



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 1/10/2020

### CLASS NOTES

### LUNCH MENU

## Lunch Menu

### WEEK OF 1/13-1/17

**Monday:** Corn dog casserole,  
vegetable, fruit, milk

**Tuesday:** Chicken ranch linguine,  
vegetable, fruit, milk

**Wednesday:** Beef/bean burrito,  
vegetable, fruit, milk

**Thursday:** Ham potato bake,  
vegetable, fruit, milk

**Friday:** No School- In-service day

### UP COMING DATES:

1/13- 8th graders tour GSA  
1/13- AS @ Surry(Girls A) 4pm  
1/15- Hoop Troupe  
1/16- Bay School @ Orland 4pm  
1/17- No school- in-service day  
1/20- MLK day-No school

## Adams School Newsletter

## 1/23- Barcelona Presentation 5pm@ Emerson Hall

**Open House:** Open House at the Community Childhood Learning Place on Wednesday, January 15, from 5-6pm

**Please Help:** I, Charlotte Griffith, am raising money for the Australian wildfires. As you may know, the fires have burned over 30,000 miles of land, and are continuing to kill billions of animals. 20 people have died so far. In February, I am going to Australia to visit family and I would like to donate the money I collect to the Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital. They have treated over 90,000 animals, but the numbers have made a dramatic increase due to the fires. I will have a donation jar at the school office starting next week. Every little bit helps. Thank you!

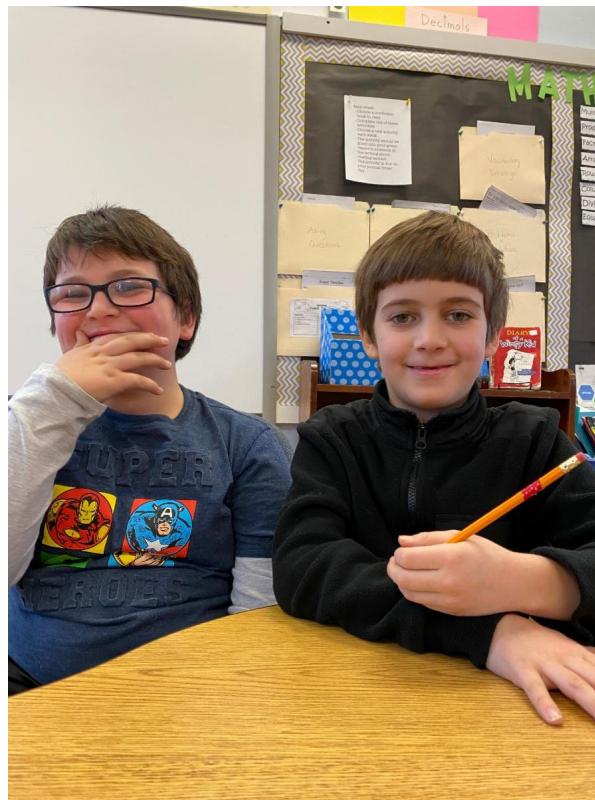
From,  
Charlotte Griffith

**Pennies for Patients:** Next week I will send home an information packet for our annual fundraiser to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. It is always amazing to how fast collecting change adds up.

This fundraiser is completely optional but it is a great opportunity for the students to help other children struggling with these diseases.

I will also make my famous ice cream cake to thank the students who participate. If you have any questions please call me. Mrs. Bertrand 326-8608.

**Calvin:** The Calvineers will host a Thank You Evening for the Community on January 23rd at 5 PM in Emerson Hall. Light Tapas will be served while the students explain all the activities they experienced in Barcelona at the World Marine Mammal Conference. Everyone is invited.



## Classroom News Updates from teachers/staff/students



### Witherle News:

**CRAFT:** Come to Witherle and weave on our table top loom!

**IMAGINE:** New, read aloud time with Ms. Irene. Come listen to a story. New story each week.

**Just for Fun Concert:** Sam Friedlander and the the Castine Arts Association put together a winter Just For Fun concert and are hoping to connect with Adams School students who would be interested in participating.

The concert takes place on Feb 9 and 3 p.m., and any and all instruments and skills are welcome. There's also a Kazoo Band that always welcomes more players.

**GSA Registration:** GSA registration will be on February 12th @ Adams School. Call Ms.Irvine to reserve a time. Snow Day Feb.13

**Blue Hill Public Library:**  
Special Events for January

**Jan 8 & 22** Lego Club  
3:00 PM Larchwood Room  
Come build with Legos! Create from your imagination, or a special challenge. Ages 5+.

**Jan 14** Wild Sun Catchers  
Storytime 10:30 AM Larchwood Rm  
Landere Naisbitt of Blue Hill Heritage Trust will read Thanks to the Animals, written by Allen Sockabasin and illustrated by Rebekah Raye, and we will make native plant bird feeders with white pine cones, peanut butter, winter berries, sumac berries, rose hips and sunflower seeds.



**PE:** All classes were at Emerson Hall this week due to Coast Guard Exams at MMA. We had fun paying throw and catch games with scoops. **Next week when we return to MMA please try to make sure your child has clean, dry sneakers to change into. I do not let students play in socks in the field house as there are always tiny rocks or other objects that they can step on. Keeping the floor clean is also a priority.**

**Health:** The 3-4 class created a meal using the MyPlate Chart that contained one serving from every food group. We had some creative and beautiful meals! They also learned to play Food Group Uno.

The 7-8 class took their assessment over the substance abuse unit. A permission slip was sent home for the upcoming Puberty unit. Some students seem anxious about this. The permission slip lists all of our topics and my approach to teaching it. If your child has questions please encourage them to come to me or feel free to contact me yourself.



**Jan 16 Pajama Storytime** 4:30 PM  
Larchwood Room  
Wear your pajamas, bring a stuffed animal and join us for a story, songs, and coloring.

**Jan 21 Explore Outdoors!:** Tracking Wildlife 4:00 PM  
Howard Room  
Walk, gallop, and pace your way through the library identifying tracks and test your knowledge while we adventure outside to spot some signs of our wildlife friends. After our adventure, make your own wildlife tracks out of clay to bring home. Ages 4+. Registration required at [www.bhpl.net](http://www.bhpl.net) or 374-5515.

**Jan 24 National Geographic Bee** 10:30 AM  
Howard Room  
The National Geographic Bee is an annual competition organized by the National Geographic Society, designed to inspire and reward students' curiosity about the world. Winners at this Bee continue on to compete at the district level. 4th to 8th grade homeschoolers can register at [www.bhpl.net](http://www.bhpl.net) or by calling 374-5515 to participate.

**Jan 25 Crafternoons!** 1:00 Bass RM  
Kids of all ages are invited to work on a craft project the last Saturday of every month. This month's craft will be weaving friendship bracelets with local artist Susan Merrill.

### **Blue Hill Heritage Trust: Winter Hikes**

**January**, Monday 1/20 (MLK day)  
10-12pm- Winter Hike #1  
Family friendly at Bluff Head, Sedgwick. Join BHHT volunteers, Merrie Eley and Barbara Kourajian for their 5th Annual Winter Hikes Series! These fun group hikes are a great way to explore the woods in the winter and learn about animal tracking! Please dress accordingly, and bring snow shoes, ice creepers, or sturdy boots and poles depending on the conditions. Hot beverages and snacks will be provided, so please let us know if you can attend so we have enough for everyone and so we can notify you



**Pre-K/K News:** This week, we welcome 2 lovely new pre-k students, Jovie and Kenslee. The children have been very enthusiastic helpers, showing them the ropes of the classroom, teaching them new games and songs...it is wonderful to see. We are all thrilled they have joined us.

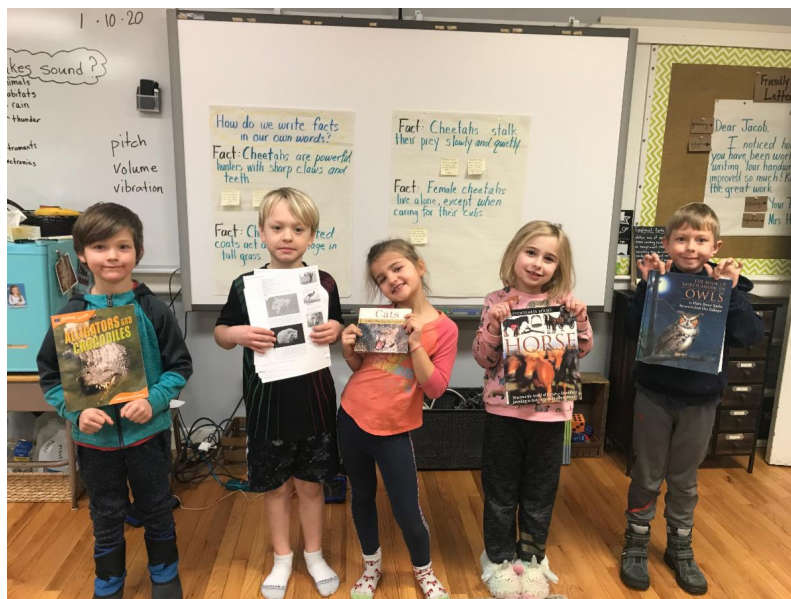
We began our fruit chart in the classroom, children have been practicing counting and writing tally marks. Any fresh fruit in snacks or lunches gets tallied and counted by days end. So far, oranges are winning!

With colder days, and lots of bundling up to do, we have been sharing storytime in the greenhouse, where it is warm, balmy, and sometimes, drippy from the condensation! It's been a fun way to end our morning with the pre-k students.

One of my resolutions this year is to show more gratitude for the people and blessings in my life. This week's gratitude is for our 2 new and returning families who are now part of our school community. Already our hearts have widened for both Jovie and Kenslee. They are our gift this week.

of any changes in case some challenging weather sneaks up on us (registration not required, it just helps). These hikes will take place on BHHT properties and everyone is welcome. Hope to see you out in the woods this winter!

**February:** Thursday 2/13 10-12pm  
 Winter Hike #2 Focus on Animal Tracks at Snow Natural Area, Brooksville: Join BHHT volunteers, Merrie Eley and Barbara Kourajian for their 5th Annual Winter Hikes Series! These fun group hikes are a great way to explore the woods in the winter and learn about animal tracking! Please dress accordingly, and bring snow shoes, ice creepers, or sturdy boots and poles depending on the conditions. Hot beverages and snacks will be provided, so please let us know if you can attend so we have enough for everyone and so we can notify you of any changes in case some challenging weather sneaks up on us (registration not required, it just helps). These hikes will take place on BHHT properties and everyone is welcome. Hope to see you out in the woods this winter!



**1st-2nd Grade:** As part of our nonfiction study, students will research a topic that they want to learn more about. Using our classroom library, our public library, along with online kid specific search engines, students gathered facts about their topic of interest. Students started by simply making a list of facts they thought were important, or answered their questions from the books and articles they collected. Much of this week was spent learning how to use an author's fact for understanding and write it in our own words. Be sure to ask your child what topic they are studying.





**3rd-4th Grades:** This week third and fourth graders started a unit on nonfiction texts. To begin our unit students learned about the different characteristics of narrative and non-narrative nonfiction. We have also been learning about the different text features in nonfiction texts and how they help us to better understand what we are reading.



**5-8 Math:** This week the 5-8 math students began a new unit on Financial Literacy that will continue and last until the end of the school year. This unit will be held during Monday's math classes and will focus on budgeting, savings, checking accounts, credit and credit cards, investments, marketing, and business plans. This week students completed a career interest survey and then spent time looking at the salaries and college coursework that would be involved with those careers.



**Ms. Jackson:** Students in 5/6 began the new year by reflecting on 2019. We wrote in our journals about how we spent our time in 2019, the experiences that brought us joy, and those with which we struggled. We also began thinking forward about the changes we want to make in the new year. Students are writing two goals to help them create the changes they want in their lives for 2020. We continued to read *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio and discussed precepts as they are used in the novel. Students expanded on ideas about kindness and explored concepts such as What do I stand for?

Students in 7/8 began the new year by reflecting on 2019. Students wrote in their journals about how they spent their time in 2019, the experiences that brought joy, and those that created struggles. Students considered what they would like to change about their experiences in 2020. Students listened to an episode of *Hidden Brain* in which host Shankar Vedantam interviewed Wendy Wood, a professor of psychology and business at the University of Southern California and the author of *"Good Habits, Bad Habits: The Science Of Making Positive Changes That Stick."* In this interview, wood teaches us that we can all become experts at building good habits and eliminating bad ones by understanding the psychology behind our routines. Students applied specific techniques from this interview to their own lives by planning to either build or dismantle an existing habit. In social studies, we discussed the paths to U.S. citizenship. Students took the full U.S. Naturalization Test to discover both what a person must know to become a citizen and to find out how much they know.

**Mr. McWeeny:** 5-6 Science: This week the 5-6 science class

finished up their introduction to the earth in space and moved on to considering the earth's nearest neighbor, the moon. The students studied the lunar landscape and tried to imagine why the moon changes phases while at the same time only one side of the moon is visible from the earth. Of course it all has to do with rotation and revolution. The moon rotates only once in its one month revolution around the earth keeping its same side toward the earth at all times. The class also saw a PBS documentary about the history of the exploration of the moon ending with the real possibility of a commercial flight to the moon. Anyone have a few extra million dollars for a ticket?

7-8 Science: New Year, New Topic. The 7-8 Science Class began studying the systems in the human body. They have already studied the living cell and that is just the background needed to understand all the functions of the body's systems. They began the week considering how organisms are organized from cells into tissues, and from tissues into organs. The organs are grouped into systems like the digestive system or the nervous system. This week was all about the skeletal system. The class will study most of the dozen or so body systems over the next two months. They will perform labs using their own bodies to experiment with. Mrs. Dagan is going to be doing the Health Human Sexuality unit in March and we will coordinate our study of the human reproductive system during the same time.



**McVine:** In Creative Thinking we have begun the YA novel *Chasing Vermeer* by Blue Balliett. Our students will use this novel as a backdrop for discussions about mystery, suspense, coincidence,



pentominoes and of course art. As part of our book study students identified several cities with global importance including Paris, Milan, Florence and Chicago. During this unit students will be instructed in strategies that good readers use to improve comprehension of both fiction and nonfiction texts. The two strategies introduced this week were Using Prior Knowledge and Making Predictions.

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