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A Letter from the Desk of...

The Fourth-Grade Team

Dear 4th Grade Parents and Students,

We can hardly believe it's 2011 already! It seems like we were just meeting your children and setting up our classrooms! Time flies when you are having fun! We hope that whether you stay in town or go away, if you are celebrating a holiday or just enjoying some time off, that you and your families enjoy happy, healthy and rejuvenating winter breaks. We look forward to greeting you all in the new year!

Please keep encouraging your students to read at home for the Million Minutes competition! As of December 21, each class in 4th grade has read over 8,000 minutes!

We have been thrilled to see all of our students' hard work, creativity and talent come through the past few weeks on their Social Studies projects! It's incredible to see what our students can do! The students have also really enjoyed viewing each other's projects and learning about each other's tribes. We have also played Native American games and made dream catchers in Social Studies.

In January, students will be completing their WebBlender projects, in order to present web sites to educate others about Native Americans. We look forward to sharing them, as well as their take-home projects, in our Second Annual Native American Museum. Look for information on the back of this sheet to join us for the museum! Please try to join us and see these phenomenal projects for yourself! After creating their websites, students will use technology to locate, evaluate, gather, and organize information.

Reading will be filled with fun as we explore the world of poetry and various literary devices used which make it as delicious as an ice cream sundae and as tantalizing as a scene at the ballet!

In Science, we are finishing our study of environmental science. The students have been so inspired by all we have learned about the recent oil spill and how they can help. Next, we will be moving on to chemistry and examining the properties of matter.

As we enter into the new year, we would appreciate any donations you would like to provide of school supplies to help keep our classrooms running smoothly! Any contributions of Lysol/ Clorox wipes, tissues, hand sanitizer and pencils you would like to make would be much appreciated.

Thank you so much for your continued support. We wish you and your families a happy and healthy new year and look forward to a wonderful 2011!

Mike Anderson, Liza Levenson, & Stefanie Rardin

Mark Your Calendars!

Monday, January 3	First day back from Winter Break
Tuesday, January 4	PTA Meeting @ 7pm
Friday, January 7	"Everyone Belongs" Assembly Geography Bee Finals in the APR @ 1:30pm
Monday, January 10	"Pennies for Patients" Drive Starts
Tuesday, January 11	Chorus Show for Families with Last Names Beginning with A-L @ 7pm in the APR
Wednesday, January 12	Chorus Show for Families with Last Names Beginning with M-Z @ 7pm in the APR
Friday, January 14	Native American Museum in the APR & Tech Lab @ 10-11am
Monday, January 17	No School- MLK, Jr. Day
Thursday, January 20	Math Day
Friday, January 21	End of Second Marking Period
Monday, January 24	No School for Students- Professional Day
Wednesday, January 26	Principal's Coffee @ 9:30am in the Media Center

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WHAT: The 2nd Annual Fourth Grade Native American Museum

WHEN: Friday, January 14 from 10-11 am

WHERE: In the BES All-Purpose Room and Tech Lab

WHY: Because it would be a shame to miss the presentation of all these stupendous projects and websites!

Hope to see you there!



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