

Food Drive. Teaching about thankfulness and the community.

- Introducing Chromebooks and RazKids for reading practice.
- Working on the lifecycle of the pumpkin.
- 1st Grade is working on narrative writing: bats and pumpkins.
- Thankful for the meaningful Day of the Dead presentations.
- Thanks to Mrs. Burns & Miss Alisa for the amazing outdoor Fall Fest.
- Thank you for the Boo Grams.
- Thankful for the Halloween parade on Parish Drive for the parents and on the Playground.
- Continuing lessons in the Garden, STEAM Lab, and Art Appreciation.
- Lots of activities for Veterans Day, including cars for vets in the hospital.

Ms. Andrews 2nd and 3rd Grade

Both grade levels LOVED meeting with families during conferences as we discussed student growth, achievement, and goals. We also want to thank parents for contributions during fall celebrations and to all volunteers who came together to make the Fall Fest possible. We are finishing up reports of student progress for the first trimester, and have been administering the DRA (reading test measuring fluency, accuracy, and comprehension) to each student individually.

2nd grade-

Garden: learning about how seeds travel

Art: symmetrical art using hands

STEAM: lego construction, twister creations, and building bridges

Math: two digit adding and regrouping

ELA and SLA: building paragraphs focusing on narratives

3rd grade-

Garden: life cycles (incomplete and complete metamorphosis)

Art: textures and printmaking (painting yellow/orange/red on bubble wrap and stamping it onto paper to create "corn")

STEAM: building a bridge with a limited/specific amount of materials (popsicle sticks and tape) and exploring makers station and building

Math: fractions, multiplication and division

ELA and SLA: historical fiction, expository text, building paragraphs focusing on narratives and vivid details

P.E.: building physical endurance and practicing sportsmanship

Mrs. Giffin 4th and 5th Grade

The Dia de los Muertos ofrenda in the MU was amazing. Students honored a loved one and contributed art. Students did a great job giving their presentations in Spanish and English.

4th English is reading Dear Mr. Henshaw, designing alarm circuits, and learning summarizing strategies.

5th English is read Bridge to Terabithia.

4th grade Social Studies- We concluded our study of California Indians and each class will be going on a field trip to Heather Farms to learn about how California Natives used local plants. Students get to experience grinding acorns and making toys out of willow branches.

5th grade Social Studies- Students have learned about Early Colonies and are leading up to the Revolutionary War.

We have a new report card which uses a 1-4 scoring rubric instead of a 1-3 rubric.

Special Note about Student Pick-Up from Ms. Andrews

If adults picking up children could please have a sign with their child's name boldly printed on it and visible in the windshield, that would be AMAZING!! The teacher on car line duty can call out names of students which will make pick-up go quickly and smoothly. Thank you!

Principal's Report

Mrs. Dunn provided an update on hiring Instructional Assistant for Kinder: 1 candidate recommended to hire. Lunch Supervisors still needed. November 17th will be a Zoom Story Night. November 19th we will hold the Walk-A-Thon. Boo Grams raised \$400.

Outdoor Education will be held in the Spring for 5th Graders for a total cost of \$36,925. So far \$25,000 has been earned. Jamba Juice Cards will be sold See's Candy Fundraiser concluding December 5th. Mod Pizza

Dine-to-Donate to be held. Suzanne seeking a co-lead to coordinate.

Reminder to complete school survey about School Climate to be used for the SPSA.

Town Halls on vaccines for children to be held 11/10, 11/16, 11/29 as stated in the Theresa Harrington email from the district. Not required to inform school if child is vaccinated, but it is helpful if you do.

Committee Reports

Walk-A-Thon—Bracelets ordered. T-shirts have been sold. Volunteer spots are still available through Konstella (2-3 volunteers per classroom desired). Donations of bubbles needed. Need to bag 130 T-shirts. There will be a boundary on the playground. No spectators, only volunteers. Sponsors include Dianne Adaire, Simply Selling Shirts, and Safeway.

Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Update: At 10/26 MDUSD meeting, the 1:1 device initiative and newly adopted/updated tech plan were discussed. New Chromebooks were given to 6-12th graders. Next distribution will be 2nd-5th graders. Funding is coming from the Emergency Connectivity Fund (federal grant). The district is consolidating chromebook management at the District level moving forward. PFCs will not have to pay for chromebooks going forward! The district is working on the Rehab and replacement plan providing access to all students.

After School Enrichment: Added Yoga, more options for spring, opportunities for everyone

Fall Fest: Successful event, ran out of ice cream, 800 handed out, 5th grade played a BIG role in the success, haunted house for next year.

Art Appreciation: Every grade, every class, 4 or 5 times, 3 finished projects for lower grades, more involved projects for upper grades, Digital Portfolios: 79% parent involvement, \$104 earned, 1000 looked, student artwork is being displayed in both the School Office and Library, Discussing additional ways of displaying artwork, Purchased furniture and supplies, reach out to Alisa Kutsel if you can volunteer and help out during your kids' time.

Fundraising/Auction Update: 5 Little Monkeys Shop-to-Donate in Store and Online, Gotts in December (possible), Auction prizes are being requested and gathered, Sloat Shop-to-Donate is still open.

New Business

Dave Barnard suggested some form of holiday appreciation for the Bancroft staff by the PFC.

Meeting adjourned.