

Herman Ave. *Hawk News*

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**JANUARY
2018**

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

JANUARY EVENTS

1/2- School Resumes

1/4- MGR Playhouse Grades 3-5
Career Workshops

1/15- NO SCHOOL- MARTIN LUTHER
KING DAY

1/17 - PTO Meeting @ 4:00 p.m. in
Library

1/26- MGR Playhouse Grades K -

Do You See

1/26- PTO Movie Night

1/26- Marking Period 2 ends



Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed some quality family time over the Holiday Break!

Our secretary Mrs. Linda Benson will be retiring on Friday, January 19. Linda has been the backbone of Herman Ave. Elementary for 12 years. Mrs. Benson runs our school each and every day and she will be greatly missed. Please give her your regards when you stop in the office.

We are lucky to have Mrs. Kirsten Dann transferring to us from Genesee Elementary beginning on Monday, January 22. Welcome Mrs. Dann!

We are always thrilled to welcome back the students to school and anticipate a fun New Year filled with new learning! Thank you for your support of our school.

Respectfully,

Mr. Dennis Taylor

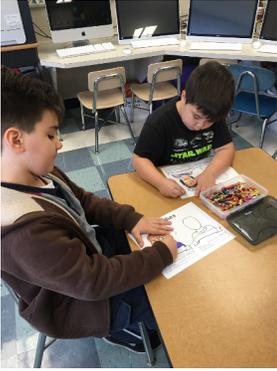


KINDERGARTEN NEWS

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SOARING

Miss Buckley's third graders are buddies with Mrs. Siddall's kindergarteners.

Every week, they get together to work on a social studies or science activity. The kindergarten students love learning from the "big kids" and the third graders are wonderful "teachers". It is very joyful !!!!



Kindergarten students in Mrs. Siddall's class earned lunch in the classroom with a movie for following directions and taking care of each other.



Kindergarten classes had a fun time making gingerbread houses in December!



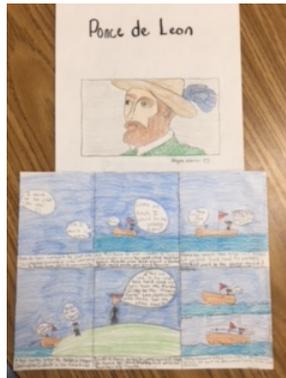
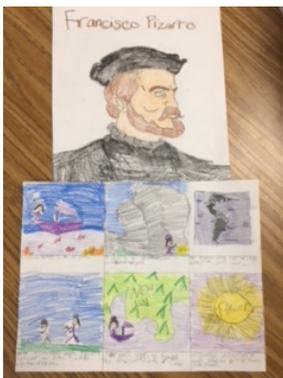
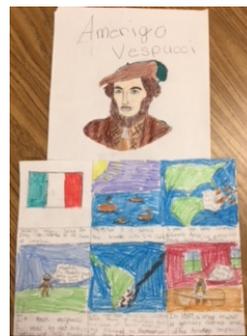
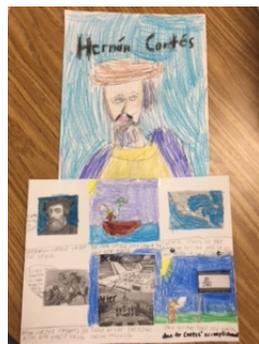
CLASSROOM NEWS



Mr. Drogo's 6th grade science classes have been learning about volcanoes. Students made their own and experimented on eruption types. There are three main types of volcanoes based on how they erupt.



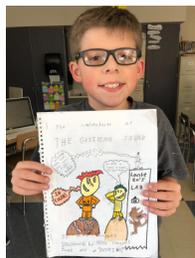
Fifth graders recently learned about European Explorers in Mrs. Musso's social studies class and each student was assigned an explorer to research. Then they took their information and expressed what they learned through a comic strip. They discovered that not all explorers became rich or popular despite finding new lands, establishing new trade routes, or even finding gold. Some even died on their journey! Take a look at some of the men who helped make new discoveries or helped their country claim territory in North and South America.



CLASSROOM NEWS

Book reports are an engaging way to motivate students to read and they are important for improving a child's writing skills and reading comprehension. Mrs. Pesarchicks' students completed book report projects based on a fiction book that they read. Students had a choice between a "Cereal Box" or "Picture Book" project. The Cereal Box project required them to invent a new cereal based on their book, decorate the sides and create a commercial. The Picture book project required them to imagine they would rewrite the book they just read for a first- or second-grade child. The illustrations and writing had to be simple, yet detailed enough to understand the story. Students commented how fun the project was and they can't wait to do another upcoming book report. The following is a list of students and the book they read:

- Amelia LeFevre, Wonder
- Eric Barski, Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Michael Chappell, The Adventures of the Grieving Squad
- Madisyn Edersheim, The Boxcar Children, The Mystery Bookstore
- Claire Williams, Geronimo Stilton, The Fabumouse School Adventure
- Emily Neuman, The Penderwicks



Tips from Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Mulvaney:

25 Ways to Ask Kids about Their Day

1. Tell me something exciting that happened today.
2. Who are three people that you talked to today?
3. What did you (will you) eat for lunch/snack today?
4. What did you play at recess?
5. If I walked into the classroom, what would I see?
6. What was one thing you wish your teacher did differently?
7. What made you laugh today?
8. Tell me about something that made you angry today.
9. Who was nicest to you today?
10. Tell about one thing the teacher said today.
11. How many people have you talked to today?
12. Tell me a story about today.
13. If you could play more at recess, what would you do?
14. Tell me about one paper that you had at your desk.
15. Name two teachers that you saw today.
16. Where did you walk to within the school today?
17. Tell me something you did outside today.
18. Did you use markers or crayons today? What did you do?
19. When were you bored today?
20. What made you mad today?
21. How many times did you wash your hands today?
22. What happened today that made you feel frustrated?
23. What classroom jobs did you have today?
24. If you did today over, what would be different?
25. What are you looking forward to tomorrow?

PTO Corner



Happy New Year! We hope your holiday season was a great one!

Thank you for your support with the Yankee Candle sale and the Apparel sale. Both were very successful. We look forward to many more exciting opportunities to support Herman Ave. Elementary school in the coming year.

Don't forget your box tops! Box tops can be turned in to your child's teacher or deposited in the container outside of the main office.

Would you like to take on a more active role in your child's school experience? Consider joining the PTO. The PTO works to raise funds for special events such as field trips, activity day, and so much more. All are welcome, the next meeting is on January 17, 2018 at 4:00 PM in the library. We hope to see you there



Mrs. Benson, the secretary of Herman Avenue Elementary School, will be retiring this month. We thank her for her assistance and dedication to the students, families and staff at Herman. We wish her the best in her retirement!

