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EDUCATION TO INSPIRE THE NEXT GENERATION

## LAURENTIAN GRADES PREK-6 ON THE FARM

The Laurentian second graders toured Mr. Ed's Farm. The classes were treated to a wagon ride where they looked for fun decorations hidden along the trail. Mrs. Ed taught the children how to make feed for the chickens. The students were able to put a piece of corn through an old-fashioned machine to separate the kernels from the cob. Mr. Ed tricked the kids into doing his farm chores! The students were able to feed the goats, chickens, and sheep. They also learned about the pigs on the farm. Thanks to Mr. Ed and his crew for having us! It was a great day!



## "F" IS FOR FALL FIELD TRIPS

Kindergarten students took a field trip to Rasmussen's Cowhorn Crossing Farm in Grand Rapids. The students went on a hayride, went through a corn maze, got to hold and pet animals, and had a fun ride on a rope swing.

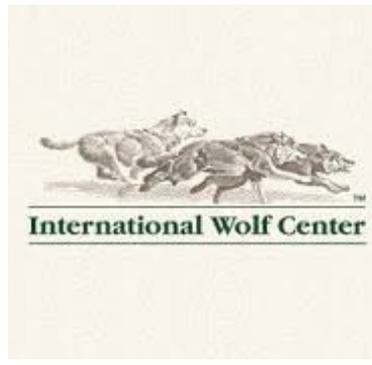


# LAURENTIAN GRADES PREK-6 WILD ABOUT WOLVES

Crystal Nuesch-Duesler's preschool class had a field trip right in their own classroom with Paul from the International Wolf Center, Ely.

The students got to see wolf hides, skulls, a hoof, deer & moose antlers, and a collar the animals wear. Best of all, they got to watch the live cam of the five wolves! The kids colored a wolf head, cut it out, and turned it into a mask. They were also able to compare the size of their hand with a wolf paw print.

Thank you, Paul, for the great visit!



## KID-APPROVED PLAYGROUNDS AT LAURENTIAN

The playgrounds at Laurentian are ready to go! The kids have been enjoying the weather and having tons of fun!



# PARKVIEW GRADES PREK-2

## FAMILIES NEAR AND FAR

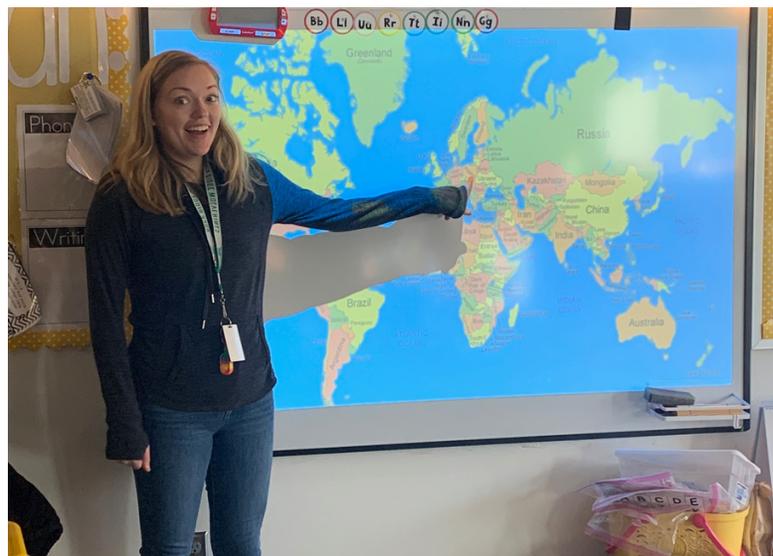
BY HANNAH DAVIDSON-TEFF, KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

One of my favorite things to tell my kindergarteners is how lucky I am to be able to work with my dad at Parkview! We love to see Mr. Davidson's, or more commonly known as Mr. D, first graders out and about, maybe just so we can whisper, "That was Mrs. DT's DAD!!!"

This month, we combined our classes to learn a little about our soldiers. My husband, Sam Teff, is deployed for the school year. We talked about how far he and his soldier friends are from MN. Our first graders and kindergarteners agreed it might get a little lonely to be so far from home, so we decided we could send them some mail to cheer them up.

As we began crafting our paper soldiers, the students had a few good ideas for what the real soldiers could do with them once they got all the way across the ocean:  
 "Maybe they could decorate their tanks?"  
 "I think they should play with them when they get bored!"  
 "They could give the paper soldiers a hug if they need one!"

I guess we will see where the paper soldiers end up living, but we are very excited to see if we hear back from our new soldier friends in Poland!



## 101 REASONS TO LOVE PARKVIEW

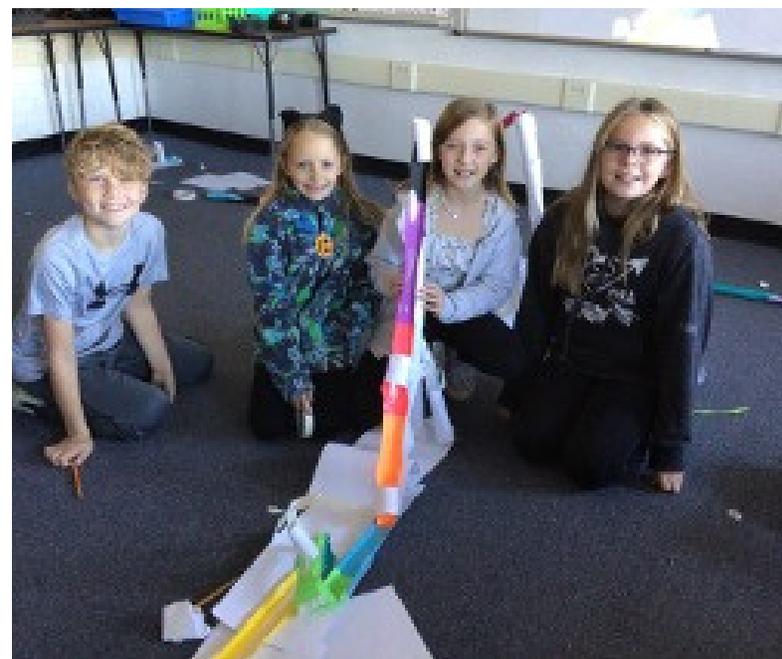


The staff at Parkview showed off their Halloween spirit by putting on some spots as Cruella de Vil and her 101 dalmation puppies!

# NORTH STAR GRADES 3-6

## ROCKIN' ROLLER COASTERS CHALLENGE

Students in Mrs. Roen's STEAM class were tasked with designing a successful roller coaster with the fastest speed. Throughout the week, the students were engaged in the engineering design process. They investigated how roller coasters work, learned about gravitational energy and speed, then as a team, planned and designed a roller coaster prototype. Students were given only cardstock, tape, and paper to build their prototypes. They then tested, collected data, reflected and improved their designs before the final tests. There was so much creativity, problem solving, collaboration and fun during this challenge!



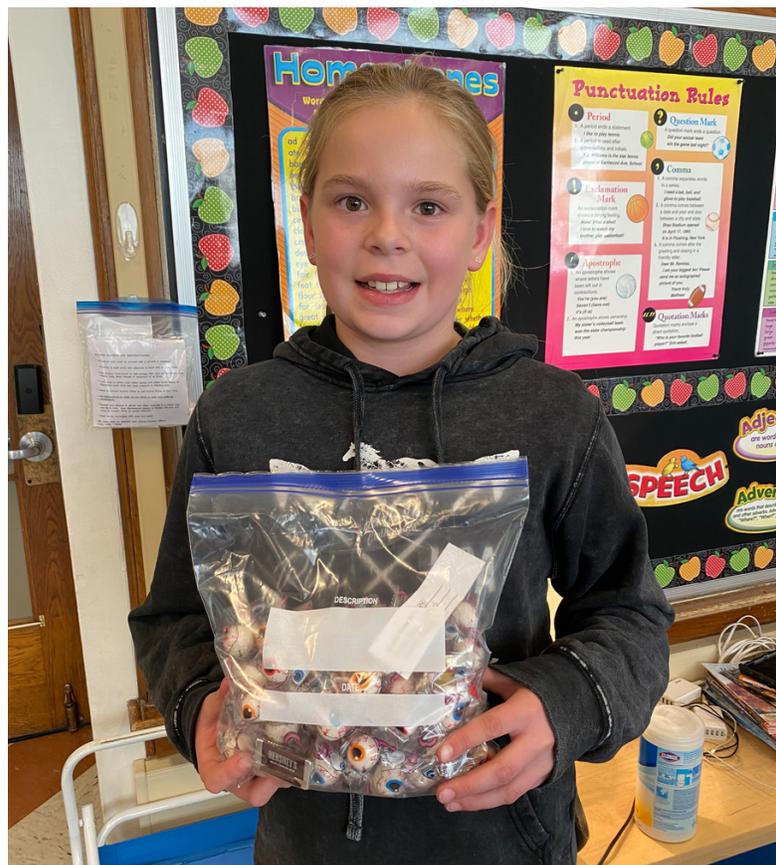
## BOOK FAIR WINNERS

North Star Elementary had a very successful Scholastic Book Fair last week! A coloring contest was held as well as a guessing jar contest. All winners received a special prize!

The top five winners were: 3rd Grade - Emma, Brielle B, Oaklee, Zoe, and Cayd. 4th Grade - Sonya B, Addison, Michaela, Ariella, and Nubian.

Bryn Stefanich won the guessing jar contest! There were 84 pieces of candy in the jar and that was exactly what she guessed. Way to go, Bryn!

A special THANK YOU to Candy Ofstad for all of your hard work with the book fair this year!



# EGHS

## GRADES 7-12

### NO BONES ABOUT IT

In Mr. Ufford's classroom at Rock Ridge High School, Eveleth campus, the Human Anatomy and Physiology I class was dissecting a cow leg bone to learn about the anatomy of the long bones of the human skeleton. They had to find and identify the epiphysis, diaphysis, medullary cavity and periosteum, among other anatomical structures of the long bones.



### FINAL FALL FORMAL AT EGHS

The National Honor Society hosted the last Eveleth-Gilbert Fall Formal on Saturday, October 29, for students in grades 9-12. The NHS students choose a "Roaring 20's" theme to highlight the colors black and gold in honor of their school. Students danced the night away and had a blast making memories with their classmates.



# VHS GRADES 7-12

## ALLOWED TO BE ALOUD

Music classes are in full swing and musicians in band, choir, and orchestra classes have already had some incredible performance opportunities - orchestra students put on a recruitment concert for elementary students, Kantorei sang at Coronation during Homecoming Week, A Capella Choir sang the National Anthem, alongside the EGHS choral students, at the Homecoming football game, and band students have performed pep band songs at numerous sporting events, as well as their annual halftime marching band show at the Homecoming football game.

Secondary music teachers, Daniel Melby, Matt Krage, and Sheila Wilcox, are excited about how things are going this year. "It's not uncommon to end a class feeling more energized," remarked band teacher, Daniel Melby, "and that has made this year fly by. I could not be more proud of my band students. They bring joy to my day, everyday."

Choir teacher, Matt Krage, shares the sentiment of joy this year. "After a few challenging years, it has been great to rediscover our normal routine in the choir department, with performances, honor choirs, and festivals all making this one the best openings to a school year in my recent memory."

"I'm enjoying all of the learning happening around me each day," orchestra teacher, Sheila Wilcox added, "and it is so great to see students interacting musically with each other and helping each other out."

All music teachers are looking forward to their upcoming fall and winter concerts. The 7-12 band concert will be on Monday, November 21, at 7:30 p.m. The 5-12 orchestra concert will be on Tuesday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. The 7-8 choirs can be heard on Monday, December 12, at 7:00 p.m., with the 9-12 choir concert on Thursday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m. All concerts listed above will be held in Goodman Auditorium at VHS.



L-R Mr. Matt Krage, Tye Hiltunen, Wrenna Galloway, Ever Bernthal, Dani Logan, Ellie Norvitch, and Jolie Stocke pose with "Champ" after the UMD Vocal Honors Festival Concert on October 24th.



Participants in the UMD Honor Orchestra:  
 Front Row: Natalie Stahl, Lynette Pearson, Maleina Duffy  
 Back Row: Luke Hecimovich, Delia Alger, Quaid Peterson

The Rock Ridge Marching Band prepares for the 2022 Homecoming Show





Are you creative? Are you a musician? Do you have a passion for school spirit?

With our new career academy high school opening next fall, Rock Ridge needs a school song to unite us all as Wolverines! The district is now accepting submissions for our new school song!  
Take your chance at creating the BEST school song today!

Maybe you have a great melody you can sing along with on your guitar, or perhaps you enjoy writing piano music! You might even have a friend that is a great writer and you would like to team up!

All submissions must be emailed to [chad.hazelton@rrps.org](mailto:chad.hazelton@rrps.org) by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 2022. Submissions MUST include melody and lyrics, and each submission will be approximately 90 seconds in length. Lyrics written to existing melodies will be considered, and submissions can be audio, video, or written format. Questions regarding criteria or process should be directed to [chad.hazelton@rrps.org](mailto:chad.hazelton@rrps.org).

After all submissions have been gathered, a committee will meet to review and decide on the top three submissions. Following, Rock Ridge stakeholders will have an opportunity to vote on their favorite school song, with a decision being announced prior to the end of this school year.

Good luck- we can't wait to hear your submission! Go Wolverines!

