

Truxton Academy Charter School Newsletter Vol. 23-24 Issue 3



Dec 15th Holiday Concert  
Dec 21 Holiday Celebration  
Dec 22- Jan 2 No School, Christmas Break



## Letters of Support

We would like to share letters of support to attach to our charter renewal application. Please tell us why you chose to and/or continue to choose to send your student to Truxton Academy. Community members, please share how Truxton Academy makes our community better. This will be an important part of getting us rechartered! Email to [info@truxtonacademy.org](mailto:info@truxtonacademy.org). Thank you.

The peak of the cold and flu season is upon us. To prevent widespread flu in the school, we recommend that your child stay home from school if experiencing flu or cold symptoms.

## Truxton's Live Nativity and benefit hot dog and chili roast!

**Sunday December 3 noon to 3pm**

**Music plays, costumed characters, live animals, good food, and community!**

## Reakes Country Goods open farm market & gift shop

**4107 Route 13, Truxton NY**

**Help us give a special blessing to our friend Julie Ryan who is fighting lymphoma.**

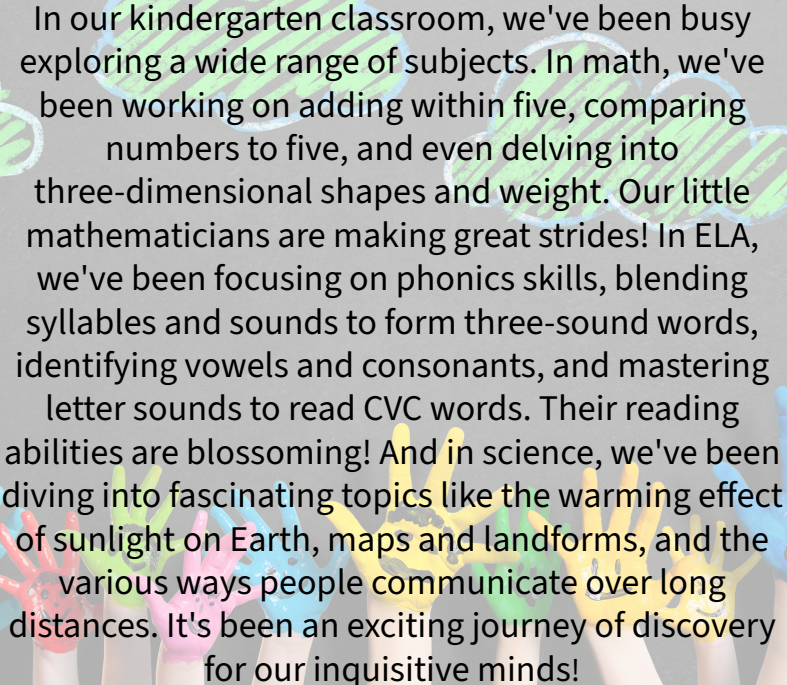
**We hope you can join us!**

**Darrel & Kay Reakes & Family**

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<https://www.truxtonacademy.org/breakfast-lunch-menu>





In our kindergarten classroom, we've been busy exploring a wide range of subjects. In math, we've been working on adding within five, comparing numbers to five, and even delving into three-dimensional shapes and weight. Our little mathematicians are making great strides! In ELA, we've been focusing on phonics skills, blending syllables and sounds to form three-sound words, identifying vowels and consonants, and mastering letter sounds to read CVC words. Their reading abilities are blossoming! And in science, we've been diving into fascinating topics like the warming effect of sunlight on Earth, maps and landforms, and the various ways people communicate over long distances. It's been an exciting journey of discovery for our inquisitive minds!

Second graders have launched an investigation of Ancient Chinese Civilization and the contributions made by people. In science, we have enjoyed our STEM activities and hands-on experiments. We have also studied animal and plant habitats.

Our 4th grade STEM project is nearly complete - as students put the finishing touches on their bird feeders this week! We are accepting donations of bird food (sunflower seeds, suet blocks, song bird mixes, oats, peanut butter, mealworms, dried fruit... etc). We will be feeding the birds on campus all winter!

We continue our Postcard Project and have received postcards from: Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Nevada, South Carolina, and Virginia! Half of the students can list all 50 states in alphabetical order, which we intend to PROVE at our December Holiday Concert. If you want to get involved the address is: 4th Grade %Truxton Academy Charter, PO BOX 104, Truxton, NY 13158

In ELA, we are traveling to the Middle Ages! Students are learning about medieval times, and strengthening our understanding of the parts of speech.

Our Math talents continue to grow - as students move through Unit 2 - and tackle our MidUnit Assessment! We are working on multiplication and division as related operations - and students are putting those skip counting skills to use as they recognize factors and multiples.

First grade has started their second PBL on habitats. They each made a miniature habitat using materials on the nature trail. We also learned to use a Venn diagram to compare and contrast fairy tales from other lands.

Mrs. Klein was so excited to meet or talk to every child's parent(s) on Nov. 9th! I appreciate that everyone made time to discuss your children and their progress.

Current 3rd grade learning includes: studying the human body and the body systems that work together, multiplication, weather & climate, and map elements.

Grades 5/6 have wrapped up their animal adaptation unit with the visit from the Hawk Creek Center bringing in their endangered birds of prey. It was exciting to see what we've been learning in action, up close and personal. In History class we have continued to learn about the first civilizations of the world in Mesopotamia. Ask your child to write a phrase in cuneiform for you. Science classes have begun learning about Earth's layers, demonstrating them with a playdough activity. ELA classes have finished up our second story in the Amplify curriculum, learning about yellow fever. ELA classes will now be divided and will begin their first book studies after Thanksgiving break. 5th will be reading A Long Way From Chicago and 6th will be reading The Giver.

Please be sure to sign and send back report card sleeves. With the cold weather here, please be sure to send your child with a jacket and proper foot wear. If you need help with this, please let me know.



**Music:** We are getting ready for our holiday concert in music class this month! Friends and family are invited to join us on December 15th at 6pm at the school. This is a school-wide concert and every student will have the opportunity to participate.  
If the children would like to practice their songs at home, here are some links to get them started:



Copo de Neive: <https://youtu.be/bdJZV6333Ww?si=doZ9X2z9DRbJm8wd>

Mr Grinch:

<https://youtu.be/ejveVZw1UDw?si=luxXAg3wYiBufZLo>

Jingle Bells ASL:

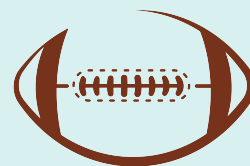
<https://youtu.be/rBJ5-hBBSis?feature=shared>

## Physical Education:

This Month in PE

K-2 - had some fun with the Parachute!

3-6 - Practiced their Football skills!



We worked on our Mini Golf Skills! Thank you to everyone who participated in the Family Fun Mini Golf Night at Shipwreck!



We played some fun Thanksgiving Games!

Started our Scooter Unit!

Congratulations to our PE Students of the Month

Lily Valdez & Wyatt Walters!

**Rural Life Lab:** Rural Life Lab is teeming with symbolic and literal change of seasons this month. The pheasants that have been living at the school since September were released to a nearby hedgerow during an all-school field lesson in which the students learned about the pros and cons of hedgerows for farming and the environment.

As the pheasants left, we welcomed the long-sought small animal barn to our backyard! A true testament of perseverance, the 12'x40' barn has built in paddocks for chickens and small livestock, as well as a learning and storage space. We're excited to build programming around resident animals, and so thankful for the members of the facilities committee that have seen this project through 6 years of planning and paperwork.

Only the strongest of greens - kale, parsley - are holding out in the garden, so we've transferred our harvest to indoor growing - students will be keeping the salad bar stocked with lettuce and sprouts through the winter.

## SCA:

Next Meeting: December 4th, 3:30 in the cafeteria

All members of the Truxton Academy Community are invited to join the meetings and take part! Contact [sca@truxtonacademy.org](mailto:sca@truxtonacademy.org) if you have any questions.

During the holiday concert on December 15th, the SCA will hold a silent auction with themed baskets and goods from our local community. Come ready to bid!

If you have a donation for the auction, you can contact Erin at 315-436-4241 or drop off at the school office.

## Volunteers:

Kay Reakes coordinates the volunteer team and can be found every week in classrooms with a book in hand and a kind heart for all.

During the month of November, family and community volunteers have been part of student life by being reading buddies, sharing knowledge through presentations, building resources to help them learn, greeting their arrival with smiles, decorating the halls, and serving on decision making committees. We are grateful for everything they do to enrich our students' academic life.

