

7 Up News Holiday Edition

Who doesn't like a feast?

Here in Classroom 7, we have a feast the day before the school's Thanksgiving holiday. Everyone brings something to share. Students are free to bring any dish they want, but it has to be something the Pilgrims might have fixed (no Jello, for example). Some of my favorites are mashed potatoes, ham, turkey, vegetables, and most important, pumpkin pie.

Classrooms 7 and 8 have always held this event together. Mrs. Hiler, Ms McCarter, Ms Kuhn, Senora Gal, Mrs. Bryant, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin joined us this year for this delicious feast.

Ethan Newton

A Christmas Carol

In December we saw a play called "A Christmas Carol." You may have heard of it before. It is the story of a grumpy man named Ebenezer Scrooge, who hates Christmas. He is visited by three ghosts: The Ghost of Christmas Past, The Ghost of Christmas Present, and The Ghost of

Christmas Future.

The Ghost of Christmas Past takes him back in time and shows him how much he loved Christmas as a kid. The Ghost of Christmas Present shows him how people think of him right now, and The Ghost of Christmas Future shows him how it will be if he continues being so mean. This ghost really makes him nicer because he shows Scrooge that, because he has no friends, people speak of him as if they are happy he is dead. After that, Scrooge thought he should give Bob Cratchitt a raise and pay for a doctor for Tiny Tim. In the end Scrooge gave money to charity and said, "Merry Christmas" to everyone he saw.

Victor Allison

The Great Talent Show

The talent show was a few days before winter break. A few people played the piano. For example, Kassie played "We Three Kings" and Shelby played "Greensleeves." They both played very well. Erin had a puppet

which played a box that was painted to look like a piano. Victor double jointed his body this way and that. One time he used his foot as a drum by turning his leg all the way around his body. It made our teacher, Mrs. Snider, wince. Chris sang the Christopian anthem, which was the Scooby Doo theme song. Wils, Daniel, and Victor did a skit that was funny. The talent show was fun, exciting, great, and entertaining, but most of all, we learned what we can do.

George Shashy

The Breakfast Cafe

On February 11th, the Breakfast Cafe was held in Haley Hall. Ah, yes, it was a great day - food everywhere, people talking, and chocolate milk. Yes, chocolate milk. It started at 7:30 a.m. and ended at 9:00 a.m. There were muffins, fruit, cookies, coffee cakes, and doughnuts by the dozen. The best part was hanging out with friends and eating. Ah, yes, now that's the life!

This day was especially sweet because we had a Valentine's Day party on the same day. It was sweet, literally. Anna gave out suckers (thanks, Anna).

Doug Burris

Animalia

In February, a puppeteer came to our school. His puppets were unlike any I have ever seen. These puppets were not finger puppets, they were made with fabric and wire - and some of them made sounds. He made the eagle fly and the dolphin leap. He even made a crane swallow a fish. All of his puppets looked like real animals.

Throughout the performance he was showing the life cycle of a butterfly from caterpillar to butterfly. He didn't reveal it all at once, though. He would show how the caterpillar was growing, then show other animals, then go back to the caterpillar. After the show he told us how his puppets were made and how he made them move. He also gave us a lesson on some finger exercises that he does before he puts on a show. It was a great show!

Shelby Hammonds

Snow Days

Snow days at Providence are always fun. On the playground we have two hot spots. Number 1 is the hill. Lots of people love making snowmen there because the snow is ankle deep. They also like to roll down the hill on their backs until they're cold and wet. Number 2 is the soccer field. If they can't play soccer, they can build snowmen instead! One day, a lot of people made a snowman together on the other side of the hill. In the end we had our picture taken by Mrs. Irvin. Snow days at Providence are fun.

Noah Mullins

Cooking

Cooking to me is a way to show the other students your culinary skills and creativity. Early in the school year our teachers pair us up with someone to be our cooking buddy for the whole year. Daniel and I were partnered this year. In the fall Daniel and I made fried chicken and Rice Krispies treats. In January Daniel and I made chicken noodle soup and strawberry smoothies.

Everyone has made great food with the help of a parent volunteer. I taste everything my classmates make. Even if it is strange looking, it is always good tasting. I hope cooking will continue because it's a great way to have fun, be creative, and get to know your classmates.

Chris Taylor

Our daily work.....

History

It's hard to believe people in the 1500's thought the world was flat. It's also hard to believe they never knew North and South America existed. But those ideas started to change on August 3, 1492 when Christopher Columbus set sail with his ships, the Nina, the Pinta, and the Santa Maria. It took three months to reach what he thought were the Indies. What he really found was present day Cuba. Columbus

took three voyages to the New World, but he never knew it was America. The first person to realize this new land was not India was Amerigo Vespucci, and America was named after him. Soon, many explorers came to the New World.

Here's a small quiz about the explorers:

Who was the explorer who landed in either Newfoundland or Nova Scotia? John Cabot

Who was the first explorer to see the eastern shore of the Pacific Ocean? Balboa

Who was the destroyer of the Aztec empire? Hernando Cortes

Anna Ison

Science

Our most recent topic in science was Light. Natural light is not man-made. The sun, stars, and moon are natural light. Other light is artificial,

such as light bulbs, candles, and lasers. We used a flashlight to shine light through a prism and make the spectrum. We also learned the difference between transparent, translucent, and opaque materials.

Sophie Campbell

ART

ON TUESDAY OF EACH WEEK WE HAVE ART CLASS FOR AN HOUR IN THE MORNING. LATELY, WE HAVE BEEN MAKING PAPIER MACHE MASKS AND CREATURES. TO MAKE THEM YOU FIRST START BY COVERING A BALLOON WITH SHREDDED NEWSPAPER DIPPED IN A MIXTURE OF FLOUR AND WATER. THEN, AFTER IT DRIES, YOU CAN ADD ARMS AND LEGS OR OTHER BODY PARTS IF YOU ARE WORKING ON A CREATURE. IF YOU'RE WORKING ON A MASK, YOU CAN CUT IT IN HALF AND BEGIN TO PAINT IT. IT'S AMAZING HOW

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COME OUT OF THE SAME BASIC
SHAPE. RIGHT NOW I'M WORKING
ON A CREATURE OF MY OWN, AND
IT'S GOING PRETTY WELL.**

**ART IS SO MUCH FUN, AND OUR
TEACHERS, THE MARTINS, DO A
GREAT JOB. I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE
WHAT FUN THING WE'RE GOING TO
DO NEXT.**

ALSTON CROLEY

Spanish

Senora Gal makes learning Spanish fun. To learn the Spanish speaking countries we made cakes in the shape of the continents. Then we put flags where the Spanish-speaking countries were located. We also learned the names of fruit. Senora Gal brought real fruit, and we played a game. We put a blindfold on, and she gave us a fruit to taste. We had to identify the fruit. For Valentine's Day we made cards in Spanish for our families. Spanish is easy to learn because Senora Gal makes it fun.

Kassie Cook

Music - The Christmas Concert

On December 17, 2009, Classrooms 7 and 8 gathered in the FAAB to perform songs for parents and families. Some of the songs were: "First Footprints," "Thank You for the Christmas," which had instrumental parts like drums and tambourine. We also sang "Hava Nagila," a Jewish song. My favorite was "First Footprints" about someone making footprints in the snow.

In addition to learning the music, the two classes practiced how to enter and exit, how to stand on the risers, and how to work together in unison. We also wore the same sort of clothing, white shirts and dark pants (or skirts).

After the concert the crowd all went up to the art room to see what we had been working on in art class, such as our shading drawings and our free draws.

The next day we had a school performance for the younger children and the teachers. In 2010 we have been learning new songs and hope to have a spring concert.

Anna Mudd

P.E. Game Days

Sharks and Minnows is a game in which all the kids have flags. You put a flag in your pocket, and one kid is chosen to be the shark. He tries to get the flag. Minnows run across the room, and if the shark gets you, you're a shark.

Capture the Flag is a fun game like Sharks and Minnows. You have a flag in your pocket, but there is also a flag hanging on a tree. You have to go into the other team's territory to capture their flag. If your flag gets pulled, then you are in jail until someone from your team tags you and gets you out. The team that wins is the one to capture the other side's flag.

Some inside games we play are ball tag, basketball, and obstacle courses. In ball tag we tag one another when we hit an opponent with a ball to get him out. All the games we play in P.E. are fun.

Charlie Weiss

Geography Bee

On Monday, December 14, students from Classrooms 7 & 8 participated in the annual Geography Bee. The Bee itself consists of seven rounds as well as bonus rounds in case of a tie. Before the Geography Bee this year I studied every day. So by the day of the bee, I knew the capital of every country in the world and many of the land and water forms. My hard work paid off because at the end of seven rounds I hadn't missed a questions and had won. After the school bee, the winner has to take a written test of 70 questions. The top 100 scorers go to the state geography bee. I'm going to continue to study, and hopefully I will have the same luck at the state bee that had here at school.

Alston Croley

We do love to read.....

This year we read Half-a-Moon Inn by Paul Fleischman. It's a book about a mute boy named Aaron who stays at home by himself when his mother goes to Craftsbury. The next day he awoke to a monstrous blizzard, and his mother was nowhere in sight. Aaron decides to wait awhile, but his mother does not return. When he goes out looking for her, he meets a ragman who has no idea he is mute and cannot read his messages. He travels with the rag man and gets off at the Half-a-Moon Inn where he meets Miss Grackle. Miss Grackle treats him like a slave! Aaron finds out that Miss Grackle is a pickpocket. Miss Grackle has him locked up in his room when his mother shows up asking about him. Aaron is stomping on the floor while Miss Grackle is lying about him, and then his mother left. People come to the inn and when they were asleep in bed, Miss Grackle looked at their dreams through their

eyes. Aaron discovers that one of the guests is Lord Tom, a killer. Aaron "told" Miss Grackle that he was a king, and she went nuts! She was planning to lock him up and hold him for ransom, and Aaron planned to escape while she was doing that. Will he escape? Will Miss Grackle succeed? Will Aaron find his mother? Read the book to find out.

Erin Fannin

Johnny Tremain

The sixth year book study is Johnny Tremain. It's about a fourteen-year-old boy living in Boston right before the Revolutionary War. Johnny, a young apprentice in a silversmith's shop, is caught up in a dramatic time.

Johnny has a life-changing accident which forces him out of the home of the silversmith and into the Boston Observer where he meets an older boy, Rab.

The Boston Observer was a print shop where a revolutionary newspaper was printed. It was also the meeting place for the Sons of Liberty. Johnny and Rab are in the mix of Boston being tense and unhappy about the King and the tax on tea. If you love historical fiction, you will love Johnny Tremain.

Willow Dickey

The Witch of Blackbird Pond

The Witch of Blackbird Pond takes place in 1687. It is about a girl named Kit Tyler who has to move from Barbados to Connecticut to live with her Uncle Matthew, Aunt Rachel, and two girl cousins, Mercy and Judith. She had to move because in Barbados, she was living with her grandpa, but he died.

In Connecticut it is all work and no play. Everyone is a Puritan and is very strict on religion. One day Kit was very upset because she was dismissed from teaching dame school, so she ran to the meadow. She felt it was the only place she could get away. Then an old widow named Hannah Tupper found her. Hannah has a little house in the meadow and is accused of being a witch because she is a Quaker. Hannah and Kit soon become friends.

Soon Kit gets engaged to a boy named William Ashby. Mercy, Judith, and a boy named John Holbrook get mixed up because Mercy thought John had come to ask for her hand in marriage when really John had come to ask for Mercy's hand. Kit's uncle is mad because the King wants to take away their rights. We haven't finished the book yet, so I don't know if these problems will be worked out or not. The Witch of Blackbird Pond is a good book.

Julia Radhakrishnan

Sign of the Beaver

Sign of the Beaver is the story of a boy in colonial America whose family decides to move to Maine. The boy, Matt, and his dad decide to go to Maine first. Because of the danger they leave the mom and sister behind. They build a cabin and then Matt's dad leaves to go get the mom and sister. Matt is alone. He meets an Indian boy, and they spend time together. The book is about the friendship between Attean, the Indian boy, and Matt. It is a great book because of all the exciting parts of the book.

Blevin Slone

And we love to write, too....

Classmate Biographies

Each year in Classroom 7 we write biographies about each other. We do this to get to know each other better. This is how it works. We put everyone's name in a cup, and one person draws a name. Whoever they pick is the classmate they will write about. Then that person picks, and so on.

The biography normally has four paragraphs about families, hobbies, and adventures. It may include what they want to be when they grow up and where they want to live. The classmate I am writing about is Wils. Chris is writing about me. You have to interview your person and be interviewed as well.

When everyone is finished we will put them in a book for people to read and learn about each person. I like writing biographies because it's fun to get to know other people.

Frances Werner-Wilson

Winter

*When sunny spring has passed us by
When summer's gone away
When fall has left with its gentle winds
That blow throughout the day,
I feel a tingle in my fingers
A chill goes down my spine
I look outside and then I know
That winter's next in line.
Chilly, icy winter's coming
The best season of them all
I don't have to wait any longer
Because snowflakes have started to fall
I rush outside and there I see
A lovely sheet of white
The wind is blowing bits of it
In the air like a kite,
Winter passing slowly by,
But it's not time to end,
Winter's very close to me,
Winter is my friend,
Winter's over now
Now spring is here
Winter's gone, but I still know
It'll be back again next year.*

Erin Fannin

Research

6th year news....

Skating with MMSK

On Wednesday, January 20th, the 6th year students from Providence went skating at Champs with the students from MMSK. Everyone had so much fun. Every year MMSK invites 6th year student to get together and meet students we might be in school with next year.

There was an “all girl” skate and then an “all boy” skate. At one point you had to skate backwards. Near the end everyone got in the middle of the skating rink and did the Hokey Pokey. It was fun seeing people that we were in class with last year and seeing new people. The kids from MMSK were great hosts. Everyone made new friends and had fun.

Brennan Clarkson

It's time once again for the sixth graders to write their sixth grade research paper. The paper has to be about 1,000 words long, typed and double-spaced. Mrs. Snider has been teaching us about writing a research paper such as how to take notes and how to make an outline. We have also been learning about library research such as how to use the computer database of periodicals, Readers' Guide, and other computer links. We went to the downtown public library and found books and magazines on our topic. It was an interesting and fun experience.

Our topics are:

Willow - The Link Between Reptiles and Birds

Brennan - The Power of Positive Thinking

Anna - The Great Barrier Reef

Alston - Tourette's Syndrome

Daniel - Rugby

It will be fun to read about all these interesting topics.

Daniel Brenzel

