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November Principal's Corner

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There is **NO SCHOOL** on November 7th and 8th because of the Parent Teacher Conference schedule. Our teachers have scheduled individual conference with our parents. This is a great opportunity to meet with child's teacher and our staff and to discuss your child's progress in school.

We will be having our **Veteran's Day Breakfast** program on Monday, November 11th beginning at 7:15 in the cafeteria.

Our first **Friday Night Live** was a huge success. Save the date for our next Friday Night Live to be held on Friday, November 15th from 6:00 – 8:00.

The **Book Fair Week** is coming soon. It will be set up in the library November 18-22. There will be many great books and resources for kids. Lots of great gift ideas.

November 21st is our **Title I Family Night**. Pizza will be served from 5:00-6:00. Activities will be in classrooms from 6:00-6:45. Please plan to join us.

STUFF-A-TRUCK is here!!!! We are collecting food items that will be donated to Bemidji Food Shelf. Listen to Paul Bunyan Broadcasting stations for announcement about Stuff-A-Truck from our own Ben Fisher and Millie Hisgun.

There is **NO SCHOOL** on November 28-29 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Responsive Classroom learning tools & techniques are being used by our teachers at Solway Elementary School. These techniques promote social as well as academic achievement. Responsive Classroom is a way of teaching that creates a safe, challenging, and joyful classroom and school-wide climate for all children. Teachers who use the Responsive Classroom approach understand that all of children's needs—academic, social, emotional, and physical—are important. The teacher creates an environment that responds to all of those needs so that your child can do his or her best learning. Children learn best when they have strong academic and social-emotional skills. That's why teachers using the Responsive Classroom approach focus on teaching all the skills needed for academic excellence. They teach children reading, writing, and math skills and also teach them how to take turns, listen respectfully, and work effectively with a partner or group. Teachers also think carefully about everything from classroom setup to how they speak to their students. All these things put together, determine how well children learn. Please contact me or your child's teacher if you have any questions.



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Wintery weather: Please be sure students have warm clothes for when they are outside at morning and afternoon recess. All students are outside for 30 minutes and it does get chilly. They will need hats, mittens, snow pants, and winter boots.

Lastly, we are in the process of having Solway Tiger Pride signage mounted on our school to encourage a positive school culture and promote our Solway School pride. If these projects are of interest to you and if you would like to donate dollars for them, please let us know. We are currently requesting donations from our business & community partners to make this dream a reality. Our goal is to raise \$2,500. Here are the pictures of our projects:



Front Entrance



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Brian Stefanich
Solway Principal

MRS. WRIGHT'S & MRS. MARISTUEN'S KINDERGARTEN



Dear Families,

What a wonderful month of October! We have spent the month learning and exploring Autumn, leaves, pumpkins and bats! We continue to focus on a 'number of the week' and are talking about PLACES in reading. Please keep working on letters, numbers, and sight words at home with your child!

Thank you to the families that were able to donate apples and pumpkins for the students to explore and investigate! A thank you to those of you who were able to help out at our Halloween party in the gym as well. The kids had a blast going to the different games and stations.



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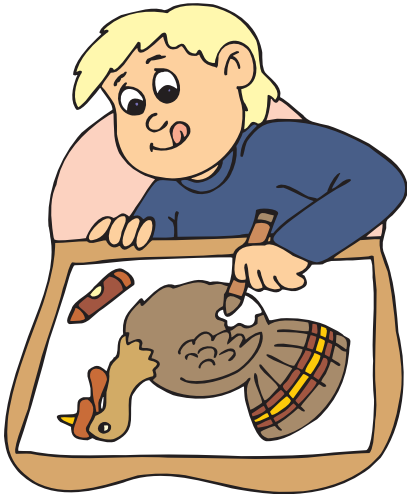
When sending warm winter clothes with your child PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING! Hats, mittens, appropriate shoes, and snow pants are some important items to have! Please let us know if we can help with this! Solway's lost and found tote is down by the gym if you are ever needing to check for any misplaced or lost items!

Fall conferences are coming up. Please note the time and date of your child's conference and respect the time of the other teachers and families. We will hold conferences every 20 minutes! Thank you so much for being a part of your child's education!

Please contact your child's kindergarten teacher with any questions, or concerns that you might have. We are better together! Thank you and have a wonderful November.

Solway Kindergarten Teachers,

Courtney Maristuen
Carisa Wright



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

Dear Parents,

As we finish up our second month in first grade, we find ourselves settled into a routine and learning is

in full force! It is exciting to watch them begin to gain confidence as readers and take risks with words and books that they might have been afraid to try even a few weeks ago. We encourage your little readers to also be little writers and not always worry about spelling the words perfectly but to sound them out and do their best!

Stacy Ferrin comes to our school from Peacemakers each week and has been teaching your child about how their brain works and strategies they can use at school or home to help them calm their brains. We have learned many breathing techniques such as Belly Breathing, Five Finger Breathing, and Superhero Breathing to name a few. Ask your child to demonstrate these to you and remind them when they are upset or frustrated to use these techniques to help them calm down. It is a powerful example when we as adults model them for the children so they can see the value of calming down when upset.

We want to give another reminder that as the weather gets colder, the children need warm jackets, hats, and gloves to keep them warm during morning play and recess time. When the fingers and ears get cold they hurt! Thank you for labeling your child's items will help us identify the owners quickly and easily.

As always, thank you for your support and involvement in your child's education. We look forward to meeting and talking with you soon at your child's conference.

First-grade team,

Tina Myers
Becky Johnson



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MRS. BERG'S SECOND GRADE

Dear Families,

I LOVE teaching your children! This year has been such a joy! The kids are prepared for school and ready to learn each day. And their hard work is paying off!

In math we just finished unit 1 and are moving onto unit 2. We'll be working on place value and money. Let your kids count your change to see how they're doing! We're also working on knowing our addition and subtraction facts quickly. The kids are just flying though! At this rate, most of the kids will be fluent at multiplication by the end of the year!

Keep reading with your kids every day. We practice at school, but nothing can replace that special one on one time you have listening to them read. I'm seeing great improvements with all the kids, but the ones that are reading every night at home are jumping ahead by leaps and bounds.

I'd like to thank all the parents, grandparents, and family members who have volunteered their time so we can do fun, big projects. I couldn't do it without you! We'll be visiting at conferences, but if you ever have any concerns or questions about what's happening at school please don't hesitate to call.

Mrs. Berg



MR. BLUMHAGEN'S 2ND & 3RD GRADE

I am very excited to get the opportunity to sit down and speak with all of you this week at conferences. It's always exciting for me to share all of the wonderful things year child has learned these first couple months of second or third grade.

This month in Language Arts we will be focusing a lot on grammar and punctuation. Our goal in our weekly writing is to start to see all of those commas, question marks, and periods used correctly. We will be taking these newly learned skills to our weekly writings, where we continue to add more detail each week. Something else our third graders and even a few second graders are working very hard on is transitioning from picture books to chapter books during our silent reading time. We want to continue to build our reading stamina and be able to recall the stories that we are reading!



In math we continue to plug away with our math facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. Along with our daily work that we do, our class has been using our mobile devices to learn even more math catered to each students level. Second graders have been working very hard to make sense of longer two step word problems, while the third graders have started to

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see how place value can be expanded into the million.

We had so much fun last week celebrating, Halloween in our school and in our classrooms. Thank you to all the parents that help contribute to make this day such a great time for all of the students involved. Remember to mark your calendars for another great day coming up, Title one night will be November 21st There will be free pizza along with fun activities for families to participate with their kids.

One other quick reminder for families, that as the weather continues to transition to winter, please send appropriate clothing to school with your child for outside recess.

Mr. Blumhagen



MR. SLOUGH'S THIRD GRADE

The month of October seemed to fly by in a flash! We had a fun day of Halloween activities and enjoyed seeing the awesome costumes! Your child has learned about range, mode and median from

graphing the daily temperatures each day. Please ask them about their meanings.

In math, we continue to work with place value, addition and subtraction using math mountains and practicing multiplication facts. We will also be applying that knowledge to real life story problems.

In reading, we have been focusing on different types of texts, including folktales, realistic fiction and informational texts. We have learned about singular and plural nouns, main idea and supporting details.

As a reminder, we have conferences next week which means you child will not have school Thursday or Friday. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Thanks again for all your support!

Mr. Slough and Ms. Edlund

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Happy November!

I hope everyone is having a wonderful Fall.

We have been very busy in Physical Education class. The students are working hard and burning up lots of energy. In the younger grades we have been continuing to work on locomotor movements, hand-eye



coordination activities and station work. In the older grades we have completed soccer.



I hope you all have a wonderful November.

Rich Morehouse
Physical Education Teacher

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MUSIC NOTES

October Music Notes

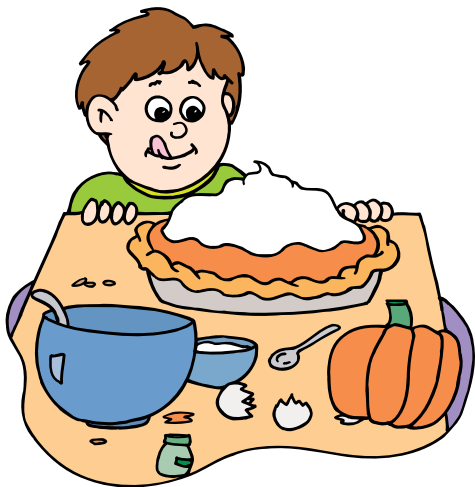
Solway Tigers have been active music makers this fall! Students are singing and listening and working together to develop their music skills. As we sing, play instruments, and move our bodies, we also work at reading words and reading musical symbols!

First graders and Mrs. Berg's class have been given songsheets with some of our September or October songs so they can practice reading the words they sing at home. Please continue to read together with your child. Nursery rhymes are fun to speak to the beat!

A memorable classroom activity from kindergarten music class includes making a clock face on the floor and singing verses to "Hickory Dickory Dock" as each child took a turn at playing the "tick tock" sound on the temple blocks and the "chime" sound on the gong for each hour. . . . the clock struck two, *one, *two, the mouse said, "Boo!" . . .

Toodle-doo, kangaroo!

Mrs. Anna Larson



NEWS FROM MEDIA AND TECH

Hello From the Solway Library Media & Tech Center:

We Succeed When Our Tigers Read!!

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

2019 Book Fair Days and Times:

Monday, Nov. 18: Student Preview Day

&

Teacher Sneak Peek/Wish List writing

Tuesday, Nov. 19: 10:30 2:45

Wednesday, Nov. 20 10:30- 2:45

**Thursday, Nov. 21:
7:30am to 7:00pm Title 1 Night**

Friday, Nov. 22: 7:30 to 11:00

Parents: please consider stopping by to look at classroom teachers' wish lists during the fair. These books make great teacher presents! Last year we earned around \$2,000 as a library fundraiser. We will be setting up the fair on Thursday, Nov. 14 at 11:00 am. If you would like to volunteer for this or any other part of the fair, please call Julia Simons at 467-3232 x47209.

Online Fair Web Address and Info:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/solwayelementaryschool>

Find a fair: Starting 21 days before your Fair, your school community can locate your homepage at:

www.scholastic.com/fair

When students bring home items from our school library media center, will you help them with the following?

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☞ Read the book together. Have some fun with it!

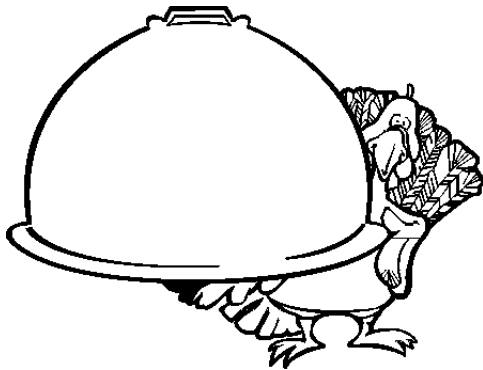
☞ Help find a "safe place" where students may keep library items so they do not get lost or damaged.

☞ Remind students to have clean hands when they read and to turn the pages from the upper right hand corner.

☞ Send the book back to the library to be mended if it is accidentally damaged while it is checked out. We will fix it at our "Book Hospital".

☞ Have a backpack, plastic bag, or book bag for your child to use when carrying books home and back to school each week.

Thank you Thrivent for donating \$500 to the Solway PTO. We appreciate your support! If you are a member of Thrivent, you are eligible for \$500 in Thrivent Action Team Grants per year. Ask Mrs. Simons or your sales rep. for details!



Thanks to Beltrami Electric Operation Round Up Members for donating \$1,500 in library books and bins for the Solway students and staff.

Computer Lab News:

Do you have Internet access and a computer at home? If so, our school district has purchased software that our students can use at school *and at home*. We have purchased the World Book Online Encyclopedia! There are 3 different encyclopedias to use depending on the age of your child. The Kids

Encyclopedia is for grades K-4, the Student Encyclopedia is for the upper elementary and middle school grades 5-9, and then the Advanced Encyclopedia for grades 9-12. You may access this encyclopedia by going to <http://www.worldbookonline.com>. The user name is **bemidji** and the password is **waterway**. This is a wonderful resource for our students and their families!

Tumble Books: eBooks for eKids!

This site is an online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach young children the joys of reading in a format they'll love. The site is available for school *and home use*. The address is: www.tumblebooks.com/library/asp/customer_login.asp. The username is: Solway31 The password is: books. Enjoy reading these ebooks together!

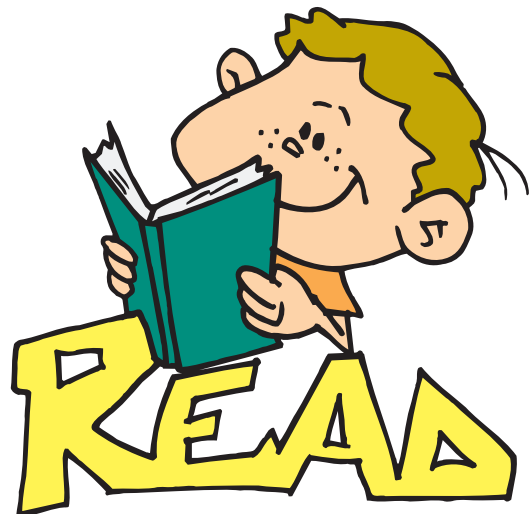
Mackin Via is our ebooks website available for your reading pleasure! To get to it log into the Solway website at: <http://solway.bemidji.k12.mn.us> Now go to Student and click on the Mackin Via icon.

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Parents may come into the library and we will ^Ω create a community member account for you. You may check out extra books for your child or yourself this way. We love to share our books and resources!

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. **Students must bring all books back to renew or return on Thursdays. Thursday is Library Day at Solway!**

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

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".

We will add Accelerated Reader point levels to our catalog under each title as the year progresses. You may search for AR reading levels and point levels in the "Reading Program Search" area.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Simons: Media Specialist
Bolte: Media Assistant

Mrs.

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



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Solway Elementary School is participating in the annual "Stuff a Truck" Please send non-perishable food items with your children from October 31th thru November 20th to help stuff a truck for the Bemidji Food Shelf.

**Friday Night Live
Friday, November 15th
6:00-8:00**

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Title I Family Night

**Thursday, November 21st
5:00-7:00**

Please send hats, mittens, warm jackets, snow pants and boots with your children. They will be going out in the morning and at recess. We do not have extra clothes this year. Expectations are that all students will be outside during recess time.

Lunch Menu

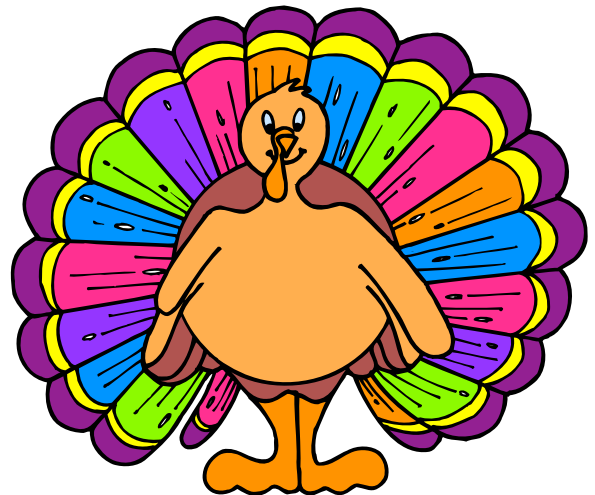
**Wed. November 6
Deli Turkey Sandwich
Fresh Veggies
Fresh Fruit
Yogurt
Milk**

**Thurs. November 7
NO SCHOOL**

**Fri. November 8
NO SCHOOL**

**Mon. November 11
Max Cheese Stick
Marinara Sauce
Garden Salad
Corn
Fresh Fruit
Milk**

**Tues. November 12
Fiestada Pizza
Lettuce, Cheese, Tomato
Black Bean Salsa
Fruit Choice
Milk**



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