



Welcome Back, Students!

Notes from our Principal, Mr. Rivest

We went to visit the principal, Mr. Rivest, and he told us that “the school is off to a great start because we have new technology.” Our Elementary lab has been changed and remodeled and has a new Smart Board that is really cool.

Asked about what he liked about our school, he said “what I like about this school is, it is a small school and we get to know everybody. My favorite part of the day is going in to the classroom and seeing the students.” When we asked him who he liked better, Elementary or High School, he said “I like elementary and high school equally, and I think all the teachers work excellent with students.

-Abel Iacono, Brendan Pulda & Ethan Erickson

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Special Event!

The entire school participated in a very special event. We had a Penny War to benefit the families of Everest Leach and William Carlson who are both battling cancer. The students raised over \$2500 to help the families. Mrs. Leach sent a note, praising the ‘Dollar Bay Super Stars’ for their caring efforts. Mrs. Leach taught 2nd grade for several years before resigning to care for her children.



Swine Flu Hits Dollar Bay

On Tuesday, October 19-22nd., Dr. Q, the superintendent, had to check how many students would be out of school because of the swine flu.

Almost 30% of the students stayed home because of the flu. He then decided to close the school.

Some of the teachers and support staff had the flu along with the students.

Swine flu closed 157 schools and some students are still out from having the swine flu.

Symptoms of the Swine flu include high fever, not feeling good, aches and

pains, maybe throwing up and really tired.

We can help not spread the flu by washing our hands really good and making sure we sneeze in our elbow.

-Kendra Lahaikainen, Aaron Nyman & Canyon Gilles



Elementary Newsletter—Our First Issue

Why we have this Elementary Newsletter

We're making this newsletter to inform the community what great and fun things are happening at the Dollar Bay School. It is the first year that we (the Fifth Grade class) have done this. Mrs. McKaig, our music and computer teacher, will be the publisher of this newsletter. The reporters and recorders will be the Fifth Grade class. We hope everyone will enjoy these as much as we did making them!



~ Kindsey Carlson and Maddy Hallstrom

Kinders Report

We went to kindergarten and found out what 3 adorable Kinders like in Kindergarten. The 3 Kinders were AJ, Macy, and Angus. They gave us answers in what they like.



Angus said that he likes Ms. Hytinen as a teacher. He likes it better at home than at school though, because he got a new remote car. The work here is pretty hard. He likes Kindergarten.

Macy said she absolutely loves Kindergarten. The best thing she likes about Kindergarten is Ms. Hytinen! The work is hard but NOT too hard. She misses her mom and dad at home. Her friends are Lily, Sylvia, Sophia, and lots more! The homework is fun she says. Even though she misses her mom and dad she likes going to school and playing her friends better



than home. "School is the best!" says Macy, the Kinder. "I love learning!"

The last but not least kinder is... AJ!! The answers were he thought the homework was kind of easy. He likes school! His friends are Sophia, Cody and Vincent. He likes Ms. Hytinen!



-Gina Wuebben & Cami Daavettila

Red Ribbon Week Celebration Winners Announced

Mrs. McKaig is our S.A.D.D. advisor. She said Red Ribbon is a national celebration on Oct. 23rd—30th. The students in S.A.D.D. are Anna Backman, Nikki Saari, Shelby Hiltunen, Xena Cortez, Dylan Harma and Tyler Jarvi.

Mrs. McKaig and her S.A.D.D. students have been doing this for 15 years. This year there were a lot of students involved. The Dress Up Days were: one

day Red day, another Twin day, another Patriotic day, and last but not least was Costume day! The class who won is the 6th gr. And they got a free root beer float party. Larry Fallon in 7th Grade won a prize for being "Most Enthusiastic". Kip Erickson in 1st grade won a prize for shaving his head to be William's twin. The H.S. had a pledge drive not to drink and drive in memory of John Matson who died several years ago in a car accident. Almost half of the High School students signed up.



Sports

Coaches Corner

According to Mr. Kentala, our varsity basketball coach, he loves his job because he loves to teach his favorite sport.

This year he has ten people on his team and are ready to play.

Mr. Kentala started his job as assistant coach for Dollar Bay but now he is the Varsity coach for Dollar Bay.

One of our girl team coaches is Miss Kim Stevens. She said that she has 7 girls on the JV team and they are off to a good start

with a win over Hancock.

She likes to work with the girls and to see them improve and have success. Miss Stevens has been coaching now for 3 years and also graduated from Dollar Bay.

Our JV Basketball and Track Coach is Mr. Steve Dunstan.

Mr. Dunstan has been coaching at Dollar Bay for 7 years, but has been coaching many things for about 15 years.

He enjoys working with the stu-

dents and likes to help them improve and to be successful. He hopes to have his biggest track team this year and hopes to have more boys come out for Track.

He says what he really likes about coaching is that he is giving back to the coaches who took out time to help him when he was young and in sports.

-Danny Engman, Tylor Lamorand & William Staricha

Elementary Happenings

Catch Up With our Teachers!

Mr. Butler– The fun activities that the 5th graders are doing is making Thanksgiving turkeys. They have already finished them and they look great! We also asked Mr. Butler about how the students school year's are going so far. "This year has been awesome. The class I have is exceptional in every way. Except for when they're lazy. I wish I can have them again next year." A special event coming is a science presenter will provide a hands on science experience about Michigan's water. Mr. Butler's favorite part about being a teacher is that the 5th graders are mature enough to think and work independently, but young enough to feel excitement about learning. What inspired him to become a teacher was when he was a little kid in school, he felt like he didn't have many good teachers. It bummed him out and he wanted it to be different for kids in the future. This is what's up. By: Taylor Busser

Mrs. Kentala– The third graders just finished up on their canned book report. Their school years are going well, their reading and writing is going very well. The third graders just went on two special events which were: going on the tech trails, and going to the Rosza Center! Mrs. Kentala's favorite part about being a teacher for third grade is that she loves working with students because she likes to teach kids. What inspired her to become a teacher is she loves working with kids and with others. That is what is happening with the third grade class!

By: Megan Cavis

Mrs. Heinonen–The first graders will be making turkeys and singing turkey songs in centers. The kids are improving more from when they were first here. They are also working hard and having fun. There are also a few special events coming up, like in a few weeks they will be learning about a family nutrition program learning about food, exercise, and germs. The teachers favorite part about being a teacher is the kids. Mrs. Heinonen got inspired to be a teacher because she wanted to work with the kids!!!!!! This is all of the stuff about Mrs. Heinonen and her kids!!!

By: Anne Greub



Storytime in 3rd grade

MEAP Testing

Students in grades 3-12 have taken the MEAP. Mrs. Moilanen says we take the MEAP to access or see if the students learned what they need to. She also thinks it is important to see where the students are at. We asked her how many MEAPS she gets total, and she said 1 MEAP.

Mr. Kentala is in charge of having us kids take the MEAP test. It stands for **Michigan Educational Assessment Program** and students have to take it every year to see if we are learning anything.

-Lance Kangas & Clayton Staricha





The Dollar Bay Firemen came and taught us about Fire Safety. We had competitions and the following are the winners:

3rd grade winners are:

- 1st place winner is Shalyse Erickson
- 2nd place winner is Deja Brule'
- 3rd place winner is Brendan LeClaire

4th grade winners are:

- 1st place winner is Sean Staricha
- 2nd place winner is Kayla Hakala
- 3rd place winner is Heidi Goudge
- 4th place winner is Lowell Jouppe
- 5th place winner is Bailey Poyhonen

5th grade winners are:

- 1st place winner is Maddy Hallstrom
- 2nd place winner is Taylor Busser
- 3rd place winner is Anne Greub
- 4th place winner is Cami Daavettila
- 5th place winner is Lucia Erickson

6th place winners are:

- 1st winner is Ciarra Shelp
- 2nd place winner is Elisha Houle
- 3rd place winner is Jessica-Rae Marcotte
- 4th place winner is Carli Daavettila
- 5th place winner is Victoria Cichosz

-Morgan Hokenson

From the Editor,

Starting this newsletter has certainly been a rewarding challenge for me as our new Elementary Computer Teacher. The Fifth Graders have been great to work with, everyone digging in and getting their stories done. We hope to continue bringing school news to the community, written by the students and only tweaked by the editor. This news is from their eyes to your eyes.

If you have any news to share with us, you can email me at:

mckaig@dollarbay.k12.mi.us, or if you have any comments for me or the students, just let us know.

The newsletter will also be available online with a link provided by our High School computer teacher, Mr. O'Connor. Check out our web-site at: www.dollarbay.k12.mi.us for more information.

-Mrs. McKaig

Calendar of Happenings

High School Food Drive for TV 6 is going on from Monday the 23rd through the 25th

Nov. 26 –27 is Thanksgiving break so there is NO school.

Dec. 5th High School Bowl is in Bark River

Dec. 7th National Honor Society's Program

Dec. 9th 7:00 p.m. grades 4-5 Band concert

Dec. 14th Lights for Life—Ornament Decorating with S.A.D.D.

December 18th 2:30 p.m. Elementary Christmas program

Dec. 21st is the High School Band concert at 7:00 P.M

Christmas Break starts Dec. 23rd-Jan. 2nd (Half Day on 23rd)

Back to School January 4th 2010

- Libbi Rogan



Happy Holidays