, students begin experimenting with visual blocks, then progress to text-based coding as they solve puzzles, build apps, and make incredible projects.

The design thinking activities require our students to problem solve, think critically and creatively, communicate and collaborate with others, and persevere when something does not work the first time. For these activities, we will use curriculum from Project Lead the Way. These units engage students in hands-on activities, projects, and problems and empower them to solve real-world challenges.

The 3rd grade students are practicing their coding using Spheros. The design challenge focuses on the hypothetical scenario that Bath Twp. is wanting to add a mini golf course and is looking at possible hole designs. They are asking students to submit design ideas for consideration. After small groups design and build a mini golf hole using paper, they play their hole in as few coding blocks (strokes) as possible to determine par. Then they play the course and code a solution on their classmates' holes. Next semester the kids will complete the Variations of Traits module. In this design thinking problem, students investigate the differences between genetic traits that are inherited and traits which are learned or influenced by the environment. Students identify a question to research, gather data and draw conclusions based on their findings.

The 4th and 5th grade students are both coding using Tinkercad and are learning how to design 3D prints. Their creations will focus on shape manipulation, grouping, ungrouping, and alignment.

The 4th graders will tackle their design thinking module next semester, focusing on Energy Conversions. In this design problem, students explore energy conversion and transfer. They are presented with a problem that requires them to design a machine that could efficiently move donated food from a truck to a food pantry.

The 5th graders will learn about Robotics and Automation in their upcoming design thinking module. In this design problem, students work with a group to design, model, and test a robot that could remove hazardous materials from a disaster site. They also design the layout of the site to include a water site and a hazardous materials collection zone.



Bath Team Hero Raffle Winners

At the end of the first grading period, we had our Bath Team Hero award raffle. Students who earned a Bath Team Hero award from a Bath staff member had their names entered into a raffle. Six lucky winners received a Cold Stone or McDonald's gift card. Congratulations to Brooke Childs, Jay Deuring, Mikey Essey, Chase Buckner, Kayleana Allison, and Calix Jason.



Morning Announcements Are Now on Video

Our morning announcements are now on video. A huge thank you to Mrs. Jodi Hetman, fourth grade teacher and director of morning announcements, for helping us to make this switch. The students are learning how to use our technology and green screen to record content, edit the videos and add graphics. The announcements are recorded on YouTube and our classroom teachers are able to watch them each morning on their TVs.

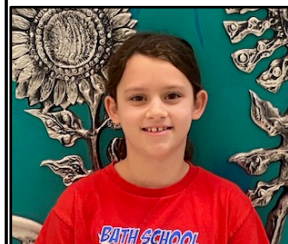
You can scan this QR code to access the announcements and see what great things our kids are doing.



Students of the Month



The first word that comes to mind when you think of **Hannah Hill** is JOY! She always does her best and takes pride in her work! Hannah is friendly, polite, and cares for others around her. She is a leader in the classroom and not only works hard on all she does, but approaches her work with a positive attitude, perseverance, and determination.



Thalia Tsigrelis is an outstanding student. She is always on task and always gives her best effort. Thalia is reliable, responsible, and trustworthy. She is kind to everyone and always has a positive attitude. Her dedication to her school work and her kind personality make her an exceptional student and a perfect fit for student of the month.



Penelope Strickler is a consistent, conscientious, and wonderful role model for her peers. She is very responsible, organized, and neat. Penelope possesses a positive attitude and demands the best from herself. She tackles assignments and challenges with clear conviction and manages her time wisely. Penelope is a delightful presence in the classroom and has a bright future ahead of her.