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EDUCATION TO INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION

FRANKLIN GRADES K-4

AGT COMES TO FRANKLIN



The Franklin Bears PTA sponsored a virtual school assembly for the Franklin students. From the stage of America's Got Talent, Matt Wilhelm, a BMX rider, uses his personal story to show resilience, perseverance, positive self-talk, kindness, bully prevention, and growth mindset. Throughout the show, some of our students were able to ask questions and get them answered. Matt performed his Glow-in-the-Dark act that he performed on America's Got Talent, used GoPro cameras to show the view from his perspective, and he attempted to break his Guinness World Record for the most BMX fire hydrant whips in 30 seconds. The previous record that he himself set in September of 2016 was 44 BMX fire hydrant whips, and he beat it by one whip during the show! Thank you to the PTA for the great assembly!



PARKVIEW GRADES PREK-2

MAKING AN IMPRESSION

People often wonder why artist Claude Monet painted the same things over and over. Ms. Kure's second grade artists learned that Monet loved to paint outdoors and he worked hard to capture his subject as it was in different types of light. His subject looked very different to him depending on the light that was hitting it. He loved to paint in his own garden and he had quite a magnificent one. He would paint his water lilies over and over to capture them as they were in that moment. The artists in Mrs. Sporch's class and Mrs. Reid's class learned how to mix tints (colors plus white) to create some beautiful impressionistic water lilies in the style of Claude Monet.



Mrs. Seppala's class was ringing in the New Year with mitten painting, stilt-walking, pentomino building, costume wearing and play-doh writing FUN! Happy New Year 2022, everyone!



ROOSEVELT GRADES 3-6

YOU ARE PERFECTLY YOU!

The Metier Program is being piloted by some of our fifth and sixth grade classrooms. This program is a class about YOU. Metier believes you are made with a unique set of gifts and talents that you are responsible to use to serve your family, community, and world. It is also your responsibility to have the courage to be true to yourself because, as Marianne Williamson says, "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure." In 5th and 6th grade, we are on a mission to find the truest, happiest, and greatest versions of ourselves through learning how you play, flow, and love. Students identify what they are passionate about and what they appreciate in others. Through play, students identify things as either a mirror (see it in themselves) or a window (appreciate it in others). It is the stepping block program for a successful life and career.



Mrs. Engel's 5th grade class playing Swish to determine if they are "Spatially Smart."



Miss Barnes' 5th grade playing Happy Salmon to decide if they are "Body Smart."



Mrs. Brunfelt's class in Gilbert exploring "People Smart" with the game Headbandz.



Ms. Zadnikar's 6th grade class exploring the "JOKER" personality playing Joker Wars.



Mrs. Engel's 5th grade class playing Kanoodle to determine if they are "Spatially Smart."



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NELLE SHEAN

GRADES PREK, 5-6

UN-BEE-LIEVABLE SPELLER

The sixth grade students at Nelle Shean recently held a spelling bee. This spelling bee was geared specifically to our sixth grade students. The winner of this year's spelling bee was **AYLEE GRABANSKI** who is a student in Ms. Belt's class!



WE'RE READY TO READ

The Gilbert Campus kicked off **I Love to Read Month** on February 1. The theme this year is the 2022 Olympics and the entire campus is reading the book, *The Boys in the Boat*, a fictional book written by Daniel James Brown. It is a story about nine Americans and their quest for gold at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

The students will be celebrating the **100th Day of School** on February 10 and will be holding an **Outdoor Olympic Day** on February 25. Every Thursday is **USA DAY** and all students and staff can dress in red, white, and blue.

All of us at the Gilbert Campus are looking forward to a fun-filled month of activities!



EGJH

GRADES 7-8

WE HAVE A WINNER!

The results are in! The 2021 Middle School Essay contest sponsored by the Richard I. Bong Veterans Historical Center is now History! The winners were chosen from scores of entries from all over including the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and the UP of Michigan.

The theme of the essay was "What changes to our lives and freedoms were generated by the attacks on 9-11-2001? How do the events of that day continue to affect even those like you who may have no memory of it?"

Congratulations to **PARKER CURRIE**, who is a student at the EG Junior High, for taking **FIRST PLACE** in the 7th grade Division!



EGHS

GRADES 9-12

HOME AWAY FROM HOME



EGHS welcomed Caterina Mutarelli, a foreign exchange student from Italy, to the school for Semester II. Here's a Q&A to get to know more about Caterina:

Where are you from?

- Pagani, Italy (near Naples). My family is dad Alfonso, mom Laura, brother Giglielmo and our dog, Argo.

What family are you staying with?

- The Koepke Family

What do you like most about Minnesota?

- The new friends I'm making.

What do you like least about Minnesota?

- The cold

What do you miss most about home?

- My family, my house and the food

What is your least favorite American food?

- Kraft Macaroni and Cheese

What is your most favorite American food?

- Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, cheeseburgers and corndogs

What were some of the most shocking or amazing things that you learned about our culture when you came to Minnesota?

- That people drink milk with meals, the big houses and big yards and big streets with very little traffic, the lights and sounds at the hockey game and how patriotic everyone is - lots of American flags and how everyone stood up at the hockey game for the National Anthem.

What activities are you involved in?

- Right now, I am in One Act, Poms, Speech and Yearbook.

What are you looking forward to doing or seeing with the rest of your time here in Minnesota?

- Prom, joining an American sport, hopefully softball, and graduation

ONE ACT PLAY MOVES ON

Proof by David Auburn

On the eve of her 25th birthday, Catherine, a troubled young woman, has spent years caring for her brilliant, but unstable, father, a famous mathematician. Now following his death, she must deal with her own volatile emotions, arrival of her estranged sister, Claire, and the intentions of Hal, a former student of her father's who hopes to find valuable work in the 103 notebooks her father left behind. Over the long weekend that follows, a burgeoning romance and the discovery of a mysterious notebook draw Catherine into the most difficult problem of all: How much of her father's madness - or genius - will she inherit?

The Rock Ridge cast and crew of *Proof* will be headed to Two Harbors on February 5 to perform with a chance at State after placing first at Sub-Sections on Saturday, January 29th. The top show at Sections will earn a spot at the MSHSL's State One Act Play Festival in St. Paul at the O'shaughnessy Auditorium at St. Catherine University in St. Paul.

The cast of *Proof* includes Daisy Borden as Catherine, Jake Bradach as Hal, Jaelyn Wright as Claire, and Brennan Muhich as Robert. Crew members include Sophie Statsman - student director, Sophia Peterson - stage manager, Rebecca Muster, Caterina Mutarelli, Ella Widmer, Dylan Celley, and Alex Hartmark, Director Jeremy Liimatta and Assistant Director Chris Chad.

GOOD LUCK and BREAK A LEG!



VHS

GRADES 7-12

A FIELD TRIP TO INSPIRE

Nearly 40 Rock Ridge Industrial Technology students had a great day learning about careers in the area. Students in Mr. Foster's and Mr. Eichholz's classes had the opportunity to tour four facilities on January 27. These facilities included the Laurentian Elementary, Rock Ridge High School, The Tongue and Groove Store, and St. Germain's Cabinets Inc.

While touring the Laurentian Elementary, the focus was on the custom cabinetry that was built and installed by St. Germain's Cabinets Inc. out of Duluth. The students were impressed with the new gym floor, the commons area which included an indoor playground, and the amazing ring lights. After touring the finished elementary school, students toured through the Rock Ridge High School which is 65% completed. Students got to see many different stages of construction and got to see many different careers in the trades in action. There were carpenters, drywallers, electricians, masons, tile installers, painters, HVAC, plumbers, welders, and many more. This allowed students to see what it would be like as someone working in the trades on a large commercial style project. Thank you to Kraus-Anderson for leading these two tours!

After two great tours in the morning, students ate lunch at Pizza Ranch in Duluth and enjoyed the arcades at the Fun Zone. The afternoon tours involved a stop at the Tongue and Groove Store and St. Germain's Cabinets Inc. While visiting the Tongue and Groove Store, students got to learn about career opportunities and see a lot of millwork being created. One of their bigger contracts is to supply all of the cedar paneling for Yetti fish houses. The last stop was to St. Germain's Cabinets Inc. Students were surprised to see all of the automation that St. Germain's incorporates into building their cabinets. There was a very impressive machine that stacked and sorted through nearly 1000 sheets of plywood. Besides knowing where every sheet was located, it was programmed to always make sure that the material was in position and ready to be cut and processed. Other automation included machines that were cutting, drilling, and laminating the cabinet's components. Students also got to meet with the engineers who are designing the cabinets and programming the equipment.



A special "Thank You" to St. Germain's for financing "academy style learning in action!" Thank you to Carl Perkins Mini Grant which was used to offset the transportation expenses. Additionally, we want to thank several businesses for donating the door prizes that were given away while on the bus ride. In order for students to win a prize, they had to answer questions about what they just learned while on tour. These business donations were from: Pohaki, Ace Grande Hardware, Parts City, Conveyor Belt Services, Vertex Roofing, Altobelli Peterson Construction, Motion Industries, Pizza Hut, Babbitt Short Stop, and Grandma and Grandpa Hanson.