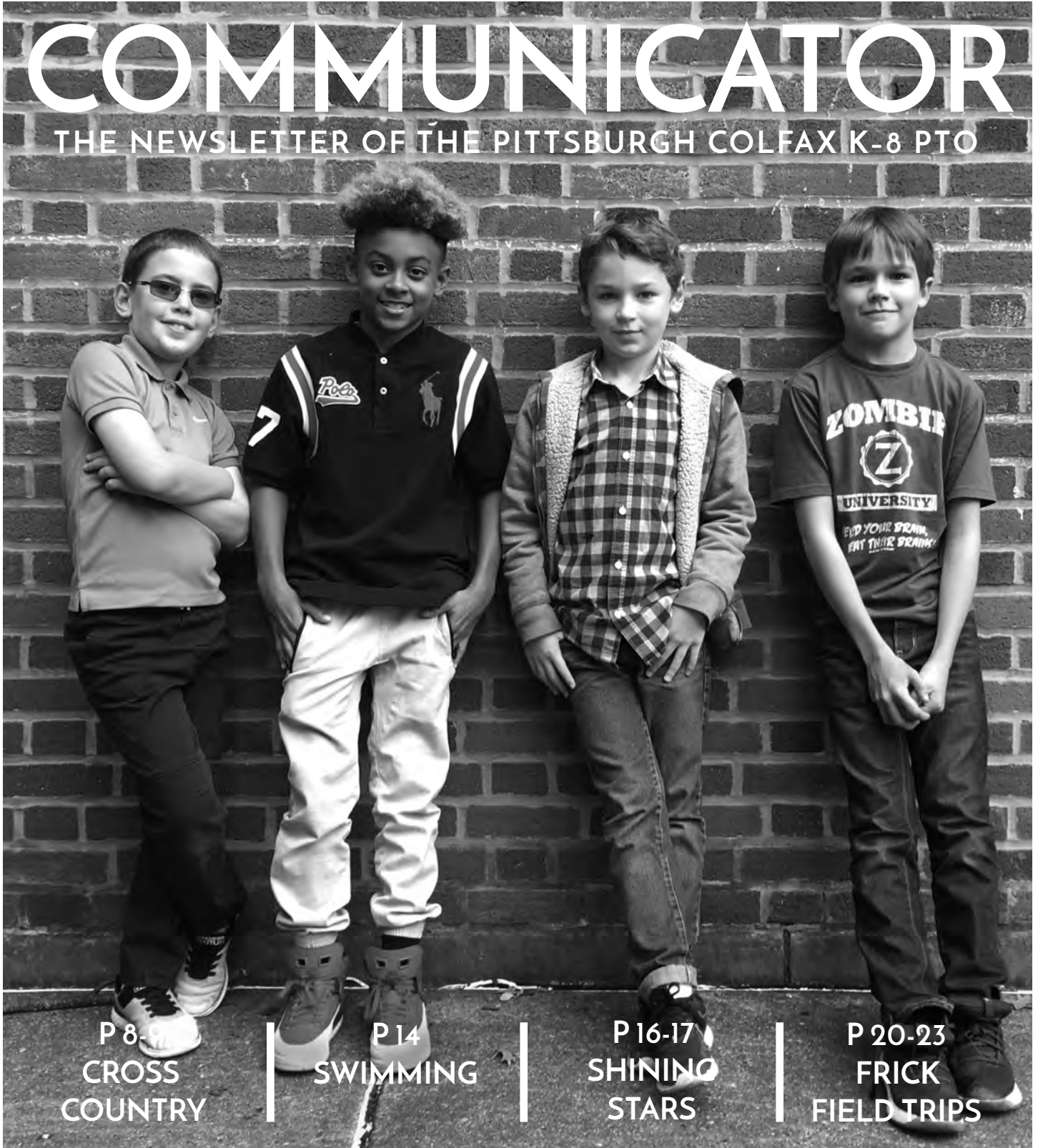


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Colfax Ask-Drive Fundraiser

Deadline: **December 31, 2018**

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The Colfax PTO is accepting donations as part of its annual *Ask-Drive* fundraiser. Contributions can be made by visiting the link above and following the directions to *donate*. Each gift, in any amount, helps.

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Through generous donations from *you*, the Colfax PTO consistently meets its financial targets to supplement Colfax K-8 educational programs beyond those possible through baseline Pittsburgh Public education: approximately \$100 per child, \$2500 per classroom, and \$10,000 per grade!

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Season's Greetings Colfax Families,

This year is flying by. We're already in December which is one of the busiest months. We are having fundraisers, collecting money for teachers and hosting the annual faculty/staff holiday luncheon.

December always feels like the month of generosity with so many holidays and gift giving. It's also the time of year that we remember our dedicated and hard-working teachers. Many homeroom reps organize classroom gifts for their teachers and parents respond in kind often resulting in the teacher receiving something very generous. At Colfax, we have 30 devoted teachers without homerooms, four enthusiastic custodians and three dedicated secretaries. As a PTO, we like to recognize and say thank you to all these folks who might otherwise be forgotten. We hope to collect enough money to give everyone a \$25.00 gift card. I would like to personally say thank you to those of you who regularly donate money to this fund. It is very much appreciated.

Our annual ASK DRIVE campaign is still going on. Many parents and grandparents have donated, but we haven't quite met our goal. This money is important for us to maintain all the programs and services that we offer our children here at Colfax. Our PTO spends about \$100.00 on every child at Colfax! Kindergarten through second grade enjoy the garden, trips to the pumpkin farm, trips to Frick Environmental Center, trips to Frick Mansion, trips to Heinz Hall, trips to the play house as well as chess and end of year trips to the science center. Grades 3-5 enjoy Ducky tours, Trolley tours, Laurel Caverns, Science Center, chess club, Heinz Hall, History Center, the Cobra store, ballroom dancing, Pitt-CMU architecture tour, sports uniforms, and a trip to the wave pool. Grades 6-8 enjoy the musical, the Cobra store, History Center, Natural History Museum, Shakespeare Contest, Math Kangaroo, Chess club, Science center, trips to Meadowcroft, sports uniforms and to the wave pool. This list is not all encompassing. There are more programs, enrichment, and field trips that the PTO helps support that are not listed. Just think, if we didn't have enough money to continue, what would we have to terminate? Please don't make us have to choose. If you haven't donated yet, there is still time. We will take any amount large or small. Donation questions should go to Ross Ingram at VPfundraising@Colfax.com.

I hope you and your family have a joyous holiday season.

Warm Regards,
Abbie Campsie, PTO President



THANK YOU!

The Colfax PTO would like to thank those who have contributed this year to our school. Your contributions make a lot happen for our children! You may not realize everything the PTO helps pay for, so here's a list!

KINDERGARTEN

Grow Pittsburgh
Recess Supplies
(Balls, jump ropes, etc.)
iPads and Laptops
Playground Care and
Maintenance
PBIS Incentives
Fiesta
Ice Skating
Movie Nights
Talent Show
Carnival
Field trip to the pumpkin patch
\$10 per student towards
field trips
\$100 teacher grant

FIRST GRADE

Grow Pittsburgh
Recess Supplies
(Balls, jump ropes, etc.)
Four field trips to the Frick
Environmental Center
iPads and Laptops
Playground Care and
Maintenance
PBIS Incentives
Fiesta
Ice Skating
Movie Nights
Talent Show
Carnival
\$10 per student for field trips
\$100 teacher grant

SECOND GRADE

Chess Club
Grow Pittsburgh
Recess Supplies
(Balls, jump ropes, etc.)
iPads and Laptops
Playground Care and
Maintenance
PBIS Incentives
Field trip to Heinz Hall
Field trip to Pittsburgh Playhouse
Four field trips to the Frick
Mansions
Fiesta
Ice Skating
Movie Nights
Talent Show
Carnival
\$10 per student for field trips
\$100 teacher grant

THIRD GRADE

Chess Club
Grow Pittsburgh
Recess Supplies
(Balls, jump ropes, etc.)
iPads and Laptops
Pool Care and Maintenance
Playground Care and
Maintenance
PBIS Incentives
Fiesta
Ice Skating
Movie Nights
Talent Show
Carnival
\$10 per student for field trips
\$100 teacher grant

FOURTH GRADE

Chess Club
Recess Supplies
(Balls, jump ropes, etc.)
Three field trips to the Frick
Environmental Center
iPads and Laptops
Pool Care and Maintenance
Playground Care and
Maintenance
PBIS Incentives
Fiesta
Ice Skating
Movie Nights
Talent Show
Carnival
\$10 per student for field trips
\$100 teacher grant
Basketball uniforms

FIFTH GRADE

Chess Club
Recess Supplies
(Balls, jump-ropes, etc.)
iPads and Laptops
Pool Care and Maintenance
Playground Care and
Maintenance
PBIS Incentives
Fiesta
Ice Skating
Movie Nights
Talent Show
Carnival
\$10 per student for field trip
\$100 teacher grant
Basketball uniforms

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SIXTH GRADE

Chess Club
Recess Supplies
(Balls, jump ropes, etc.)
iPads and Laptops
Pool Care and Maintenance
Playground Care and
Maintenance
PBIS Incentives
Fiesta
Ice Skating
Movie Nights
Talent Show
Carnival
Musical
Sports uniforms (flag football,
wrestling, soccer, basketball
as needed)
\$10 per student for field trip
\$100 teacher grant

SEVENTH GRADE

Chess Club
Recess Supplies
(Balls, jump ropes, etc.)
iPads and Laptops
Pool Care and Maintenance
Playground Care and
Maintenance
PBIS Incentives
Fiesta
Ice Skating
Movie Nights
Talent Show
Carnival
Musical
Sports uniforms (flag football,
wrestling, soccer, basketball
as needed)
Bus to Shakespeare enrichment
program
\$10 per student for field trips
\$100 teacher grant

EIGHTH GRADE

Eighth Grade Promotion
Chess Club
Recess Supplies
(Balls, jump ropes, etc.)
iPads and Laptops
Pool Care and Maintenance
Playground Care and
Maintenance
PBIS Incentives
Fiesta
Ice Skating
Movie Nights
Talent Show
Carnival
Musical
Sports uniforms (flag football,
wrestling, soccer, basketball
as needed)
\$10 per student for field trips
\$100 teacher grants



PRINCIPAL REMARKS

Greetings Colfax Families,

I hope this edition of the Colfax Communicator finds you in good spirits and ready to end the year on a positive note! It is the time of year when we find ourselves a little kinder, more giving, and more appreciative of quality time spent with loved ones.

As some of you know, Students and Teachers Achieving Results (STAR) is a school-level award that recognizes PPS schools making extraordinary gains in student achievement. Schools earn STAR status by being within the top 25% of Pennsylvania schools, rank-ordered for growth or by meeting approved student outcomes criteria (for special schools).

I am thrilled to announce that PPS Colfax was notified last week that we are one of the five PPS schools that received STAR status this year. This is the first year that Colfax has received the STAR status and we are beyond ecstatic!! We are planning for a January celebration to recognize our staff and students for this grand accomplishment. Dr. Hamlet will be our guest as he presents us with our STAR award. We would also like to extend our congratulations to the other four PPS schools receiving STAR status:

- Pittsburgh Arsenal 6-8
- Pittsburgh Clayton Academy
- Pittsburgh Schiller 6-8
- Pittsburgh South Brook 6-8

Tis the season... for inclement weather. Please be sure to plan for delays, cancellations, and early dismissals. It is always good to consistently talk about those plans with your child(ren). As a reminder, we have outdoor recess whenever possible and when the weather is above 32 degrees. Students should be dressed for the weather with coats, hats, gloves, and/or scarves. Labelling the tags of outerwear helps to quickly assist when looking for lost and forgotten outerwear throughout the winter months.

Lastly, I would like to extend a huge thank-you from our entire staff for your thoughtfulness and generosity given during this season. We appreciate the time you spend volunteering, encouraging words shared to staff, and valued partnership in supporting our students.

Warm regards,
Dr. Sanders-Woods



Ava Webb
mixed media
third grade



Olena Podvysotska
pencil
third grade



Anya Zimanov
collage
seventh grade

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER 24 – JANUARY 1
NO SCHOOL/WINTER BREAK

JANUARY 9
PTO/PSCC MEETING

JANUARY 21
NO SCHOOL/DR. MARTIN
LUTHER KING DAY

JANUARY 28 – 29
NO SCHOOL/TEACHER
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAYS

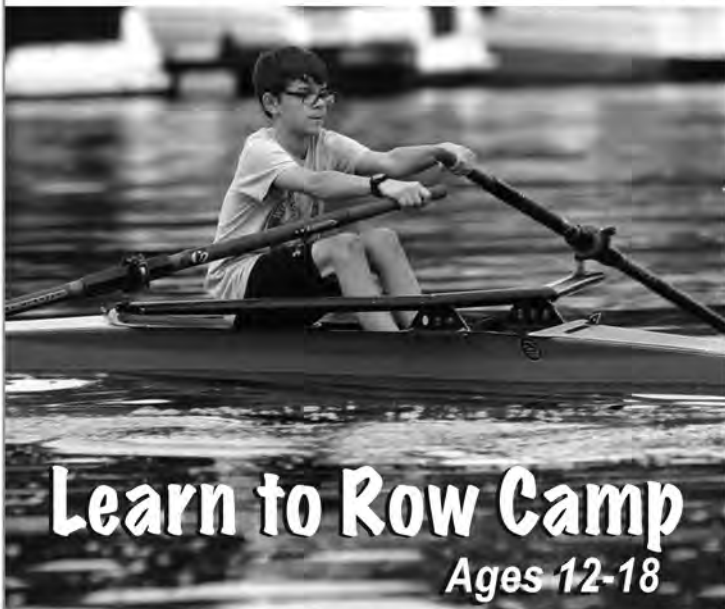
FEBRUARY 1
EARLY DISMISSAL/HALF-DAY

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS

Congratulations to the Colfax boys' and girls' cross country teams, who finished in **First Place** for the 2018-2019 year! Way to go, Cobras!



The best days of summer!



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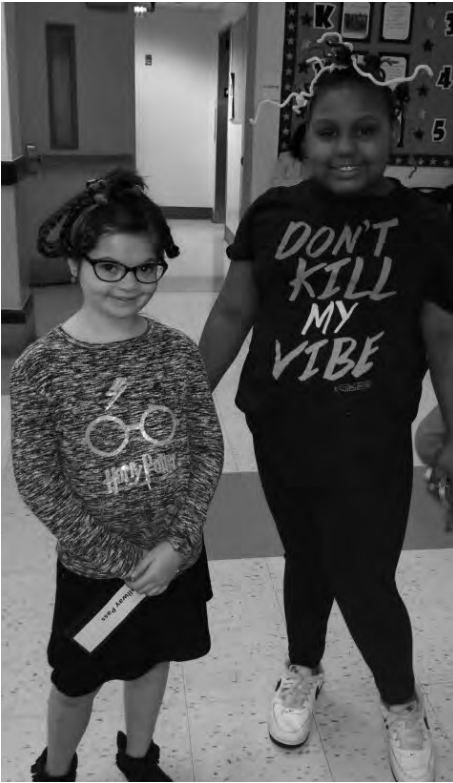


BOYS' TEAM



GIRLS' TEAM

SPIRIT WEEK



MS. MURRAY'S FOURTH GRADE MATH CLASS, LEARNING MATH WITH PUMPKIN SEEDS



CHESS CLUB

Submitted by Jitka Benedikova



As the year of 2018 is slowly coming to its end, so does the first semester of chess classes at Colfax.

For those of you who are new to the school and do not know yet, at Colfax we offer two different chess programs: a lunch-time chess program and an after-school chess program.

The lunch-time chess is taught once a week during lunch and recess period and thanks to our PTO, its completely free to all students interested. This program starts at first grade and continues through middle school. The first grade kids are the beginners, who learn the basics of chess, while the kids in other grades (second-eighth) should know a bit about the game. Our chess teacher, Gabriel Petesch, is looking forward to continue teaching your kids also in the next semester.

The Colfax after-school chess classes take place on Wednesday afternoons. It is intended for students who already know how to play chess and want to learn new strategies and moves as well as be ready, for example, to compete for team Colfax in local scholastic tournaments. This program is open to kids of all ages who know at least basics of the game. Please note, that this program does not have external funding and there is a fee for this program. Families interested, but who would struggle to pay the fee should contact the teacher, Jules Coulson, and ask about scholarship opportunities.

Please, if you have any questions about Colfax chess programs, do not hesitate to contact me at cxlunchchess@colfaxpto.org.

I wish you all great holidays and I look forward to seeing you at school!



MOVIE NIGHT!

The PTO sponsored movie night was a great success with Hotel Transylvania 3 showing in the cafeteria and Black Panther showing in the gym.



SWIMMING

Submitted by Erika LaVelle

Congrats to the fourth and fifth grade swim team for winning the city championship at Taylor Allerdice on December 4, 2018. They competed against six other schools to clench first place for both the boys and the girls.



Girls Team:

Terresa Cauda
Annabel Oberbarnshidz
Abigail Smith
Sophia Monaco
Hazel Pearson
Laila Protho
Zoe Casci
Dahlia Farkas
Addison Augustine
Ana Rosenthal
Amelie Scherer

Boys Team:

Ethan Sememov
Jacob Blackledge
Thomas Aldous
Will Wittek
Mark Stuckey
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K-5 SHINING STARS

We are excited to announce the first round of the K-5 Shining Stars. Each month a student from each homeroom will be chosen for exemplifying a HISS character trait. The character trait for October was *Involved*. Please congratulate the following students:



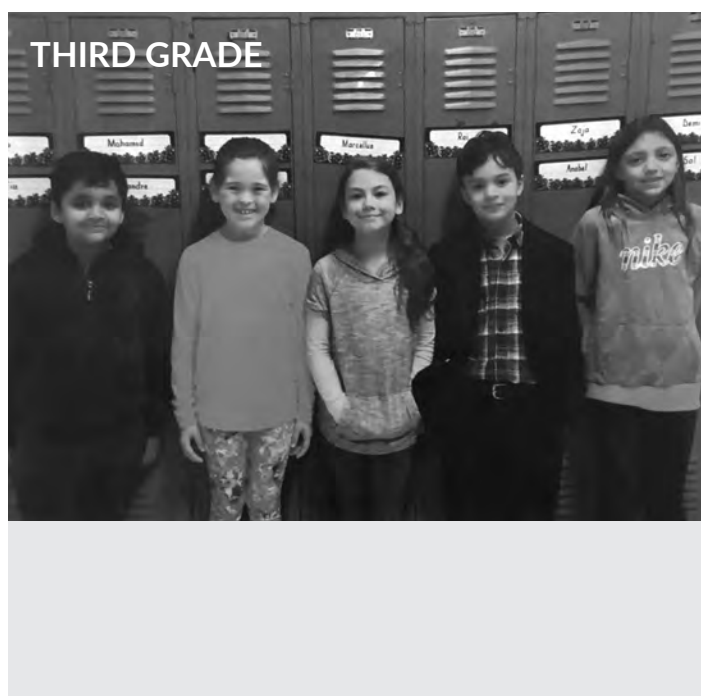
K-1 Musyt: **Adair Kelsey**, K-2 Banycky: **Josh Fitzgerald**,
K-3 Hills: **Kosuke Hachisuka**, K-4 Filipek: **Kelis Brown**,
K-5 Jackson: **Aria Morgan**



1-1 Knab: **Shimpei Matsumura**, 1-2 Morgano: **Gabriel de la Maza**,
1-3 Bartels: **Teresa Sheih**, 1-4 Gausa: **Qua'zire Ferguson**,
1-5 Eagan: **Ayra Bagalkot**



2-2 Grujich: **Justin Kragten** 2-3 King: **Anh Man**,
2-5 Johnston: **Jane Allan**, 2-6 Juhas: **Neve Reutzell**,
2-7 Phillips: **Jade Williams**



3-1 Campione: **Noah Peralta**, 3-2 Bartolli: **Demi Reck**,
3-3 Lasek: **Shriyans Joyasawal**, 3-4 Murray: **Addison Cooley**,
3-5 Grady: **Ellie Miller**

FOURTH GRADE



4-1 Lucci: **Erik Mednis**, 4-2 Weiss: **Ca'mya Cooley Young**
4-3 Mlay: **Esmerelda Garcia-Gomez**, 4-4 Pellegrini: **Sam Livshen**

FIFTH GRADE



5-1 Rice: **Jacob Fischbach**, 5-2 Olshenske: **Teresa Cauda**
5-3 Kress: **Jusiera**, 5-4 Franklin: **Henry Sedgewick**
5-5 Coles: **Zahra Nauhaus**

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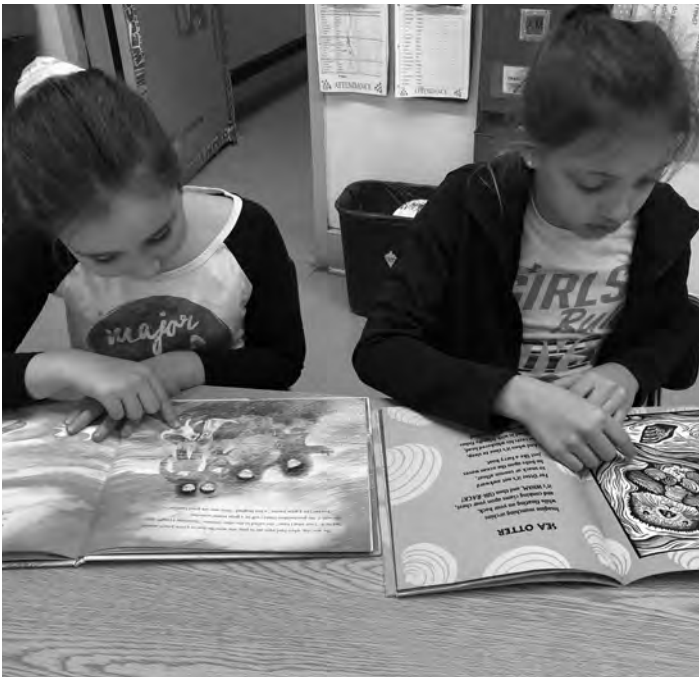
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THIRD GRADE STUDENTS EXPLORE ALASKA

Submitted by Patti Bartolli

Third grade enjoyed a slide presentation on Alaska's past and present from Anabel Lantzman's father, Eric Lantzman. He is a former resident and doctor of Alaska. He shared books and his knowledge of Alaskan landforms, weather, clothing, homes, schools, transportation, food, fun and games, animals, and health practices. The presentation reinforced information learned in our previous story, *Athabascans*, and our current story, *The Year of Miss Agnes*. Thank you, Mr. Erik, for preparing an educational presentation for all of us to enjoy and for answering all our questions. We especially liked your wolf hat and walrus jaw!



COMMON THREADS

Submitted by Casey Weiss

Every Tuesday, we meet and travel to a new country by cooking authentic food. So far, we have made Mexican, Peruvian, and Italian cuisine. Students have the opportunity to learn basic cooking skills while enjoying and learning about culture.



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COLFAX TEACHER PUBLISHED IN YALE'S ON COMMON GROUND



We know the teachers at Colfax are great, and are thrilled when that recognition extends beyond our classrooms. Recently, Ms. Beth Pelligrini, shared with us that an article she wrote has been published in the Yale periodical, *On Common Ground*. *On Common Ground* is a publication of the Yale National Initiative (YNI) to strengthen teaching, of which Ms. Pelligrini is a fellow (Summer 2017).

Established in 1978, the Yale-New Haven Teachers Institute is an intensive and sustained collaboration

among Yale faculty members and public school teachers. It is a widely recognized model of high-quality teacher professional development. The Initiative is a long-term endeavor to influence public policy on teacher professional development, in part by establishing Teachers Institutes that will provide state and local policy makers effective examples of the innovative Institute approach in their own communities.

Ms. Pelligrini has shared her article with us, and we join her in celebrating the success of publishing.

Macro and Micro Comparison in Understanding Disease

By Beth V. Pelligrini

Micro Life in a Macro World: Understanding Life at the Microscopic Scale and the

Beth V. Pelligrini is a Science Teacher at Colfax K-8 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Spread of Disease" is a curriculum unit written for my fifth-graders in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. The unit was inspired by Mark Saltzman's seminar, "Engineering of Global Health." When I initially considered applying for the Yale National Initiative, the seminar seemed a

stretch from the work I do with my students. But as I thought about Dr. Saltzman's seminar description, global health and biomedical engineering technologies, I was intrigued, which I knew meant that my students would be, too. My school, Colfax Elementary, was a site of Dr. Jonas Salk's

first polio vaccinations; in fact, I previously taught in the classroom where the shots were administered. I also considered my students with illnesses: Crohn's Disease, Sickle Cell, Diabetes, Cerebral Palsy, asthma, blindness, together with the many illnesses in their home lives, and the ordinary maladies that beset all schools — colds, flu, viruses, allergies, asthma, and the like. I realized that most children have no way of knowing where these problems come from, or why, which led me to formulate a plan for my unit.

I also contemplated my district curriculum, which consists of science lessons in which projects are put together, like pizza-box solar ovens, or taken apart, like owl pellets, and natural phenomena are observed. While engaging, the science content in these projects is narrow, shallow and disconnected from students' everyday experiences. Through my unit, I sought memorable ways to weave in content that relates to everyday life.

My students are racially, economically, and intellectually diverse: 1/3 identified gifted, 1/3 from poverty and 1/10 English Language Learners. My concern is always to maintain rigorous standards but not to "lose" anyone owing to lack of prior knowledge. Yet I know that students who come from poverty enter school with a huge deficit in the words that they've been exposed to, known as the Matthew Effect. Children who are exposed to rich vocabulary at early ages easily acquire more vocabulary later in life, while the opposite is also true and tends to be the condition of children from poverty. Hence it is imperative that these kids learn many words in comprehensible contexts. Science instruction is the ideal scenario in which this can occur.

Having begun with the nature of matter, we then analyzed atoms, molecules and their parts at the micro level, and how these relate to the states of matter. The kids were fascinated by the steaming and boiling of water in my glass kettle, taking note of bubbles, which seemingly formed from

nothing, as well as melting ice and the swift evaporation of the sprayed water they smeared across their tables. To help understand cells we had to investigate scale. They learned the vast range in size of microscopic particles, akin to the vastness of space at the macro level. Students were astonished learning the scale of the universe on iPads (scaleofuniverse.com), ranging from quantum foam (10^{-35}) to the estimated size of the universe (10^{27}), with everything in between. Throughout the unit I have enjoyed hearing "wow!", "that's so cool!" and "I don't want to go!" when the bell rings. Next came investigating abiotic and biotic matter, all leading to the study of illnesses and how they spread.

Each day I relish the 100% engagement of all students as I hear them debating whether rabies is contagious or whether you can "catch" cancer. Soon we will investigate the different sources of illness, their treatment and the historical advances in sanitation which have led to vastly improved health. "When are we going to learn about the flying corpses of Kaffia?" they ask me, stemming from a tantalizing tidbit I had left them with when we segued into the architecture unit. "Why do only black people get Sickle Cell Disease?" "Do plagues still exist?" When they snifle or ask to go to the nurse, they wonder whether their problem is likely from a microbe, a predisposed illness, or something in the environment.

As we reach the end of the unit, which culminates in a research project about careers related to any area of science touched on within the unit, I am still delighted by the enthusiasm of my students. But I think what I like most of all is that through this unit, in the face of all the problems we are dealing with — school shootings, political divisiveness, social tensions — I get to show them hope. I can tell them that our many serious problems are nothing like the problems faced by our ancestors, with their poor sanitation and hygiene, lack of treatments, and lack of medical knowledge, and that we are living in the healthiest era the world has ever known.



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Calgary, Canada

July 05 – August 01

Mexico City, Mexico

July 05 – August 01

Interchange: A 4-week program where 3 boys/3 girls and an adult leader are partnered with delegates from one other country. Each delegate hosts and is hosted by his/her partner at home, making this a family experience. Delegates must be **age 12 or 13** between June 1 and August 31.

Location: TBA

Step Up 14 or 15: A 3-week international leadership camp for delegations (2 boys, 2 girls) and adult leaders from 8-10 nations. Delegates must be **age 14 or 15** between June 1 and Aug. 31, 2018.

Tel Aviv, Israel (age 14)

July 15 – August 06

Miami, Florida (age 15)

July 12 – August 03

Junior Counselor: Travels independently to assist staff and director at a Village. Delegate must be **age 16-17** on first day of program.

Roskilde, Denmark (F)

July 05 – August 01

Jacksonville, Florida (M)

June 28 – July 25

Youth Meeting: An 8- or 15-day program exploring intercultural issues in a regional context. Single delegates must be **age 16-18** and travel independently. Group delegates (3 boys/3 girls) must be **age 12-13** or **age 14-15** between Nov. 1 - Jan. 31 or Mar. 1 - May 31 with an adult leader.

Munich, Germany (12-13)

April 15 – 22

Vilnius, Lithuania (16-18)

April 21 – 28

Bogota, Colombia (16-18)

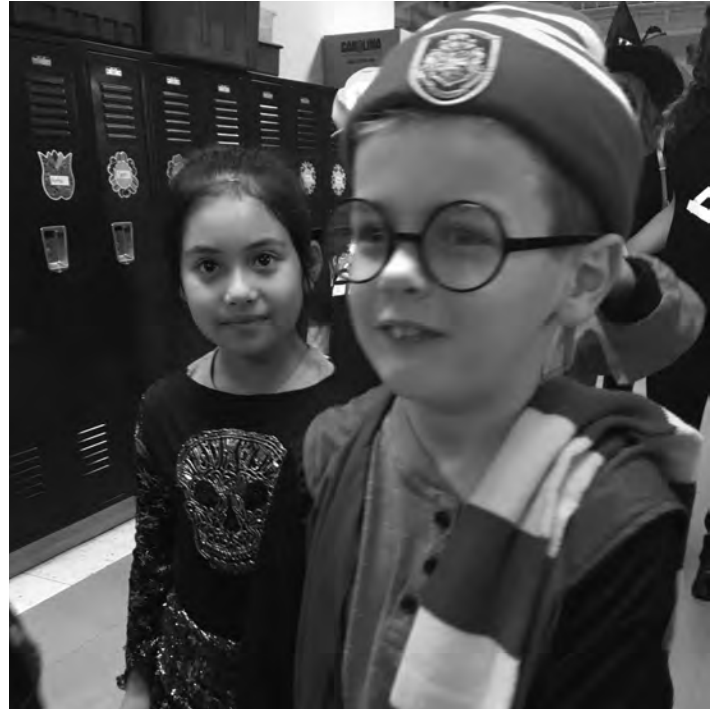
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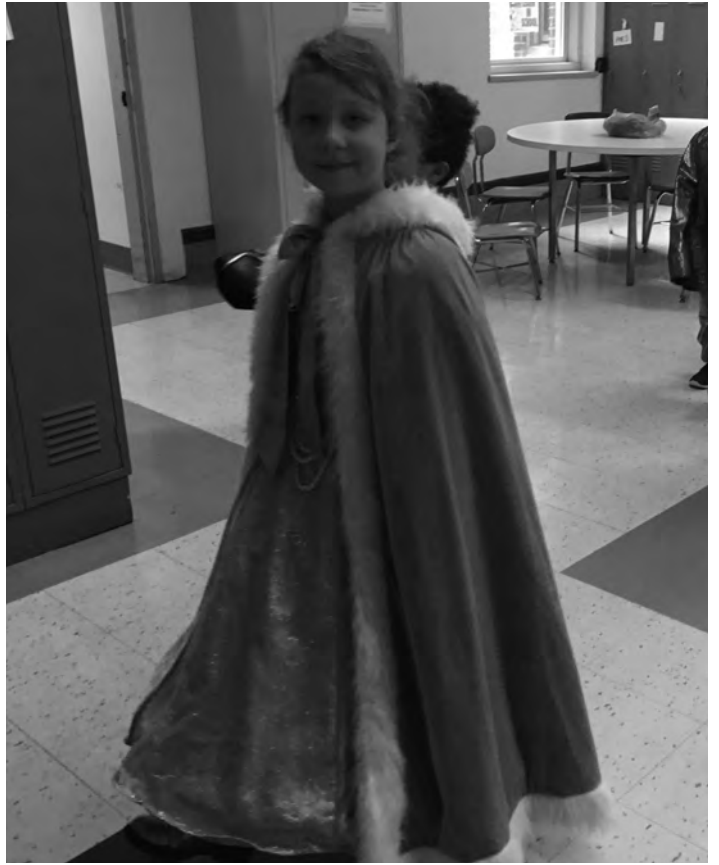
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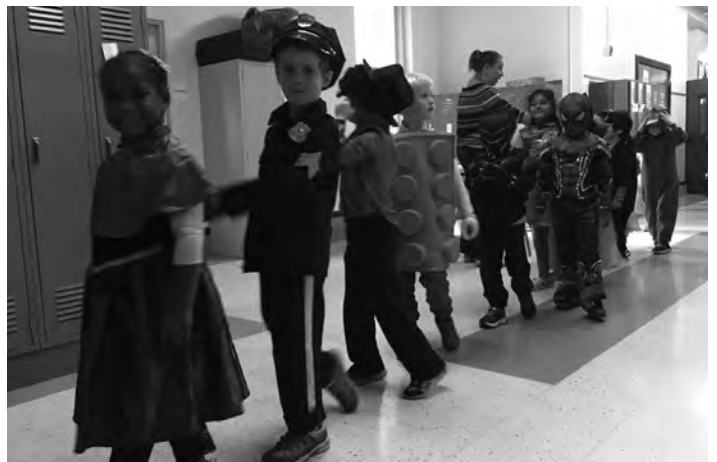
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Colfax 2019 Yearbook Cover Design Contest

This years' theme is

#strongerthanhate

This year's yearbook will celebrate Colfax's diverse population and all the wonderful ways that we show unity, collaboration and love. Our cover design will also reflect the best that Colfax has to offer. Design a cover that shows what is #strongerthanhate. The winning design will receive **\$50 cash** and a free yearbook.

Colfax students and staff will have an opportunity to vote for the design February 27-March 1 in their homerooms.

Criteria:

Your Design Can:

- include student pictures
- be computer generated instead of hand drawn
- Just be creative / express yourself... The more creative you are, the better chance you have to win the competition.



Rules: Your design

- should be completed on 8 ½ x 11 paper white paper (no lined or grid paper)
- include this years' theme "#strongerthanhate"
- must have your name and homeroom printed on the **back** of your design
- Only one design can be submitted.

Make sure that your designs are school appropriate before submission.

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DECEMBER

December 24-January 1
No School—Winter Break

JANUARY

January 21
No School—MLK day
January 28-29
No School—Teacher Prep

FEBRUARY

February 1
Early Dismissal 11:50am
February 22
Early Dismissal 11:50am
February 23
Party 4 Play

MARCH

March 8
Early Dismissal 11:50am
March 22
Early Dismissal 11:50am

APRIL

April 15-22
No School—Spring Break

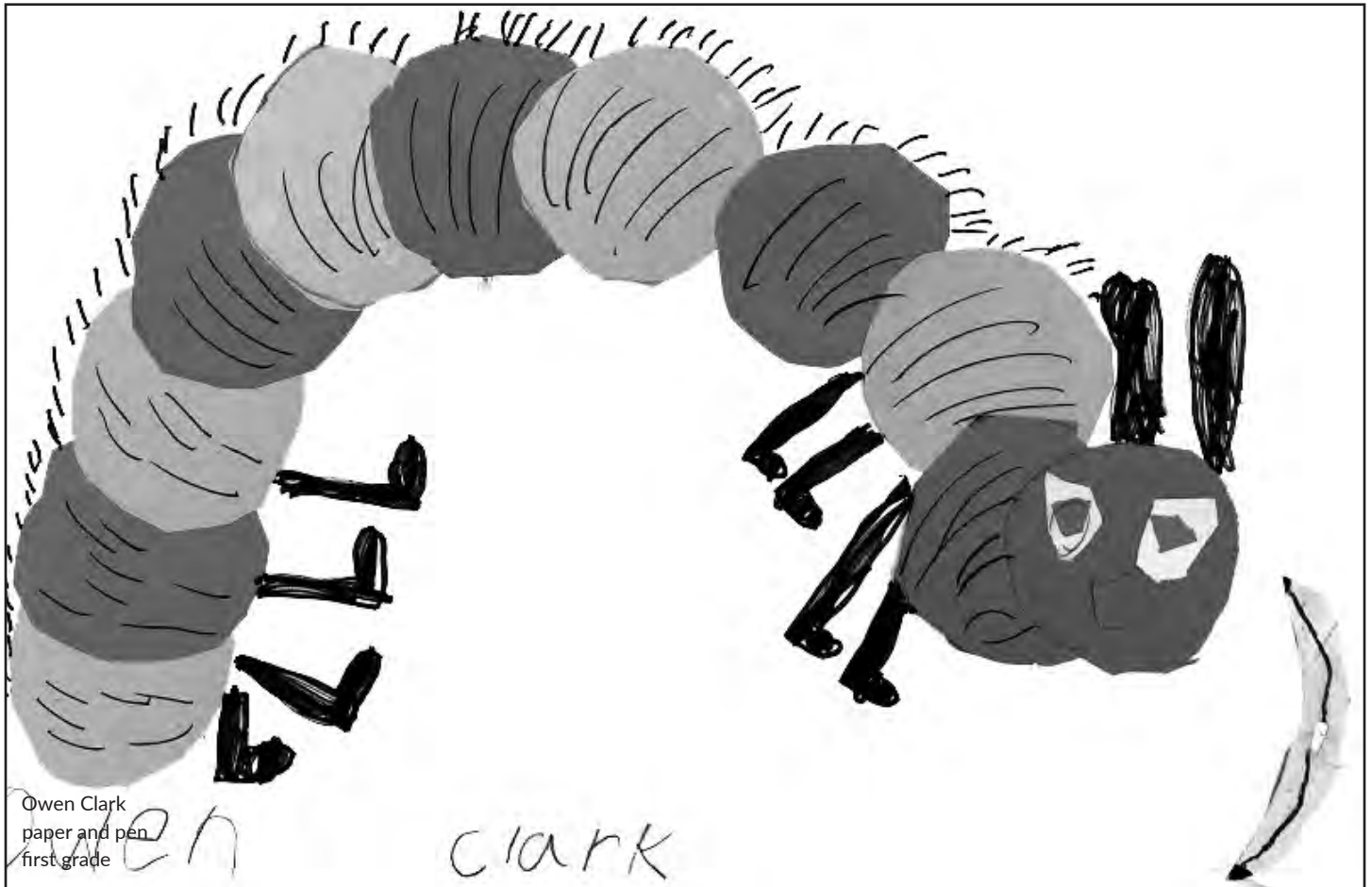
MAY

May 10
Early Dismissal 11:50am
May 27
No School—Memorial Day
May 30-31
Middle Level Trip

JUNE

June 5
Carnival 5:30pm
June 11
Last Day of School

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