

The Monthly Hoot

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Upcoming Happenings

- Nov 5 Daylight saving time
- Nov 9 Parent Teacher Conferences, No School
- Nov 10 No School, Veteran's Day
- Nov 13-17 Spirit Week
- Nov 22-24 Thanksgiving Break



News from the Office

Fall is well and truly upon us. November is the start of a busy time of year for many families and here at school will be no different. Our high tunnel is progressing nicely, our volunteers are becoming familiar faces, the garden is wrapping up, and Authorizers at SUNY Charter School Institute will be coming for our very important recharter visit!



Ski Club

Tuesdays in January!

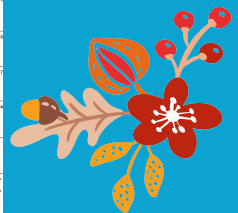
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Cafeteria Corner

TRUXTON ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL 2 NOVEMBER 2023 MENU	
MONDAY 11/5 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit	TUESDAY 11/6 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit
WEDNESDAY 11/7 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit	THURSDAY 11/8 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit
FRIDAY 11/9 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit	SATURDAY 11/10 NO SCHOOL VETERAN'S DAY
SUNDAY 11/11 NO SCHOOL VETERAN'S DAY	MONDAY 11/12 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit
TUESDAY 11/13 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit	WEDNESDAY 11/14 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit
THURSDAY 11/15 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit	FRIDAY 11/16 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit
SATURDAY 11/17 NO SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK	SUNDAY 11/18 NO SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK
MONDAY 11/19 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit	TUESDAY 11/20 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit
WEDNESDAY 11/21 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit	THURSDAY 11/22 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit
FRIDAY 11/23 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit	SATURDAY 11/24 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING
SUNDAY 11/25 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	MONDAY 11/26 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit
TUESDAY 11/27 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit	WEDNESDAY 11/28 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit
THURSDAY 11/29 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit	FRIDAY 11/30 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, Fruit Lunch: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit Dinner: Turkey Sandwich, Fruit



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

In our Kindergarten classroom, we've been covering a wide range of foundational skills. We've been focusing on describing position, comparing length and height, sorting and counting objects, and developing our number sense to up to 5. Additionally we've been working on phonics skills by blending segmented syllables and individual sounds to form three-sound words, identifying vowels and consonants, and learning letter sounds to blend and read CVC words.

This month 1st grade has begun their first reader and have learned about fables and personification. Now we are learning about the human body systems. We have learned strategies for adding, subtracting, and finding missing addends. We had a field trip to the Cortland train station for our first PBL and designed and built train cars. Soon we will be starting work on a grow tower.

This month 2nd grade has:

- taken a field lesson to the Truxton Town Park to look at the river and discuss tall tales.
- learned addition and subtraction strategies
- went over several consonant and vowel sounds
- went on a tour of the school and learned about jobs in our school community

Third grade is working hard in all their subjects!

Math: We have finished unit 1 and will be starting on multiplication.

ELA: We have a classroom of Scientists! Ask your third grader the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates. Our reader this unit is called "Classifying Animals", and students have enjoyed learning about the many different animals included in our daily reading.

Science: Students are hoping to finish their posters about compost soon and have them on display.

Social Studies: Students are learning about types of maps and map elements.

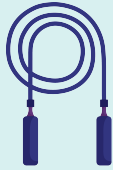
This month 4th grade welcomed Mrs. Martsje from Phillips Free Library. She supplied us with our Book Club book "Maybe, Maybe Marisol Rainey." We also had guest speakers to talk to us about canine safety and care, honey extraction, and coding! Our month is ending with a class field lesson to Beaver Lake Nature Center, and a guest speaker joining us on campus- informing us about water quality! We worked diligently on our beginning of the year assessments and are finishing up our personal narratives as the end of our first ELA unit.

5th and 6th grade have been super busy learning so much this past month! We will be wrapping up our ecosystem unit in science with our field lesson to Beaver Lake Nature Center, seeing ecosystems and animal adaptations in action. We will also be wrapping up our early humans unit this week in social studies. We have sailed through our beginning of the year assessments easily and are looking forward to the next month of learning!

Music: This month in music class we have been exploring sound. We learned about how sound is made and how our ears hear it. We became scientists and created our own "sound-seeing" device and learned about a Chladni Plate which allows us to see how sound waves are moving. We discovered the way music writes longer and shorter notes and practiced playing different rhythms with half notes, whole notes, and quarter notes on the drums. We played Djembe drums from West Africa. Stay tuned for news about our upcoming holiday concert for friends and family!



Physical Education:



In PE this month we did

- Fitness testing in grades 3-6
- Locomotor movements in K-2
- Soccer skills in K-6
- Nature Scavenger Hunts in K-2
- Hula hoop & jump rope in K-2
- Archery 3-6



Rural Life Lab:

We are growing!

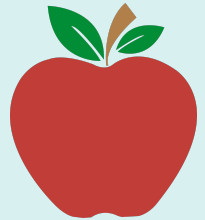
- A high tunnel! Students will be able to grow food for lunches earlier in the spring and later into the winter season. Check out the new structure by the garden!
- Hydroponically! Grow towers are up in the hallway with lettuce and herbs!



We Harvested:

- radishes, oats, and squash from the garden.
- honey from frames with visiting beekeeper (thank you Ms. Emily)

We made and ate applesauce from locally grown apples.



A HUGE thank you to the family and community volunteers who have contributed to the building the high tunnel. It couldn't happen without you!

