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SOLWAY'S PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 4 after school and on Thursday, March 5 (7:35-4:20). Therefore, there will be **no school for students on March 5th and 6th**. You should have received information in the Tuesday packets regarding your conference schedules. We hope that all of you can make it at the scheduled times. This is an important opportunity for our teachers to share information about your child's educational progress. You will be able to see the learning process that is taking place at school and share ideas about what is best for your child.

School Security – GREAT NEWS!!! Work is starting to be done to make our school more secure by putting in a door buzzer system and additional security cameras in our main entrance. Once the system is in place, I will send a letter home with information regarding the new door buzz in procedures, etc,

Daylights Savings Time is March 8. Remember to spring your clock ahead an hour.

As the temperatures warm up and the snow starts to melt, please keep in mind that students are outside for up to a half an hour before school and at recess. It continues to be cold when they are outside for these extended periods. They still need warm coats, hats, gloves, and boots. We continue to have snow in the playground area and as it melts, it will be very muddy in areas. Please be sure that students are dressed appropriately.

Our 3rd grade MCA and K-3 MAP testing will be coming up in April and May. It is an opportunity for students to demonstrate what they have learned and how they have grown academically. Until testing time arrives, we will be working very hard to prepare students. Factors that can be most beneficial and parents can help with is ensuring good attendance and practicing at home.

Have a great month & **GO TIGERS!!!**
Brian



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

Families,

During the month of February, we had a lot of exciting things happening at Solway! Our school was able to watch an opera performance from the company L.O.O.N out of Duluth, MN. A crew of

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people came in and performed the opera, Cinderella!

Our students were also able to attend a, 'Bowwow Powwow' where they listened to a story and learned how to do a dance in our library! Our Kindergarten classrooms celebrated becoming 100 days smarter and combined it with an amazing Valentine's celebration! What a wonderful month of friendship and kindness! I cannot believe we are almost to MARCH.

Be sure to stay in communication with your child's teacher should you have any questions or concerns as the year continues to move along. Solway will be holding their winter conferences during the first week of March. We look forward to talking about all the wonderful things your students are doing at Solway Elementary.

Mrs. Maristuen & Mrs. Wright



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

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe it's conference time again. We look forward to visiting with you on how much growth your son/daughter has made since the beginning of the school year.

The first grader's have been busy reading and testing for comprehension on the books they have read. Many have earned at least one medal and are working hard towards the next one in our Accelerated Reader (A/R) program. Medals can be earned at 5,000, 10,000, 25,000, 50,000, 100,000, 250,000, 500,000 and 1,000,000 words.

Please continue to encourage your child to read at least 15 minutes every night. This will help them become better readers.

In math the first grader's have been learning how to organize, represent and compare data. In reading they have been learning about main events and settings.

Please remind your son/daughter to bring their library book back on Thursday as they have library on that day.

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

Go Tigers!

Mrs. Johnson & Mrs. Myers



MRS. BERG'S SECOND GRADE

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Dear Parents,

Wow! This year is flying by so fast! I hope that your children are enjoying their time in second grade. I know they are learning A

In language arts we will be learning about many different components of writing stories and what genre a story belongs to. We will be having several special days/ weeks like coming up. The kids have so much fun when they have everything they need to participate in special days, so please make sure they're prepared. They've worked very hard this year, so they deserve some fun days (when they're still learning, but they don't even know it!)

The spring is a very busy time for us. I'm going to be giving the kids more and more responsibilities as the year is winding down to better prepare them for 3rd grade. This included things like projects to be done at home and brought to school and research projects. You can help your child by making sure you're checking their take home folders so you can remind them what they need to do. Some kids haven't been bringing their folders with them. Make sure your child has their red take home folder and yellow homework folder so you know what we're working on in class.

We are also going to be going on a few field trips this spring (yay!). It is very important that I get the permission slips back so your child can participate.

If you ever have questions about something we're doing in class, please don't hesitate to call. Thanks for all your hard work to have your child be successful at school!

Mrs. Berg



MR. BLUMHAGEN'S 2nd & 3rd GRADE

Hello Solway families,

This month in second/third grade your student will continue to add to the long list of things that they have already put in their brains so far this year.

This Month in reading and language arts, we are learning a lot about informational text and the world that we live in. 2nd graders recently learned what a biography is and why authors write them. We are diving into different parts of nature that we hope to gain new knowledge on, as well as things that happened many years ago. We are also learning a lot about taking our time and checking our work with what we have been reading. One of our goals as a class has been to be able to go back and find the answer to any question we may have in the story without having to guess. We also continue to work hard on quarterly reading goals, to help boost our fluency and stamina.

In math this month we are going to be exploring the features of new shapes and the funny terms that come with them! Your student will learn lots and lots about polygons, perimeter, area, rhombus', and much more! We also continue to work a lot in math with our math facts and fact families. (We are getting much better!) Finally, we have started talking about time during math class and what we know about how it works. Second graders will continue to build their skills on reading an analog clock, while the third graders will learn how to add and subtract elapsed time. Help us boost this skill

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by having your student answer some questions about time as you are out and about in your everyday lives.

We would like to thank all of the families that have helped get their child to school on a daily basis during these cold months. I know it can be really tough with the weather but we appreciate you making it a priority!

I look forward to getting another chance to speak with lots of you this coming week at conferences, and sharing all of the wonderful things your child has done this year.

Mr. Blumhagen
Ms. McLean



- geometry
- multiplication facts

See you next conferences!

Mr. Slough



MR SLOUGH'S THIRD GRADE

Happy March! We look forward to melting snow and the discussion of green grass. Conferences are coming this week, March 3rd, 4th and 5th. I am excited to visit with you about your child. We have been working with a new piece of technology called flipgrid. The kids are super excited to show you at conferences.

Reading: In the upcoming weeks we will be working on

- text and graphic features
- compare and contrast
- fictional narrative writing

Math: In the upcoming weeks we will be working on

- measurement
- perimeter

ART NEWS

All of the classes have been studying the color wheel in depth. We have been learning all about primary, secondary, warm and cool colors. Also be sure to ask your student about the contemporary color magic trick.

Older students have also learned about analogous and monochromatic colors.

Kindergarten is now starting a project based on the color knowledge they have gained as well as incorporating line and pattern.

1st grade is working on a beautiful watercolor tree project also incorporating what they have learned about color.

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Mrs. Berg's class is in the middle of a fun watercolor project based on The Lorax, by Dr. Suess.

Mr. Blumhagen's and Mr. Slough's classes just completed beautiful woven hearts using warm/cool colors. They are now beginning oil pastel flowers based artwork by Georgia O'Keefe.



Your children have continued having fun with many group activities and a variety of station activities.

I hope you all have a wonderful month of March.

Rich Morehouse
Physical Education Teacher



PHY. ED. NEWS

Happy March!

Spring is just around the corner.

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

We are finishing up with Jump Rope for Heart. When I have a tally of the final totals the students of Solway raised for the AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION I will put it in April's newsletter.

LIBRARY/TECH NEWS

Thank you for making the bookfair such a success! We earned over \$1,200 as a library fundraiser.

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Parents may come into the library and we will 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!

More Computer Lab News:

We are using a new keyboarding site in grade 3 called Typing Club. Students may access this from school or home at this address:

<https://solway-elementary.typingclub.com/>

They sign in with their Accelerated Reader Username and Password.

What is TypingClub? TypingClub is an educational platform for keyboarding. It is web-based and fully customizable, so your students can practice in class, at home, or wherever an internet connection can be found. Students are already familiar with the layout of the program because the design is very similar to popular games. Each lesson provides instant, meaningful feedback that encourages students to continue practicing.

Why Teach Keyboarding? Typing faster is not the primary objective of keyboarding; rather it is a desired side effect. Once your students are able to type with all ten fingers without needing to look down at the keyboard, their overall productivity when using a computer will improve dramatically. When typing with two fingers, the visual and frontal cortices of the brain are forced to focus on where individual keys are located. Keyboarding removes this burden, enabling students to work on things like sentence structure and grammar while they type. To help students in the classroom, the best thing you can do is to make sure students are not looking at the keyboard.

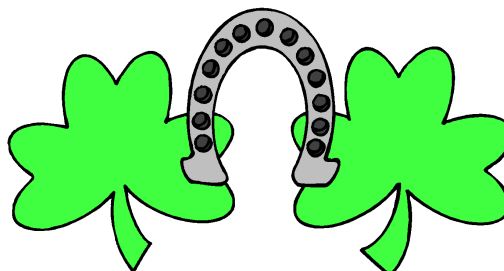
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Kindergarten-4th grade books, DVDs or magazines that you are no longer in need of?

Please consider donating them to the Solway Library. We will use them for gifts, incentives, and library check out.

Thank you to all who have donated items in the past ~ **we really appreciate your generosity!!** Just label as "donation" and send in care of Julia Simons/Solway Library. Thanks for your support! Thank you to so many families who have donated books and magazines over the year. You have made such a difference!

We collect used laser and ink jet cartridges as a library recycling fundraiser for our school. Turn them in at the Ink Collection box at our library. We receive money to buy books, supplies and technology for our school.

Thanks for helping your Tiger have fun checking out books and returning them at our Solway Media

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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!**

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>
You may search school resources like the Library Catalog or link to other educational websites, parent pages, or student accounts.

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

Thanks for sharing your love of reading with Solway Students!!

Happy Reading--
Mrs. Simons, Media Specialist Mrs. Bolte,
Media Assistant

We Succeed When Our Tigers Read!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTO Meeting
Monday, March 9th
3:00
Art and Music Room

Attendance and AR Medal Celebration Assembly

Tuesday, March 10, 2020
2:05

SPRING PICTURES

April 3, 2020
8:00 am
Art/Music Room

Kindergarten Registration

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
4:00-6:00

Spring Dance
April 23rd
5:30-7:30

More details to follow

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NO SCHOOL
Thursday, March 5th
&
Friday, March 6th

