

# Herman Ave. Hawk News

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

### DECEMBER EVENTS

**12/1-** PTO night at Buffalo Wild Wings

**12/11-** MGR Playhouse Gr. 4- [Longhouse](#)

**12/14-** Instrumental Concert & Choral Concert @ 6:00 p.m. in Auditorium

**12/22-** Holiday Sing-Along in Gym at 2:00 for students.

**12/22-** Go Home Early Drill: Students 3:00 p.m. dismissal.

**12/25-1/1-** NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY VACATION

**1/2-** School Resumes.



Dear families,

We have an exciting month ahead of us while we continue to work hard in school and anticipate the holidays coming up! In December the kids and teachers are, working hard to prepare for our Holiday concert, striving for perfect attendance, and are continuing our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) work.

The music department and students would like to welcome you to our Holiday Instrumental and Choral Concert on Thursday, December 14 at 6:00 pm in our newly refurbished auditorium. The kids sound fantastic! The PTO will be serving some light refreshments as well, thank you PTO!

During December we are striving to have *every* student in attendance *everyday* of the month! Students cannot learn if they are not in school. Every student who has "Perfect Attendance" during the month of December will receive 10 "Gotcha" tickets, and have their picture displayed in the trophy case in the front hallway! Also, the homeroom with the highest attendance rate at each grade level will win a popcorn and video party with Mr. Taylor in the auditorium. Please ask your child's homeroom teacher for incentives they are offering to encourage all students to be present every day.

Our PBIS is working well with our students. The students learn daily about what it means to S.O.A.R. at Herman. S- Safety First, O- Ownership of Behavior, A- Act Respectfully, and R- be Responsible Citizens. We encourage positive behavior by offering "Gotcha" tickets to students throughout the day. Please ask your child about SOARing in Herman Ave. Elementary.

Please take a moment to complete the Family Engagement Survey found under the "Parents" tab on our website. (There is a password: Auburn2017) We appreciate your time and feedback to help us become better every day!

Finally, thank you for everything you do to support your children and our school. I hope you find time this month to continue making special memories!

Respectfully,

Mr. Taylor



# SOAR with Good Character



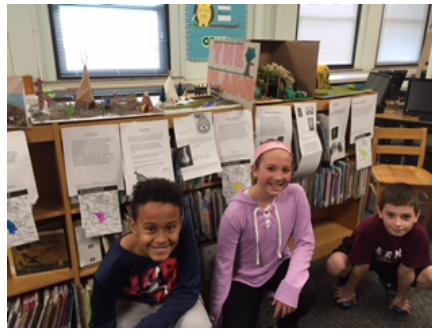
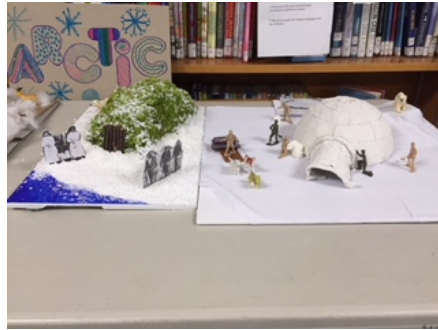
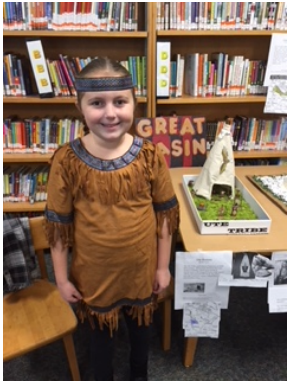
Students are working hard to SOAR at Herman Ave. and are busy earning Gotcha tickets for PBIS. Students earning 10 Gotcha tickets were able to participate in Zumba with Ms. Rice and the Herman Hawk in November. Students have also participated in PBIS movie and party celebrations with their classrooms.



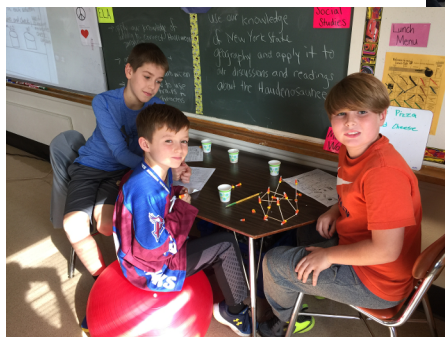


# Classroom News

Students in Mrs. Musso's Social Studies classes studied different culture regions and the Native American tribes within them. After researching the homes and way of life of the various tribes, students created models of each tribes' home and displayed them in the library. Fifth grade students enjoyed sharing their projects and the knowledge that they learned with other students and staff throughout the building.



Mrs. Messina's grade 4 class is working on completing different STEM problem solving challenges and reflecting on their learning. One activity for November was integrated with our ELA module and Social Studies. Each group was given a challenge and a goal to construct an Iroquois longhouse with only toothpicks and candy corn. Students used their knowledge of longhouses as well as prior math and engineering skills to help construct their longhouses.



# PTO Corner



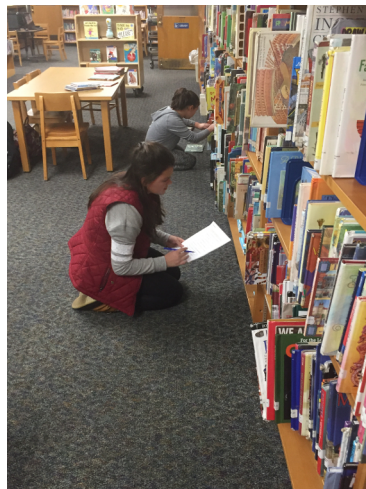
Happy December, everyone! We hope your holiday season has started off well.

The book fair was, as usual, a great success, and we appreciate all of your orders and donations from the Yankee Candle fundraiser as well as the apparel sale. We look forward to many more exciting opportunities to support Herman Ave. Elementary school in the coming new 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. Crosby would like to thank the PTO for the generous book contributions to the library collection from the Book Fair. Sixth grade library helpers are pictured above helping to process those new books so that they can be put on the library shelves and begin circulating right away!



# Physical Education

Thank you to our Herman students and families for donating 167 non perishable food items during the 2017 Stack Up a Local Food Pantry drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Ms. Colella & Mr. Turcsik



We would like to encourage students to participate in the **Drop Everything and Move** activities found in the calendar below. Students who complete the activities can return the signed calendars to Ms. Colella or Mr. Turcsik the first week of January. Have fun!

## DECEMBER

## DEAM Calendar DROP EVERYTHING AND MOVE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 _____ Pick 5 different muscles to stretch. Hold each stretch for 20 seconds.	2 _____ Move during TV commercials. No TV?... then move 5 minutes each hour.	3 _____ Do as many curl-ups as you can.	4 _____ Do 10 burpees and 10 sit-ups.	5 _____ Say your math facts while doing reverse lunges.	6 _____ Take a walk.	7 _____ Think: I will be the best I can be! Live this motto all day!
8 _____ Pick 5 different muscles to stretch. Hold each stretch for 20 seconds.	9 _____ Move during TV commercials. No TV?... then move 5 minutes each hour.	10 _____ Do as many trunk-lifts as you can.	11 _____ Do 20 jumping jacks and 20 plank jacks.	12 _____ Do push-up shoulder taps while reciting your spelling words.	13 _____ Take a walk.	14 _____ Think: I can do hard things! Live this motto all day!
15 _____ Pick 5 different muscles to stretch. Hold each stretch for 20 seconds.	16 _____ Move during TV commercials. No TV?... then move 5 minutes each hour.	17 _____ Do as many squats as you can.	18 _____ Do 30 mountain climbers and 30 bicycle crunches.	19 _____ Perform squat-jumps while naming the continents.	20 _____ Take a walk.	21 _____ Think: I will train my brain (and body)! Live this motto all day!
22 _____ Pick 5 different muscles to stretch. Hold each stretch for 20 seconds.	23 _____ Move during TV commercials. No TV?... then move 5 minutes each hour.	24 _____ Do as many push-ups as you can.	25 _____ Crab walk and hold a plank for count to 40.	26 _____ Read a book while doing a wall sit.	27 _____ Take a walk.	28 _____ Think: I love to challenge myself! Live this motto all day!
29 _____ Pick 5 different muscles to stretch. Hold each stretch for 20 seconds.	30 _____ Move during TV commercials. No TV?... then move 5 minutes each hour.					

### DEAM Days:

- "Super Sunday"
- "Move More Monday"
- "Two-on Tuesday"
- "Walking Wednesday"
- "Think-It Thursday"
- "Flexibility Friday"
- "Sit-less Saturday"

### Please Remember

- > Always get adult permission before doing any activity.
- > Return calendar to your teacher at the end of the month.

### Purpose:

*This calendar encourages families to become more physically active and to take steps toward a healthier lifestyle. Each day, there is an activity that each student is asked to complete with a family member (or with adult supervision).*

### Directions:

*After a child completes a day's activity, the adult should initial in the space provided. Each week, you are allowed to miss one day (activity). If this happens, put an "X" across that day (do not initial).*