

Smoke Signals

12.9.11.

History Fair- By: Gabbie Morrow

It is that time again for 8th grade history fair. The 8th graders have put a lot of hard work into all of these projects. I would like to congratulate Kiernan Robinson, Brian Bernadoni, Libby Gehant, Tanja Acomovic, Alex Cattani, Hayleigh Olson, Alicyn Olson, and Gabbie Morrow for their first place victories in history fair. Everyone in the class did a wonderful job. All of the backboards

were very creative and the research on all of the projects was very interesting and fascinating. The first place winners will be able to participate in Regionals, which will be at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb IL on Saturday, February 25, 2012.



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Spirit Week- By: Michael Manning

Spirit Week is from Monday October, 17th to Thursday October, 20th. It is the week of the first boys' basketball game. The cheerleaders put on this extravaganza. It is really fun. It consists of days wear you wear different themed clothes to school. On Monday, the theme was twin day. There was also a pep rally on Monday. On Tuesday, the theme was pajama day. You could wear your pajamas to school. On Wednesday, the theme was old person day. On old person day you could dress like an old person. The last day of spirit week was on Thursday, Thursday was red and white day, red and white being our schools colors. On Thursday you wore red and white. Thursday was also the first boys' basketball game of the season. The Ladd Indians beat Malden in the 7th and 8th grade games. Spirit week was a blast.

Constitution Test

By: Gabbie Morrow

The 8th grade class is now working on the federal constitution test. Mrs. Manning is doing a magnificent job teaching them. They have been working since the beginning of the year and now it is getting close to the time for the test. The test will be on November 2nd 2011. The Constitution test is an 8th grade requirement, which means the children must pass to successfully graduate 8th grade.

Mrs. Manning has been teaching the 8th graders everything there is to know about the constitution. For example, they have learned about the three branches of our government and what goes on in each of them. The three branches of government are the legislative branch, the executive branch, and the judicial branch. The job of the legislative branch is to make laws, the executive branch enforces the laws and the judicial branch interprets, or explains the laws. I would like to wish all of the 8th grade class good luck, and I hope they do very well on the test.



Food Drive-

By: Gabby Englehaupt

Yum! Yum! Yum! How was your Thanksgiving? The week before Thanksgiving and the week of Thanksgiving, Student Council hosted their annual Thanksgiving food drive. The teams consisted of Thanksgiving foods such as turkey, pumpkin pie, gravy, and many more. All of the teams did very well but there was only one winner and that was team turkey. CONGRATULATIONS TEAM TURKEY!! Team turkey is 2011 Thanksgiving champs. They will be receiving a mystery prize. CONGRATULATIONS!!



Basketball Update-

By: Michael Manning

Boys' Basketball started on Thursday October 20th. Both the 7th and 8th grade teams won their first games. Here is some feedback on what the players think about the upcoming season, and how they think the teams will do. The players are very confident they will have a good season and could win the conference on both levels. I believe this is true both teams being 3 wins no losses. The 8th grade team won their first and third games by about 40 points, while the second game was won with a very small margin. The 7th grade team won all three of their games by almost 30 points. Good luck to all the players. In the last week of November the 7th grade team has won all their conference games except one.



What do you want for Christmas?-

By: Gabbie Morrow

3rd Grade

Claire Morrow wants a Crayon Maker.

Amber Meagher wants an iPod Case.

Mackenzie Galetti wants a Fidget Friend.

Merlyn Updick wants an Orbee soothing spa.

5th Grade

Bryn Robinson wants books.

Reilly Robinson wants a motor scooter.

Addie French wants a DSI.

Riely Barrow wants a new Skateboard.



4th Grade

Antonia Cattani wants an iPod.

Tea Cattani wants a Kindle.

Austin Heinecke wants a Pogo Stick.

Bobby Groleau wants an iPod touch.

Family Christmas Traditions

By: Emily Breland

Do you have any family Christmas traditions? Here are some traditions from 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. First, I interviewed Matthew Dunseth and Westley Schmidt. Matthew Dunseth said, "We help each other with snow plowing and we take turns." Westley Schmidt said, "My family goes out and cuts their own Christmas tree down." Next, I interviewed Simon Burcham and Tori Coble. Simon Burcham said, "We go to my grandparent's house, eat, and open presents." Tori Coble said, "My aunt comes every Christmas Eve, eat, and open presents." Then, I interviewed Payton Baker and Brooke Keegan. Payton Baker said, "My family eats special cheese on Christmas." Brooke Keegan said, "We go to my grandma's house and then watch Christmas specials the next day."

New Students and Smoke Signal Members-

By- Erin Biccochi and Emily Breland

Did you see any new faces around the school? This 2011-2012 school year we have many new students. In first and second grade there are 2 each. In third grade there is 1. In fourth, fifth, and sixth grade there are 2 each. In seventh and eighth there is 1 each. There are many new smoke signals members, Gabtoo, Gabbie Morrow in 8th grade, Erin Biccochi in 6th by Englehaupt, Payton Linig, Evan Sartain, Emily Breland, and Jenna Parente in 5th grade. Our opinion having these new students and smoke signals members will enhance our school by making our school newspaper more interesting and having more character at our school.





Toy Drive By: Linnea Lee-Brown

This year student council had a toy drive again to collect toys for children. This year we had 22 toys donated. All the toys are being given to people in need. Everybody did a good job with bringing in toys!



December Current Events-

By: Linnea Lee-Brown

1st- 8:30- 11:00 8th grade takes Henry; Toy Drive

Hall placement test; 6:00 5/6 BBK vs.

2nd- 2:50 dismissal; 5-6:00 Market Day pickup; Toy Drive continues

3rd- BVEC 8th BBK Tourney @ BVS 10:00/11:15

5th- 11:00 pep assembly; DIBELS/MAP; BVEC 8th BBK Tourney @ BVS 6:00- 7:15

6th- DIBELS/MAP

7th- DIBELS/MAP; DARE 5th and 2nd; 2:20 Dismissal for Staff Development; BVEC 8th BBK Tourney@ BVS

8th- DIBELS/MAP 8th grade-Illinois Constitution Test; BVEC 8th BBK Tourney @ BVS 6:00-7:15

9th- 2:50 dismissal; DIBELS/MAP; 6:00 5/6 BBK vs. St. Francis

10th- 7-10:00 Gr. 7 & 8 Above the Influence Event at Hall High School (Permission Forms due before 12-9)

12th- 10:00 rehearsal; 2:20 dismissal; 7:00 Winter Concert

13th- MAP testing; 5:00 7/8 BBK @ JFK

14th- MAP testing

15th- MAP testing; school store open during lunch

16th- 2:50 dismissal; MAP testing; 6:00 5/6 BBK vs. Putnam County

17th- 10:00 5/6 BBK vs. Fieldcrest

20th- PTO Parties: K- 12:00, 1st-8th - 2:05; 4:15 5/6 BBK @ Henry; 7:00 Tax Levy Hearing/Board of Education Meeting

21st- Winter Break Begins No School

22nd- 30th- Winter Break No School

Winter Concert Jenna Parente

By: Erin Biccoci and

Are you planning on attending the Ladd School winter concert this year? This year's concert will be better than ever. It is going to be better than ever because Mrs. Ribas has been working with the classes since the beginning of the school year to make it a big hit. There will be all sorts of holiday songs from "Trim up the Tree" to "Walking in a Winter Wonderland." There will be performances by K-6th, Beginner Band, Choir, and Advanced Band. Hope you can come and enjoy the concert.

Christmas Word Search By: Jenna Parente

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- Winter
- December
- Snowflakes
- Snowman
- Hot chocolate
- Snowball
- Gold weather
- Peppermint
- Fireplace
- Stockings
- Presents
- Christmas
- Decorated tree
- Holly
- Mistletoe
- Bright lights
- Cheer
- Shovels
- Snow drifts
- Snow plow
- Jingle bells
- Caroling
- Santa
- Reindeer
- Sleigh
- mittens