

Team Androscoggin News Letter

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QUOTE: "It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

-Charles Dickens

Word of The Month:

Embrace: as in “embrace winter” hahaha

Accept or support (a belief, theory, or change) willingly and enthusiastically.

Hold (someone) closely in one's arms, especially as a sign of affection.

Calendar



As we head into March, please remember to check Infinite Campus for Habits of Work. Grades for respect, responsibility, focus, and kindness will be posted by March 10th.

Core Classes

Mr. Beede's Social Studies Class: In Social Studies this month, we are working with the ELA classes on our history/historical fiction unit. We will start looking into Civil Rights, then dive into other parts of history such as the Vietnam War, the World Wars, and as recent as 9/11.

Mr. Colesworthy's Math Class: This month in Math class we have just finished up our unit on Percentages. We are starting a new unit on using all Rational Numbers with the four operations (+, -, ÷, and *). This unit, we will also have the added layer of not being able to use calculators for our class work! (Calculators for homework are still allowed)

Mr. Stevens' Math Class: In Mr. Stevens' math class we are working on the last topics in chapter four of Algebra 1. This includes things such as slope intercept form, point-slope form, standard form, slope, x and y-intercepts and rate of change. We just finished working with the website Desmos which helps us practice graphing with equations.

Ms. Aronson's ELA Class: This month in ELA we have worked to complete a Character Analysis Unit, and have launched our Team Teaching Historical Fiction Unit with Mr. Beede. We are working on perspectives as we read both non-fiction and historical fiction. We've begun with the Civil Rights Era, and then will focus on World War 2 and the Vietnam War.

Mr. Provost's Science Class: We are doing our last topic in Physics which is about Newton's Laws Of Motion. We just did stations to learn more about the first law of motion and will continue with the other two this week. These stations include learning about Inertia and understanding what it is. It also includes learning about forces in motion and the direction an object goes in motion.

Book Recommendations

Long Way Down by Jason Reynolds- This book is about a 15 year old boy named Will whose 19-year-old brother named Shawn was murdered. Will then sets off on a mission to commit revenge on a guy named Riggs who he thinks murdered Shawn. But before he can leave the elevator in his building with a gun, ghosts come and teach him to look at other people's perspectives.

The Thief of Always by Clive Barker- This book is about a 10-year-old boy named Harvey who, on a dreary winter day, is visited by a man named Rictus. Rictus invites him to go to Mr. Hood's Holiday House. This house is a magical place where Christmas happens every night and you can get anything you want. But he soon starts to figure out that hidden behind the fun and cheerfulness of this house, there are secrets that need to be uncovered.

Small Spaces by Katherine Arden- This book is about a girl named Olivia whose mom dies and she goes on a field trip with her class one day. On the way back, the bus stops and when it does, her watch begins to talk to her, telling her things like "run." She follows the watch's directions and throughout her "quest", she finds out more on "the smiling man" and what he wants.

Ground Zero by Alan Gratz- This is a book that switches between perspectives of a 9-year-old boy named Brandon who is in one of the Twin Towers during the attack of 9/11 and a 11-year-old girl named Reshma who is living in Afghanistan in 2019.

Get To Know Your Androscoggin Teachers

RANDOM QUESTIONS FOR MR. HORNE

Question: What is your favorite T.V show?

Answer: **Detectorists**

Question: What is the most beautiful place you have ever seen?

Answer: **Iceland**

Question: What's the strangest thing in your refrigerator?

Answer: **10 bottles of hot sauce from the show Hot Ones**

Congratulations to The Following Students:

Geography Bee: Mr. Beede led a school-wide Geography Bee where champions were sent from their grade level teams. Bradley Jasper was the school champion! His runner up was Jasiah Taylor, and the other 7 contestants were Nathan McInnis, Lily Lachance, Emma Graffam, Greyson Diagostino, Judah Leeman, James Marks, and Morgandy Crawford! Eamon Patterson and Char Crowe were the Team Andro champions!

Androscoggins' students of the week for being focused, respectful, responsible, and kind.

Mr. Provost--*This student had an all-around great start to the 3rd quarter... Dezirae Colby!*

Mrs. Aronson--*This student came to their parent-teacher conference and participated in sharing their English Language Arts growth... Ethan Lagrange!*

Mr. Beede--*This student absolutely “crushed” their timeline... Soleil Wight!*

Thank You!

Team Androscoggin would like to thank all the parents and customers that helped them raise almost \$350 with our Team Bake Sale! Your donations were greatly appreciated!



READ-A-THON FUNDRAISER

TEAM ANDROSCOGGIN has decided to hold a Read-A-Thon this year as our final fundraiser! Read-A-Thons actually get your reader excited about reading and it gives friends and family the opportunity to encourage your child to read even more. Our Read-A-Thon starts **Wednesday, March 22, 2023 and continues through Wednesday, March 29th, 2023**. About one week before our Read-A-Thon starts we will send home instructions on how to activate your reader's personal page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress. Please look for this information on **Wednesday, March 16th**. We encourage you to activate your reader's account today by clicking on <https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/PAnLDi/1> and following the simple instructions. We've chosen Read-a-thon as our final fundraiser because it will not take much of your time, gives your child a reason to read and helps in the development of stronger reading skills.

We hope EVERYONE participates.

Writer's Corner

Earlier this year, we participated in a writer's contest: INTEGER. This is a creative writing contest for middle and high school students. Students had 100 words to write a short story inspired by a number. We were provided with sentence starters such as "It was 2099...", "I am number 13...", "Room 237 was empty..." and, "I was down to my last \$5..." 22 Andro students submitted their stories to the competition. An example of one short story is:

Interruption 2-4-5 by Jemma Holden.

Interruption 2-4-5. That is the name I have been given by the Order. I am no longer Mary Winston. I am no longer a daughter, a sister, a friend. I am no longer a member of society. I am now merely a blip in the system. An interruption. I kick at a pebble on the stone floor of my cell. It rolls through the thick metal bars enclosing me in this prison. I wish I could leave too. But I know I did the right thing. Mama needed medicine. We didn't have enough money. I stole it. Now they will make me suffer. For doing what was right.