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SOLWAY'S PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

There is **NO SCHOOL** on January 15 in observance of Martin Luther King Day. With the New Year upon us, we are gearing up for many significant educational challenges in preparing students for the Spring testing season. This is a very important time of the year for students to focus on academic achievement. As always, our staff is very dedicated to encouraging students to do their very best. Our school is fortunate to have parents and families who also support our efforts in high achievement.

With this cold and flu season, some students may need to miss school. However, we do want to recognize those students that have perfect attendance. The following students did not miss any days during the entire first quarter of school: Following our recent "late start" to our school day, we were notified that some parents did not receive notification. Most often this was due to a change in a phone number or disconnection of a phone. These notifications are sent to the phone number listed on the family access. If your number has changed and you have Family Access, please be sure that your current phone number is listed. Otherwise, please

contact the transportation office at 218-333-3225 to make sure the proper changes made so that you will receive the Skylert messages.

Keep Warm.

Tami

1st QUARTER PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Scotland Baird, Toby Lofgren, Brayden



Djernes, Isaac Hege, Austen Mills, Asher Thompson, Katelyn Coulombe, Keziah Hege, Leighton Lindeman, Leah Scanlan, Soren Schermerhorn, Alex Vorderbruggen, Kenzie Wilson, Ella Brown, Wilma Hagen, Madison Johnson, Lexy Winge, Tucker Coombs, Jace Medicraft, Aiden Torgerson, Ethan Wendt, Brady Beaulieu, Finn Claypool, Robert Coulter, Mara Hendricks, Tristan Strowbridge, Amelia Vernland, Caleb Beck, Emma Coulombe, Hazel Crawford, Kelton French, Allie Garland, Damon Garland, Josh Lundberg, Maya Schmidt, Julius Schoenborn.

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MRS. SHERWOOD'S & MRS. JOHNSON'S FIRST GRADE

Dear Parents,

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We wish you and your family a happy, healthy new year.

TIPS FOR PARENTS . . . How to help your child succeed.

- Make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and is ready for each day.
- Teach your child to be responsible for their actions and their schoolwork.
- Read with your child every night.
- Ask your child about their school day.
- Stay involved and feel free to contact your child's teacher with questions or concerns.

First grade will be taking their Winter - MAP/NWEA Reading test on January 9th, and their Math test on January 16th.

Please continue encouraging your child to study their spelling/bonus words during the week.

Reminder: Library for first graders is on Thursday's. Please remind your child to bring back their library books so they can check out new books for the following week.

With the January winds upon us, please remind your child to wear their winter coat, snow pants, cap, mittens, and boots. **Reminder:** Please remind your child to bring their tennis shoes for P.E.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by or call us at school at 218-467-3232.

Mrs. Johnson
Mrs. Sherwood
Solway Elementary

MRS. BERG'S SECOND GRADE

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone had a great holiday season! It's very nice to be back in the swing of things here at school. The kids have really been working hard on their stuff!

In math, the 2nd graders will be learning how to add and subtract larger numbers. Each child is working on learning the math facts. This includes addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Doing flashcards or verbally quizzing them on the facts will really help them. If they automatically know the answers, it will be much easier for your child to figure out more difficult equations.



Another bright spot in our room is Accelerated Reader. The kids in this class have read and passed the test on 2,770 books so far this year and are averaging 90%! The only way to become a better reader is to practice. Our library day is Friday, so please be sure your child has their library book that day. The children may also check out books any time they need to. Along with the regular reading lesson, we're also doing guided reading groups and AR. You can help your child by making sure you also read with them EVERY day.

The kids are also learning about different types of writing. We've been working on writing to persuade

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and will be working on writing to inform. We also spend time reading different genres everyday and learning what genre a story belongs to.

Thank you so much for all the work you do at home with you kids! This class is just awesome at learning new things, being kind to each other, and fun to be around!

Mrs. Berg



MR. SLOUGH'S & MR. BLUMHAGEN'S THIRD GRADE

Happy New Year, Solway families,

I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday break, and got to spend some extra time with your awesome kids!

We are very excited to Welcome Ms. Pollard to the third grade family this semester as she will serve as a student teach in Mr. Blumhagen's room. She was around quite a bit this fall working and playing with the third graders, and we are excited for her to continue to share her knowledge and energy this winter and spring.

This month in Language Arts we will be having some fun with different types phrases that people use. We will learn about idioms and

metaphors, and what they really mean. In reading we were able to reach our class challenges that we posted to the students before break. The kids worked extremely hard and we look to continue that hard work into the new year.

In math we continue to work on our math facts everyday both in class as well as some extended computer lab time. This month we will move forward with what we have learned and turn some of our attention to, measuring volume and length, as well as learning how to use charts and graphs.

In social studies we are getting much better at the names of states and what regions they belong to. The kids have gotten to study their states in a variety of ways, which will be very important as we continue to move to different regions on the map.

One other quick reminder for families, as the weather continues to be exceedingly cold, please send appropriate clothing to school with your child for outside recess and separate shoes for gym.

Mr. Blumhagen
Mr. Slough
Ms. Pollard



FOURTH GRADE NEWS

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MATH

We have just started learning about decimals. Decimals, fractions, and percents are the building blocks to success in Algebra. This week we learned about tenths, hundredths, and thousandths. In addition, we learned about the concept a whole can be an entire object, collection of objects, or quantity being considered.

SCIENCE

Soon we will be starting our unit on electricity and magnets. Students will participate in hands-on activities in the classroom. The students will learn about conductors and insulators. They will experiment with series circuits, parallel circuits, and techniques used to light a bulb. Our study of electricity will help our students understand Thomas Edison's inventions and why they were so important. Students will explore the properties of different types of magnets, finding out which items are attracted to magnets and which items are not. Students will test the strength of different magnets using a "fair test," applying the scientific method.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Along with group work, social studies classes will focus on the economics, history, climate, and population of specific regions. Currently, they are taking a closer look at the earth using maps and globe skills.

Dr. Roben Beyer



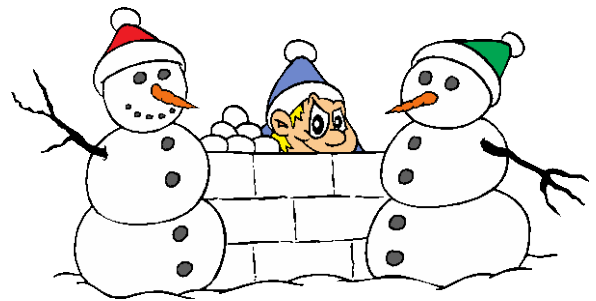
FIFTH GRADE NEWS

Happy New Year! It's great to be back in school after our refreshing winter break! We are learning about Dr. Martin Luther King and will be studying Dr. King's big words - words like hope, civil rights, and equality.

In science, we are finishing a unit on human body systems and then will moving on to plants, animals, and ecosystems next.

In math, we are working on multiplication with decimals. Each day brings new experiences and knowledge. Please continue encouraging your child to read daily and be ready to learn!

Mrs. Dahlby



PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a great winter break and you were able to get out and enjoy some winter activities.

Your children will continue to stay active in Physical Education class. The students have been working hard, making some very good progress and burning up lots of energy!!

In the 1st and 2nd grades we will be working on cooperative games as well as a variety of station activities.

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In grades 3rd, 4th and 5th we will be playing floor hockey, basketball and jump rope activities in the coming weeks.

I hope you all have a wonderful month of January.

Rich Morehouse
Physical Education Teacher



LIBRARY/TECH NEWS

Dear Solway Families:

Happy New Year! We wish you a wonderful 2018.

The Scholastic Wild West Book Fair:
“Saddle Up and Read!”

Thank you for making the bookfair such a success!
We earned \$1956.78 as a library fundraiser.

Families, schools, and communities: All three play an important role in children's school success.

The University of Minnesota Extension's new [School Success website](#) offers the latest research and easy-to-use tools to support children's learning for families and professionals. Families can

find support in many areas. Web address:
<http://www.extension.umn.edu/family/school-success/>

Renaissance Home Connect:

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Your child is using a computer software program called Renaissance Place at school. This program has a special feature called Renaissance Home Connect. Renaissance Home Connect is a fun, easy-to-use, easy-to-understand web-based interface that allows your student, you, and the teacher to share in the educational experience by viewing progress in certain Renaissance Place programs while outside of school. Students can practice Math Facts in a Flash at home and view a history of the AR books they have read here, too.

You can view Renaissance Home Connect from any computer with an Internet connection using these browsers:

- Internet Explorer® 6.02 or later
- Firefox® 1.5 or later
- Safari™ 2.0.3 or later



Students will need to enter their User Name & Password. Call the school if they don't have it memorized and we will give you the info.

To log in to Renaissance Home Connect Website:

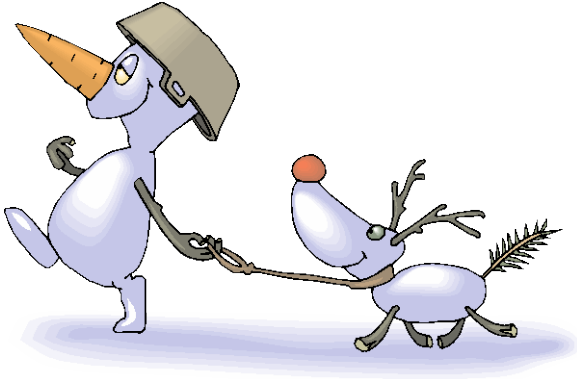
<http://reader.bemidji.k12.mn.us/RenaissanceServer/HomeConnect/Login.aspx>

In Renaissance Home Connect you can also: • Click

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Email Setup to sign up to receive emails showing your student's quiz or test results • Click **Help** to get answers to your questions about Renaissance Home Connect

Thank you for your interest.



Mackin Via is our new ebooks website available for your reading pleasure! To get to it log into the Solway website at: <http://solway.bemidji.k12.mn.us> Now go to Student and click on the Mackin Via icon.

School: SOLWAY ELEMENTARY, BEMIDJI, MN

User ID: solway

Password: ebooks

Enjoy reading our 38 ebooks from any internet connected computer.

Thanks for helping your Tiger have fun checking out books and returning them at our Solway Media Center! Your help is needed and appreciated... It's important that your child is able to check out books since we have daily silent and Accelerated Reading times. Thanks for taking the time to read to/with your child and help with book care. We're listing **class checkout days** for your convenience:

Students must bring all books back to renew or return on the following days:

Tuesdays:

Mrs. Dahlby

Mr. Slough

Mr. Blumhagen

Thursdays:

Mrs. Johnson

Mrs. Sherwood

Fridays:

Mrs. Berg

Dr. Beyer

Remember: Students are welcome to check out books during library hours any day of the week!

Millionaire Club Party:

Students that read over a million words in the Accelerated Reading program by the end of May will be invited to attend the Millionaire Club Party. This pizza party will be sponsored by 2 West Express... thanks, John!

We are excited to share our online library catalog called Destiny. You can access the catalog from any web-based computer.

Log in to Solway's website at:
<http://solway.bemidji.k12.mn.us>

Click on the left side of the website under "Browse Library".



February is I Love to Read Month... It's hard to believe it's almost here! Watch the weekly news for more fun activities we will be holding at Solway School.

Thanks for continuing to help your students read at home. This will help them improve and strengthen

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those reading skills!

Remember: We succeed When Our Tigers Read!

Mrs. Simons, Media Specialist & Mrs. Bolte, Media Assistant

We collect used laser and ink jet cartridges as a recycling fundraiser for our school library. The collection box is located in the front entrance.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE LUNCH LADIES

Thank you for keeping tabs on your child's lunch account. We appreciate it.

Due to the fact, we do not have money on hand; parent/visitors must bring the correct change if you are going to eat lunch. An adult lunch is \$3.50.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

It's Time Again for Solway Science Club!

Grades 3, 4, & 5

The next meeting of the Science Club will be held on Thursday, January 11th, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at school. Please mark your calendars for the next Science Club date: Thursday, January 25th.

Mrs. Dahlby

4-H Cloverbud Meeting

The Tiger Cubs Cloverbuds Meeting (Grades 1-3) is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16th, from 3:00 to 4:30. Parent Volunteers are always needed and welcomed! We have such fun at Cloverbuds!

Mrs. Dahlby

PTO Candy Bar Fundraiser for 5th Grade Class Trip

Candy Bars in 5 flavors – milk chocolate, crisp, caramel, almond, and dark chocolate are available for \$1.00

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each. Please see or contact Mrs. Dahlby to purchase bars. They will be sold individually or in prepaid bags of \$5.00, \$10.00 and \$20.00.

Email: mdahlby@bemidji.k12.mn.us

Call 467-3232 or just stop by our rooms!

Thank you for supporting our class!

Mrs. Dahlby

NEXT PTO MEETING

Tuesday, February 6

3:00

Solway Library

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