

NEWS & TIDINGS

WARWICK COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Elizabeth Musgrave, Principal
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WONDERFUL HOLIDAY CONCERT! What a delight-filled evening! It is always fun to see the children sharing their talents and enthusiasm for music - and they certainly did! Many thanks to our music teachers, Kim Wallach and Lynette Snedeker, to the children for their performance, to our PTO for the reception, and to our wonderful audience who braved a cold and rainy evening to celebrate with us!

WATCH FOR NEWS of our Math Blast! Coming up soon (Thurs., Jan. 29th) with games and activities for the whole family!



OUR CLASSROOM BUZZ... This month, we are featuring our 5th and 6th Grades!

In World Geography and Cultures, students have completed their Family Culture webs which are currently on display in the hallway outside our classroom. Please stop by to enjoy them. They are full of connections that the children have made to their own cultures in preparation for their studies of other cultures around the world. Students have also begun their studies of five of the world's major religions (Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, Buddhism and Islam) and later in January we will begin our study of cultures and countries in Europe.

In science we are finishing our extended unit on the Earth's tilt and revolution around the sun and the causes of the seasons. We are graphing the hours and minutes of daylight each day in December 2014 and will be celebrating the Winter Solstice with our semi-annual solstice party. This is a time of year that is celebrated or recognized in some way by most cultures around the world.



Students have finished reading fiction books in small groups and have investigated elements of theme, story structure, symbolism, imagery, and character change as they apply to their novels. They have also identified aspects of their books that could be compared and contrasted and have written short essays on them. In January, students will be assessed on these skills in their own independent work before we move onto instruction in reading non-fiction.

In math, we have completed our units "Operations with Whole Numbers, Fractions and Decimals" and "Surface Area of Prisms and Pyramids". In January and February we will be working on "Expressions and Equations" - basic algebra.

All of this has kept the fifth and sixth graders very busy and engaged. I continue to enjoy the enthusiasm and intelligence of each and every one of them and appreciate the way in which this particular group of students support and encourage one another day in their learning.

Ms. Lynn Hansell