The Monthly Hoot

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News from the Office

We're thrilled to welcome students and families to a new school year! As we open the doors to a year full of new opportunities and exciting challenges, we're eager to embark on this journey together. Our dedicated team is ready to support every student's growth and success, and we look forward to partnering with families to create a vibrant, engaging learning environment. Here's to a year of curiosity, achievement, and memorable moments. Let's make it a fantastic school year ahead!





Upcoming Happenings

OCT 7 SCA Meeting

OCT 11 Early Release Drill 15 mins

OCT 14 No School Columbus DAy

OCT 21 **Board Meeting**

OCT 26 Trunk or Treat & Haunted Hall



Kindergarten

In our kindergarten class, we've been having so much fun learning about letters, numbers, and apples! The little ones are busy practicing their ABCs, counting with apple seeds, and even tasting yummy apples during snack time. They've loved exploring how apples grow, from tiny seeds to big, delicious fruits. It's been a season full of smiles, giggles, and lots of learning as our curious kiddos grow smarter each day!

First Grade

The first graders went on a field trip this month to the Cortland train station. They received a tour of the depot and a brief history. They saw a train car, an old train tower, and had the chance to see and touch a train track. They also sang "I've Been Working on the Railroad" while our tour guide played it on an original piano in the station. As a special treat, our guide gave each child a 90-yearold coin from 1934!

Second Grade

The highlight of the month for our second graders was meeting Sol, a ball python! We talked about snakes a couple of times throughout the month because many of our friends were particularly interested in them. After learning about different types of snakes, the excitement peaked when Sol visited our class. Seeing him up close was the perfect way to wrap up our discussions, and it quickly became the most memorable moment of the month!

Third Grade

Third grade has had a busy start to the year, with a strong focus on critters. We are responsible for caring for the goats, Peanut Butter and Cookie Dough, with students taking turns feeding and watering them each morning. We're also enjoying *Charlotte's Web*, a delightful story about the animals on Zuckerman's farm. Lastly, we are raising Darkling Beetles to learn firsthand about the life cycles of living organisms.

Fourth Grade

September has been full of learning and fun (shhh...) activities! One of our focuses was our novel study of Hatchet by Gary Paulsen, an award-winning story about a boy who must survive alone in the Canadian wilderness (not far from here!). We explored how the boy faced conflicts: vs. self, vs. nature, and vs. society. We capped off the novel with a field trip to Morgan Hill State Forest, where students experienced their own version of Hatchet. While hiking the North Country Trail, we built shelters from found materials, went fishing, and explored the shores, discovering salamanders, minnows, dragonfly nymphs, and frogs. Each student tried starting a fire with flint and birch fluff. We ended the day roasting hot dogs and, of course, making s'mores. It was a fantastic day that brought Hatchet to life and connected it to our community. I'm excited for our next novel study adventure!

Fifth & Sixth Grade

"This month, our 6th graders honed their public speaking skills by creating presentations on topics related to our ELA lessons. They presented their work to students in Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 3rd grade. Additionally, our 6th graders began working in the campus high tunnel, where they demonstrated their responsibilities to the 5th graders and introduced them to the tasks they will take on next year."

Rural Life Lab

As we welcome students back to school, all students have taken time to practice their outside manners and (re)introduce themselves to the goats, chickens, and gardens. Students in all grades sought the largest potato, the winner came in at almost 2 pounds! Each class also has a campus responsibility to learn - 3rd grade has started their goat chores and 1st has started their chicken chores, while 6th grade is taking on responsibility for high tunnel management.

Physical Education

In September, all grade levels have been focusing on pathway and team-building activities, and students have been collaborating exceptionally well! A school favorite for tag games is "Bird Tag," where different teams act as birds and try to tag players (birds) from other teams (nests). It's a fun game that we play often, reinforcing both team-building skills and pathway concepts, which are the units we've been working on this month.



Art Class



"In art class, a key priority for me is helping students tap into their artistic potential by developing their creative thinking skills. This was especially evident when students were given modeling clay and a bin of random items to incorporate into their designs. Some of their creations included a robot with rice-filled straws for antennae and plastic utensils for arms, a bunny with plastic knife ears, a snowman with a bottle-cap hat, a Santa with a red velvet suit and black bean buckle, turtles decorated with dyedgreen rice, and a butterfly with bead-and-rice wings.



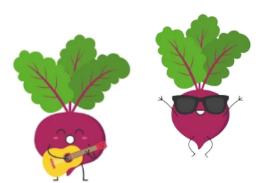
October 2024				
•	Breakfast: Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal, Maple Syrup Lunch: Soft Chicken Tacos, Mexican Street Corn, Oranges	2 Breakfast: Peanut Butter Toast, Bananas, Local Honey Lunch: Creamy Cheeseburger Penne, Broccoli, Pears	3 Breakfast: Bagels, Cream Cheese, Apples Lunch: Sloppy Joes, Honey Carrots, Tater Tots, Fresh Fruit	4 Breakfast: Yogurt Parfait, Fresh Fruit, Granola Lunch: Cheese Pizza Bagels, Green Beans, Applesauce
7 Breakfast: Cold Cereal, Bananas Lunch: TACS Potato Soup, Bosco Stick, Oranges	8 Breakfast: Pancakes, Maple Syrup, Blueberries Lunch: Crunchy Beef Tacos, Bell Peppers, Hummus, Pears	9 National Hoagie Day Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, WW Toast, Apple Juice Lunch: Turkey Hoagie, Carrots & Celery, Apples	10 Breakfast:Strawberry Banana Smoothie, Granola Lunch:Baked Ziti, Side Salad, WW Breadstick, Fresh Fruit	11 Breakfast:Yogurt Parfait, Fresh Fruit, Granola Lunch: Pepperoni Pizza, Corn, Mandarin Oranges
No School Columbus Day	Breakfast: Waffles, Maple Syrup, Berries Lunch: Chicken Fajita Quesadillas, 3 Bean Salad, Cucumbers, Fresh Fruit	16 Breakfast: Bagels, Cream Cheese, Bananas Lunch: BBQ Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Honey Carrots, Applesauce	National Pasta Day Breakfast: Oatmeal, Blueberries, Maple Syrup Lunch: Crazy Pasta, Choice of red sauce or Alfredo, VMV Breadstick, Broccoli, Apples	18 Breakfast:Yogurt Parfait, Fresh Fruit, Granola Lunch: Cheese Pizza, Vegetables & Dip, Fresh Fruit
21 Breakfast: Blueberry Sunshine Smoothie, Granola Lunch: Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Pears	22 Breakfast: Ham, Egg, & Cheese on a Bagel, Fresh Fruit Lunch: Beefy Bean Nachos, Corn, Applesauce	23 Breakfast: Scrambled Eggs, WW Toast, Apple Juice Lunch: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Broccoli, WW Breadstick, Apples	24 Breakfast: Pancakes, Blueberries Lunch: French Toast Sticks, Maple Syrup, Sausage, Hash Brown Casserole, Oranges	25 Breakfast:Yogurt Parfait, Fresh Fruit, Granola Lunch: BBQ Chicken Pizza, Caesar Salad, Fresh Fruit
Breakfast: Oatmeal, Berries, Maple Syrup Lunch: Chicken Nuggets, Green Beans, Fresh Fruit	29 Breakfast: Waffles, Maple Syrup, Fresh Fruit Lunch: Walking Tacos (Beef), Carrots, Fruit Cocktail	30 Breakfast: Bagels, Cream Cheese, Bananas Lunch: Mac & Cheese, Broccoli, Apples	31 Breakfast: "Boo"-Berry Smoothie, Granola Lunch: Mummy Dogs, Witches Fingers (Green Beans), Fruit Parfait	

Available with every meal: Trinity Valley Chocolate milk or 1% milk. PBJ or Salad bar available as an alternative to daily lunch. Local Menu items are **Bolded**. Menus subject to change.

National School Lunch Week

October 14 - 18

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