

Spartan Scoop

DATES TO REMEMBER...

April 6	1:15 Early Dismissal
April 7	Battle of the Books Competition (4th)
April 11	1st Grade Music Concert 1:30 and 6:30
April 11	3rd Grade Music Concert 1:30 and 7:15
April 18-21	Take Charge of Your Body
April 20	1:15 Early Dismissal
April 22	Joseph Kuefler Visit
April 27	Old Creamery Theatre



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A NOTE FROM MR. SAMMONS...

April is already here. Can you believe it? This year has gone by so quickly!

We are very much looking forward to our author visit on April 22. We have some big plans to welcome Mr. Kuefler to Grundy Center Elementary. I can't wait for him to inspire all of the young writers at our school.

We are also wishing the best of luck to our 4th grade Battle of the Books team as they prepare for competition on April 7. Thank you to Ms. Meyer and Mrs. Liston for donating your time and efforts for these kids.

The Iowa Assessments results came in, and the third and fourth grade students did very well. Both grades earned about 1 1/2 to 2 grade levels beyond their expectations in reading. Great work!

Thank you to everyone who attended parent teacher conferences. Supporting your child's education helps them grow as learners and promotes success after elementary school.

We have been practicing our weather safety here at school. All of the students know how and where to go if severe weather occurs.

We have a new full-time counselor hired for next year! Her name is Mrs. Rizzuto. She has seven years of counseling experience at Union Community Schools. Welcome, Mrs. Rizzuto!

We also have three new associates in the building. They are Mrs. Kuester, Mrs. Scott, and Mrs. Davies. Welcome!

Have a great week!

My blog can be found at
www.mrbsammons.weebly.com



SNAPSHOTS FROM SCHOOL



Greenbelt Bank and Trust teaches first graders about security and financial literacy.



Kindergarteners wear green to celebrate Read Across America Day. They also celebrated by having parents come in during Read In.



Third graders celebrate good classroom behavior with pj's and stuffed animals.



Third graders were treated to a lesson on financial literacy by Greenbelt Bank and Trust.





Fourth grade students work on Kleenex box creatures in art.



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First grade students buddy read with kindergartners and help them with a project.

Third graders share their published writing to kindergarten students.



It was Wacky Wednesday for Reading Week in kindergarten.

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Fourth grade students re-enact the Continental Congress with authentic persuasive arguments.



Fourth grade students study circuits in science.



Fourth graders study and research.





As a culminating activity for Read-a-Million Minutes, the students voted for four teachers to have makeup put on their faces by another teacher who was blindfolded!



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Third and fourth grade students work on research projects and creating book trailers.



Mrs. Ackerman's class shared their expertise on the book they had prepared with Mrs. Hendershot's class. They read their book while explaining pictures, asked questions and explained the meaning of important words to their kindergarten friend. What a great learning experience, they were the teachers!



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Fourth grade students work with recorders and movement during music class.



Third grade students work on skeletal structures using owl pellets. They also learned about leaving a “financial footprint” with Greenbelt Bank and Trust.