

PLAINVIEW INTERMEDIATE NEWSLETTER

November 2019

JULIE ALTOM, PRINCIPAL

T- This is the time of year we pause and take time to consider what we are thankful for in our lives. I would like to say a big thank you to our teachers, staff, parents, students, and Plainview patrons. You all are supportive of our school system, and it is appreciated. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of students.

H- Having a job to come to daily where I get to see students with smiles and hugs to give is something I am thankful for in my life. These students can truly brighten your day! Thank you for sharing them with us each day.

A- As we enter this very busy time of year, I would encourage you to review your student's Thursday envelope each week. Classroom teachers will keep you informed of upcoming events, and you can review completed assignments/grades with your student.

N- Next, I want to encourage you as we head into the end of the first semester to check your student's grades online. In case you are not aware, we have an online gradebook program. If you need login/password information, you can contact Christy Sudderth at csudderth@plainview.k12.ok.us and she can help you with the information needed. You can access the gradebook through the Plainview School District website.

K- Keeping teachers and the school informed is very important. If you have a student who is absent due to sickness or is going to miss school, please make contact to Melissa Denton in our front office at 580-223-6437. We do log the information into our student information system, and maintaining great attendance is a priority we have set again this year. Each class is striving to earn the monthly incentive attendance reward.

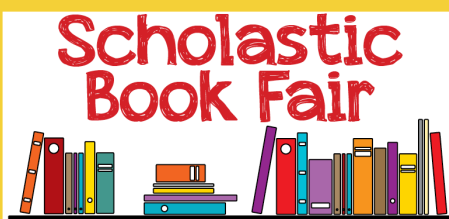
F- Feel free to contact the classroom teacher, the front office, or me anytime you have a question or comment. We are all here to help in any way possible. Even though it may sound cliché, it really does take a village!

U- Ultimately, we desire for you to be in partnership with our school. This makes us stronger and healthier as a school and helps to continue our academic success. We appreciate all you do to make our school system successful and appreciate your continued support.

L- Lastly, as we enter into the holiday season, I hope you will take time to enjoy family and friends and get a little rest too. We are out a full week at Thanksgiving again this year. Hopefully, this will allow plenty of travel time and family time. We do expect students to attend the full week prior to our week out of school.

BOOK FAIR

During the week of November 11th-15th, Mrs. Howard will be hosting a book fair in the library. Students will visit the book fair during their regular library time or as scheduled by their teacher. Students may also visit the library before school if accompanied by a parent. Thank you for supporting our school library through this fundraising event!



THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

On November 21st, the primary and intermediate students will celebrate Thanksgiving with a traditional Thanksgiving meal in the cafeteria. You are welcome to join your child or grandchild for this annual luncheon! The cost for adults is \$6.00.



Thanksgiving Luncheon
Schedule:

3rd grade: 12:10-12:35

4th grade: 12:35-1:00

5th grade: 1:00-1:25

UPCOMING DATES

Nov 1st: Indian Beat

Join us as Mrs. Kennedy's class leads Indian Beat

Nov 4th: Discovery Club

Discovery Club students will meet after school

Nov 6th: 5th Grade Trip to Hay Maze

Nov 7th: School Picture Retakes

Nov 11th-15th: Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will take place in the library

Nov 11th-15th: Celebrate Freedom Week

Nov 12th: "Give Thanks"

This 4th grade music performance will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium

Nov 14th: STEM Night

Parents are invited to see STEM activities in their child's classroom from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Nov 15th: Indian Beat

Join us as Ms. Smith's class leads Indian Beat

Nov 18th: Discovery Club Field Trip

Discovery Club students will go to the Museum of Osteology

Nov 21st: Thanksgiving Meal

The annual Thanksgiving meal will be held for the primary & intermediate during lunch

Nov 21st: 5th Grade Colonial Days

Nov 25th-29th: Thanksgiving Break

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FAIRY TALE MOBILES



The 4th grade reading teachers (Mrs. Ham, Ms. Smith, and Mrs. Teacle) gave students the challenge of a fairy tale report. The students got to choose a modern or traditional fairy tale to write a report about and create a mobile. They had to write in complete sentences for each element of the story. They also had to tell the traits of the good character and the bad character. Emma Pfrehm and Joshua Wang said they enjoyed having the time to read a story and make a mobile at home. Lily Stanton said, "I love to build stuff so this was the best!" Brenley Farris said, "I love that I got to learn about different fairy tales." Everyone enjoyed seeing the fairy tale mobiles on display in the 4th grade hall.

By Olivia Cavallo



RED RIBBON WEEK



Why do we dress up for Red Ribbon Week? Each of the dress up days has a meaning that symbolizes drug free awareness. The school wanted to do something fun and easy for the first couple of days. Monday was turn your back on bullying and drugs so people wore their clothes backwards. On Tuesday, wearing red, white, and blue symbolizes that Red Ribbon Week is a campaign all across America. We have a different slogan every year and this year was "Send A Message. Stay Drug Free." which incorporated our use of technology. We asked a few people what they think Red Ribbon Week means. Jera Good, a 4th grade student, says, "I think it's a good representation of sending the message of staying drug free in a fun way." Brooklynn Miller, a 3rd grade student, said she was looking forward to wearing her Halloween costume on Thursday which was say boo to bullying and drugs. Plainview Intermediate students and teachers did a great job of showing school spirit, donating items for the food drive, and learned a lot about living drug-free lives.

By Lydia Duncan



5TH GRADE BOOK TASTING



On October 23rd, Mrs. Archer's 5th grade reading classes had a book tasting. The purpose of the book tasting was to introduce students to new genres, such as science fiction and mysteries. There were eight different stations with eight different genres. The students read a few pages and then described if they liked it or not. Axel Ortega's favorite part was the reading, while Gracie Bryant's favorite part

was the snacks. Mrs. Archer said she would definitely do the book tasting again. Her favorite part was watching the students faces when they were reading.

By Carson Herron

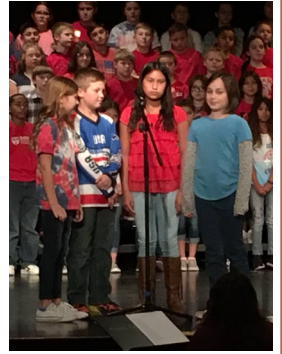


I HAVE A DREAM



The 5th Grade Musical was on October 28th, and it was conducted by music teacher, Ms. Hagerman. The title of the program was "I Have a Dream" with musical selections about freedom, justice, and peace for America. The 5th graders wore red, white, and blue clothing to celebrate freedom. 5th grade student, Kamrey Martin, said her favorite song was "Little Children Get on Board." The 5th grade music program was a big success and a great show.

By Sifath Ghuman



MEET THE TEACHER

Mrs. Stricker is a 3rd grade teacher at Plainview Intermediate. She and her husband, Karl, have been married for 25 years. They have three children: Braydon (22), Bryson (18), and Brooklyn (15). She attended Cheyenne High School and then went on to Southwestern Oklahoma State University for her bachelor's degree. Mrs. Stricker has been teaching for 25 years, with 9 of those years at Plainview.



Who do you look up to as a mentor? *Maya Angelou*

What is your favorite thing about this time of year? *Football*

If you could go anywhere in the world, where would it be? *Ireland*

What is your favorite children's book? *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*

Tell us something about you that we probably don't know. *I'm good at fantasy football.*

What are your favorite hobbies? *Watching my kids play sports and reading*

What is your best piece of advice? *Be nice!*

By Carson Herron

3RD GRADE FIELD TRIP

On October 15th, the third graders went to the Hay Maze. They had playtime for about an hour and a half while each class took turns on a hay ride. They could go through a big hay maze, and they ate hot dogs. Olivia who is in 3rd said, "I liked the hay ride the best! It was a lot of fun." Mrs. Wilson said, "There is so much more to do today than when I went years ago and nobody got bored." 3rd grader



Cooper Morton said, "What I enjoyed most was the hay ride, but everything was fun."

By Jessie Ge

VENTRILOQUIST



Todd Oliver is a really good ventriloquist. A ventriloquist is someone who talks for a puppet. Todd was a big hit on America's Got

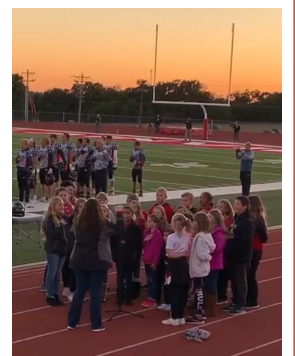
Talent. He even travels all over the world to perform. Todd Oliver performed for the primary on October 15th and then offered to perform for the intermediate. Everyone thought that was a great idea. So, it was a quick change of plans, but it was worth it. Ben Hall, a 4th grader said, "I liked the puppet and the dog was cute." Emerie Eubanks, a 4th grader, thought the ventriloquist was funny. Everyone loved the ventriloquist, Todd Oliver. We are especially glad he came to Plainview Elementary.

By Ethan Eads

HONOR CHOIR PERFORMANCE

Did you go to the military appreciation football game? If you did, then you probably saw the 4th and 5th grade honor choir students sing the Star Spangled Banner. Even though a few people said they were nervous, the performance was great. Ms. Hagerman said this was an opportunity to show the community that our school is good at sports and singing. 5th grader, Eli Brown, said his favorite part of this event was the jets flying over them. It was a good experience for our entire school to see the choir perform and watch the football game.

By Lydia Duncan



FALL BREAK FUN

Fall break is when kids at school have a four day weekend. Fall break is when a lot of people go on vacation or stay home to rest and

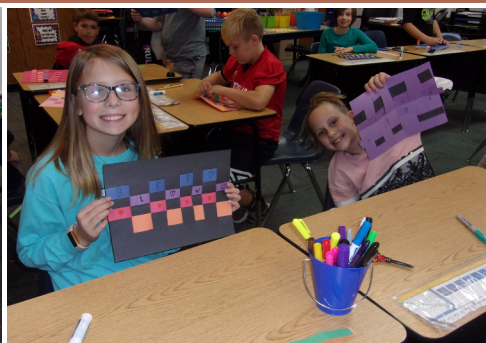
relax, and it is a great time for students to have a break from working. When it is fall break people usually spend time

with their family. Madison Todd, a 4th grader, said, "I went to Urban Air during fall break, and it was fun!" 5th grader, Talen Johnson, said, "Going rock climbing with my friends was the thing I enjoyed most during fall break." 3rd grader, Keeton Hatley, said, "I went to Great Wolf Lodge and the water park there." Fall Break is the perfect time to have fun with friends and family!

By Jessie Ge



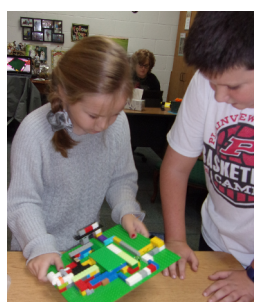
4TH GRADE FALL FUN FEST



The 4th grade Fall Fun Fest took place on October 25th. The Fall Fun Fest was centered around STEM activities, crafts, and games. Each 4th grade teacher had a separate activity, and all 4th grade students rotated to all classes. Mrs. Willis had a popsicle stick Halloween craft, Mrs. McCann taught her students how to weave, while Ms. Smith had students build a marble maze with Legos. Mrs. Teacle instructed her students on how to build catapults, Mrs. Ham let the students paint pumpkins, and Mrs. Doughty had several fun games to play in the Quad. Willa Harvey said her favorite part was going to Mrs. Teacle's class to make a catapult. Ben Hall's favorite activity was going to Ms. Smith's class to make Lego structures. All of our teachers look for activities to engage our students and inspire them to problem solve without always using paper/pencil activities. The teachers hope to do it every year. The Fall Fun Fest was a fun and enjoyable experience for all 4th graders.



By Sifath Ghuman



CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK

Veterans Day is on Monday, November 11th. It starts off Celebrate Freedom Week that runs the week of November 11th-15th. Celebrate Freedom Week is a time at school for students to learn what freedom is all about. Students in 3rd-5th grade will be doing activities related to this special week.

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTORS



The following 5th grade students wrote the articles for the October newsletter: Jessie Ge, Olivia Cavallo, Lydia Duncan, Sifath Ghuman, Ethan Eads, and Carson Herron.

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