



## Mrs. Hibbard's Notes

*Welcome to 2025! I hope your family enjoyed a healthy and happy holiday season. We are looking forward to a great second half of the school year. Our students are learning and making growth each day academically, socially and emotionally. This month students will take their second iReady diagnostic test and 2nd reading benchmark test (F&P). We are always excited to see how much growth the students have made. We will share results with you in early February. Reading each night with your student is a great way to connect and to help them continue to develop their reading and thinking skills..*

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our Grade 5 Student council will be holding a Family Movie Night at the High School Auditorium on Friday, January 24 . Hope to see you there!

*Thank you for your continued partnership and support! I wish you all a healthy and happy 2025!*

**-Mrs. Hibbard**

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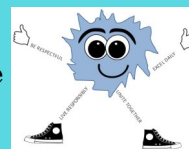


## Mark your Calendars

<b>January 6</b>	Welcome Back to School!
<b>January 8</b>	Gr 5 Roller Skating, 3:30-4:30 pm, gym PTO Meeting, 6:00 pm, Cady Stanton library
<b>January 9</b>	BOE Meeting, 6 pm, district office
<b>January 16</b>	Cady Stanton Spelling Bee, 6:00 pm, gym
<b>January 20</b>	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, NO SCHOOL
<b>January 23</b>	BOE Meeting, 6 pm, Frank Knight School
<b>January 29</b>	Chinese Lunar New Year, NO SCHOOL
<b>Feb. 3-7</b>	Safe Harbors Personal Safety Lessons

## **Elizabeth Cady Stanton Elementary School Pledge**

"Today we pledge to be BLUE. We will Be respectful, Live responsibly, Unite together and Excel daily because WE are Cady Stanton."



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## Safe Harbors of the Finger Lakes

In February (the week of February 3) a Safe Harbors Prevention Educator will teach students about personal safety (child abuse prevention). This is a mandated NYS Education Department program (Erin's Law) to help students feel good about themselves and empower them with information and skills they need to be safe. For fourth and fifth graders, this will include information about online safety. This year the educator will visit classrooms for a 50-minute lesson. An information letter will be mailed home later this month and parents may choose to not have their son/daughter participate in the lesson.



## Cady Stanton PTO

Please stay informed by checking out the Cady Stanton PTO Facebook page and watching your email for information. If you are interested in joining meetings or have questions please contact Ashley at [cadystantonpto@gmail.com](mailto:cadystantonpto@gmail.com)



## Spelling Bee!

Nearly 90 students in grades 4 and 5 participated in the written spelling bee in December to try out for the school bee. Congratulations to all of these students who prepared and gave it their all in an effort to qualify for the School Bee! The **21 spellers who earned a top score on the written test will be participating in the Stanton School Spelling Bee.** The School Bee is scheduled for **Thursday, January 16** and will be held in the Cady Stanton Gymnasium. The Bee will begin at 6:00 pm.



The top 10 spellers at the School Bee will be eligible to compete in the Seneca Falls School District Bee on February 6 with the top 10 Middle School spellers. The top two spellers at the district bee will then go on to compete at the Wayne-Finger Lakes Spelling Bee in March.

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee participants and best of luck. We are proud of you!



## Congratulations to December's Students of the Month!

### 3rd Grade

Hailey O.  
Dali Diaz-Garcia  
Olive W.  
Alexa G.  
Elizabeth P.

### 4th Grade

Vinny N.  
Aurora G.  
Brick L.  
Hannah B.  
Ryleigh H.

### 5th Grade

Tegan W.  
Myla S.  
Sam T.  
Haylee W.  
Hudson S.

### Special Area

(music)  
Liam D. (gr 3)  
Kaiden R. (gr 4)  
Jeorgia M. (gr 5)





## Parking and Pick Up

**Reminder:** The district has signs at all bus loop entrances/exits listing times of day when ONLY school buses are permitted to be utilizing the bus loop. Please understand this is for the safety and security of all children. We appreciate your attention to this matter to help promote safety measures.



### Important Request:

*For those who pick up students in the back at dismissal time:*

In the interest of safety, **we strongly encourage that you park on the school side of Chapin St. only** so that emergency vehicles and our neighbors can get through Chapin St. safely. We thank you for your cooperation in helping to ensure the safety of all.

## Thank you!

To students and families for their participation in the Pennies for Turkeys Drive. We raised over \$350 for the Center of Concern and the Seneca Falls Backpack Program!

To families and staff who contributed to the Cady Stanton Giving Tree. The donations helped us to make the holidays brighter for many students.

To families for your attendance at parent-teacher conferences and holiday concerts. We appreciate the time you spend in partnership with us!



## Parent Handbook Highlight

*In September, each parent receives a parent handbook full of important information about policies and procedures at Cady Stanton. Each month the newsletter will highlight some important information. This month, we are highlighting our School Morning Hours (page 4 in the handbook).*

School starts at 9:05 a.m. Students who ride the bus and those who are walking may begin entering the school buildings at 8:55 a.m. **It is important that students do not arrive at school before 8:55 a.m., as supervision is not guaranteed before that time.** Students who are eating breakfast in the cafeteria may enter the building beginning at 8:45 a.m., and should go directly to the cafeteria. All other students will enter at 8:55 and proceed directly to homeroom.



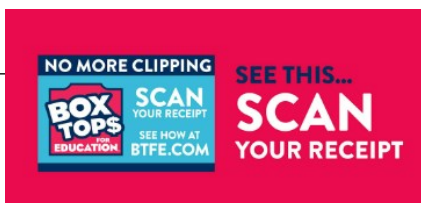


## \*\* PTO NEWS\*\*

Cady Stanton PTO would like to thank all the parents who volunteered for the Holiday Shop! The students had a fantastic time being able to buy gifts for their loved ones! We would also like to thank everyone who had donated funds so all students could shop. Volunteers will be needed for some of the upcoming events. Please watch for posts on the Cady Stanton PTO Facebook page. If you are interested in volunteering, but have questions, please contact [cadystantonpto@gmail.com](mailto:cadystantonpto@gmail.com)



The PTO would like to remind families that we are still doing the BoxTops, so if you are looking for a way to support our school, Box Tops is an easy way to do so. You can download the BoxTops App and set up for our school to receive the funds. All you have to do is scan your receipts and the app will find the BoxTop products for you, no more having to cut them out and send them.



The 5th grade Roller Skating Party will be on **Wednesday, January 8th**. Students must wear a helmet in order to participate (if your student does not have one or if they forget theirs we do have **a few** that can be borrowed). Please remember to send your child with a signed permission slip, \$5.00, a water bottle and helmet. Your child will need to be picked up at 4:30 pm as there is no late bus for this event. Please enter from the back parking lot, meet your child in the gym, and remember to sign out your child before leaving the building.



The **4th grade Roller Skating Party** will be **Wednesday, February 5th**.

Our next PTO meeting will be **Wednesday, January 8th at 6:00 pm** in the Cady Stanton Library. All are welcome, whether you are mom, dad, grandparents, aunts or uncles, please feel free to come and see what we are all about! Also, please join our Facebook page and Instagram page to keep up to date with upcoming PTO events.

### Upcoming Dates

January 8	Gr. 5 Roller Skating, 3:15-4:30
January 8	PTO Meeting, 6:30
February 5	Gr. 4 Roller Skating, 3:15-4:30



## CURRICULUM CORNER

Each month information will be shared about what your child is learning in school. This will be an overview of topics being learned; please contact your child's teacher for more details as needed. If you have special talents or knowledge of a topic to be studied that you would like to share, please reach out to your child's teacher.

We would love for you to share in our students' learning!

**Grade 3:** In Math, we will be using the commutative, distributive, and associative properties to multiply and divide whole numbers. After we have practiced our facts, we will solve one- and two-step word problems involving all operations. In ELA, we will begin our nonfiction text unit by comparing and contrasting fiction and nonfiction. Then, we will study the various text features of nonfiction. We will also learn about different text structures, including compare and contrast, problem and solution, cause and effect, and chronological order. In Science, we will begin our unit on Heredity, Survival, and Selection: Fates of Traits. We will also spend time learning about a January holiday, the Lunar New Year!

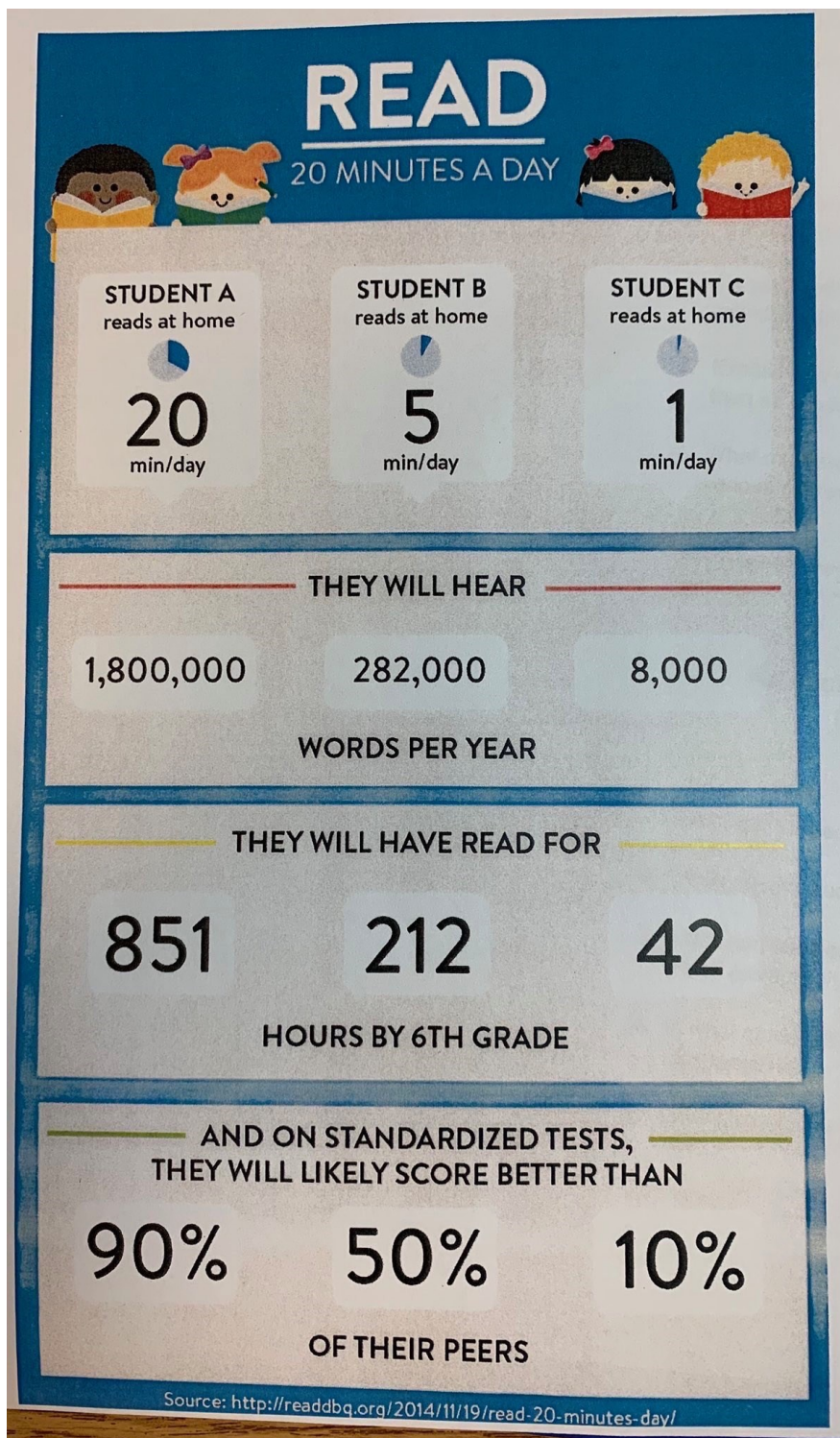
**Grade 4:** This month Fourth Graders will be learning about Colonial New York with a special focus on the trades that made the community successful. Students are beginning to understand that everything needed was made by hand. Our math focus continues to be multiplication and division of greater numbers. Students will continue multiplying 2 digit by 2 digit numbers as well as dividing a number with 4 digits by a one digit number. We will be having a special day in February where our 4th grade students will dress in colonial clothes and participate in colonial activities. Information on Colonial Day, which will take place in February, is coming soon! Please continue to practice math facts and spelling words nightly!

**Grade 5:** Our 5th graders are starting many new learning units that promise to be both engaging and educational. In math, students will shift to adding and subtracting fractions, learning to make equivalent fractions and apply that skill to create like units for addition and subtraction. This builds on the fraction lessons they learned in grade 4. In ELA, we will focus on segregation and civil rights. Students will soon read one of the Who Was books about important civil rights activists, which will allow them to engage in independent or small group reading. This unit will conclude with a project where they will present on the person they learned about. Additionally, we will dive into opinion writing, where students will participate in debates, practice forming opinions, and find evidence to support their claims. Lastly, in social studies, our inquiry will explore the question: Why do Countries Declare Independence? We have a busy and enriching curriculum planned for our 5th graders!

## DATA CORNER

Did you know....

- ◆ Over 88% of our families participated in parent-teacher conferences.
- ◆ 31% of our students have participated in an after-school club or activity so far this year. More clubs will begin the next 2 months so please watch for the flyers in your child's take-home folder.





# 10 WAYS TO BUILD CONFIDENT CHILDREN

## Give praise when it's due

Praise your child  
when they do  
something  
correctly.

## Success

Create opportunities  
for your child to  
experience success

## Feedback

Young children rely  
heavily on adult  
feedback. Make  
feedback meaningful  
and positive

## Constructive Criticism

Provide constructive  
criticism. Don't yell at  
your child. Help them  
to be the best they  
can be

## Develop Autonomy

Let your child make  
their own decisions so  
they gain confidence in  
their own judgement

## Accomplishments

Allow your child to be  
proud of their  
accomplishments

## Be a role model

Set an example to your  
child. Be a role model  
and react positively to  
your child

## Don't overcontrol

Allow your child to  
express their creativity.  
Don't start to control  
everything they do

## Promote problem solving

Help your child to solve their own  
problems. This will make them feel more  
confident in their abilities

## Avoid labels

Ensure your child has a  
positive view of themselves



@BelievePHQ



# Fight Flu

## at Home and School

Influenza (flu), spreads easily and can make people very sick, especially kids. You can help stop flu!

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### Flu symptoms include:

Fever or chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, feeling very tired. Some people, especially children, may have stomach problems and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, the flu comes on very suddenly.

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### Prevent flu!

- Flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. It is recommended every year for everyone 6 months and older.
- Get the flu vaccine for you and your children every year! It helps make flu sickness milder or prevents it altogether.
- Getting the vaccine early in the fall means you and your children will be protected when flu season starts.
- Make sure people close to your children, like babysitters and relatives, are also vaccinated.
- The vaccine is especially important for people with certain medical conditions, like asthma, diabetes, heart and lung disease, because the flu can make them even sicker.

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### If your child gets the flu:

- Your child will need plenty of rest and lots of fluids.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without using fever-control medicine. This helps avoid giving the flu to others.
- Talk with your child's health care provider before giving a child any over-the-counter medicine.
- Never give your child or teenager aspirin or any medicine that has aspirin in it. Aspirin can cause serious problems for children and teens.
- Young children and those with certain medical conditions, like asthma, diabetes, and heart or lung disease, are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu.
- If your child gets flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a medical condition, call their health care provider and ask about antiviral treatment.
- If you are worried about your child, call their health care provider.

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### Don't spread flu!

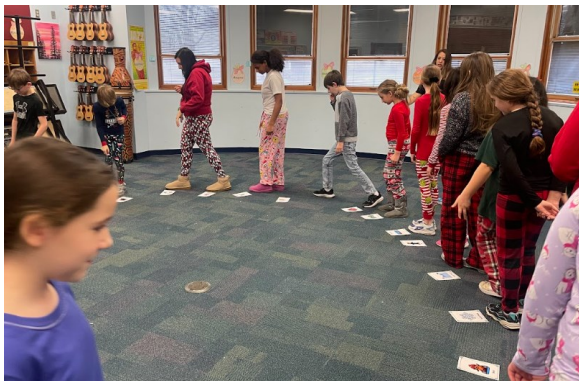
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren't handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands. Put used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That's how germs spread.
- Stay away from people who are sick.



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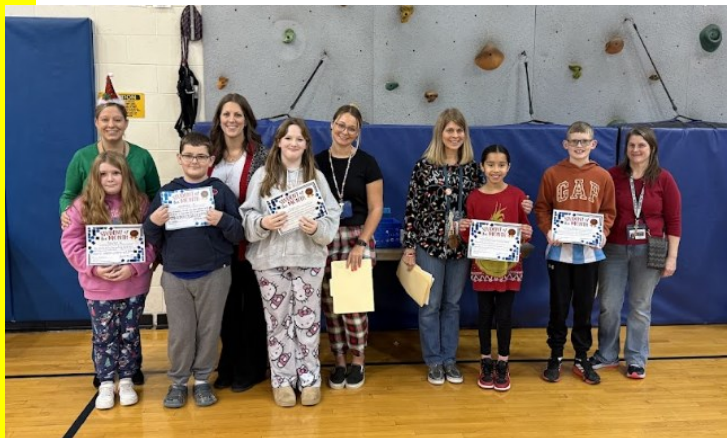


Students met their School-Wide BE BLUE Challenge and participated in a fun "SNOWED-IN" at Cady Stanton Day! Thank you to the PTO who purchased our cookie & cocoa supplies!

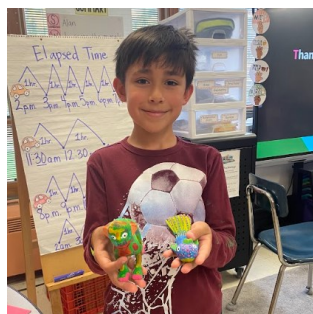
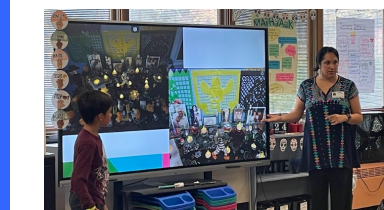
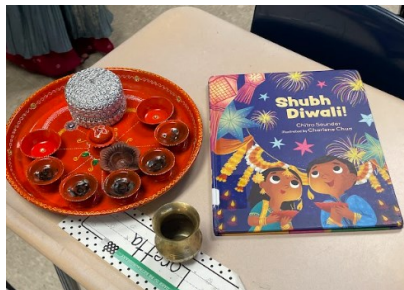




## December Students of the Month!!



Some 3rd and 4th graders have learned about different cultures & celebrations from our students and families.





Thank you to the PTO who sponsored our first 3 roller skating parties of the school year. Each grade level will have 1 more party this year.





# January 2025 – letter days

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO SCHOOL!!	2 NO SCHOOL!!	3 NO SCHOOL!!	4
5	6 F-day	7 A-day	8 B-day Gr. 5 Roller Skating 3:15-4:30 PTO Meeting, 6 pm	9 C-day BOE Meeting, 6 pm, district office	10 D-day	11
12	13 E-day	14 F-day	15 A-day	16 B-day Stanton Spelling Bee, 6 pm, Stanton gym	17 C-day	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL!!	21 D-day	22 E-day	23 F-day BOE Meeting, 6 pm, Frank Knight School	24 A-day	25
26	27 B-day	28 C-day	29 NO SCHOOL!!	30 D-day	31 E-day Wear BLUE!	