

The Plymouth Center School Connection

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MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL KIM LOVELAND

As always, December was an exciting month as students were filled with energy and anticipation for holidays and the winter break. Students across district dressed in pajamas to honor PJ Day for Kids, supporting children who are bravely battling cancer, raising over \$1160 across the district. We also enjoyed parent-teacher conferences as well as our very first Snowflake Shop run by our PTA. Students were able to purchase pre-wrapped gifts for their families. As we look ahead to starting our new units of study, students are eager to start their winter clubs, with offerings of Game Club, Craft Club, Kids Fit Yoga, Coding Club, and Math Club!

As a reminder, The Plymouth Center School Connection will be shared monthly as a means of highlighting the good work being done at Plymouth Center School. You will find the information will be under three specific district goal areas: Student Achievement, Engagement, and Well-Being.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the main office and I look forward to seeing everyone at our school events throughout the year.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

In ELA, Kindergarten students are continuing to practice to read their sight words. They are also using all they have learned about pattern books to revise and edit their writing. In first grade, students are working on reading and writing long vowel words with the silent e pattern. They are continuing to revise their How-to Books by adding an introduction, conclusion, and transition words. In second grade, students are revising and editing their narrative writing to use more craft moves. In addition, they are working on word-solving strategies and monitoring their reading as they continue to work on their fluency.

In math, our Kindergarten students continue to practice identifying numbers and are beginning to count objects up to 20. They are building on these skills by beginning to learn the basic principles of addition using objects and equations. First grade students are beginning their work on representing and interpreting data by sorting objects and creating and reading tally charts and picture graphs. They are also learning to read the data in these graphs to answer word problems. Second graders are extending their understanding of addition



and subtraction by focusing on single and multi-step word problems and taking them apart to decide which operations to use to accurately solve each problem.



ENGAGEMENT

PCS scientists in grades 1 and 2 have been working hard this month! In grade 1, students were exploring the concepts of transparent, translucent, and opaque using shadow puppets and trying to hit the target with the reflection of the flashlight! In grade 2, students were exploring chemical versus physical reactions.



To go along with our winter fun, students in the library read stories about winter and snow while creating snow in Maker's Space! Students used shaving cream and baking soda to mimic the texture and consistency of snow, allowing them to try to create little snowmen.



WELL-BEING

PCS Bucket Fillers have been working hard through all of the holiday cheer to show kindness, have empathy, and model respect. They have been helping each other create crafts, inviting new friends to play games at recess, and complimenting others when they are sharing new ideas or special work.



The THS National Honor Society visited classrooms on Ugly Sweater Day to read stories about winter and the holidays. NHS made fun and creative bookmarks to give to each PCS student, which they were excited to pick out and use throughout the week.



Lastly, we geared up for the holidays with Spirit Week: Grinch Day, Ugly Sweater with Holiday Bling Day, Snow Much Fun Day, and Polar Express Day. It was a wonderful way to spread joy and excitement before the winter break!

