

# THE FINDLEY FOCUS

Findley Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter

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*"Aim high! Believe! Dream Big!"*

## Mark your calendars!

December 9th—4th & 5th Grade Fine Arts Night

December 9th & 10th—Visiting Artist, Jamin Carter

December 11th—4th & 5th John Deere Financial Performance

December 20th-January 4th—Winter Break

## WE ARE A PBIS SCHOOL!

(Positive Behavior

Intervention and Support)

RESPECT Self

RESPECT Others

RESPECT Property

RESPECT Learning

## 10 Tips for a Healthy Holiday

1. Use soap when washing your hands.
2. Spend 20 seconds washing your hands, wrists, under your fingernails.
3. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
  4. Avoid touching your nose, eyes and mouth.
  5. Use disposable tissues.
6. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
7. Avoid sharing food or eating utensils with others.
8. Eat healthy foods, such as fruits and vegetables.
9. Drink plenty of water.
10. If you are sick, stay home and get lots of rest.

*Stay safe and healthy this Holiday Season!*



## Kickin' it at the Curb

### Hot Cocoa Event

Thanks to the Findley staff who met parents at the curb with hot chocolate to warm them up. It sure was cold out but staff had a

great time

meeting and

greeting the

families and

friends of our

Findley students.

## 1st Grade Tableaus

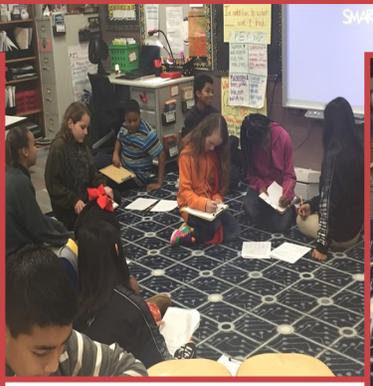
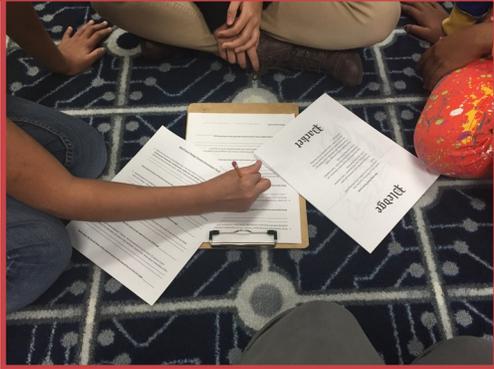
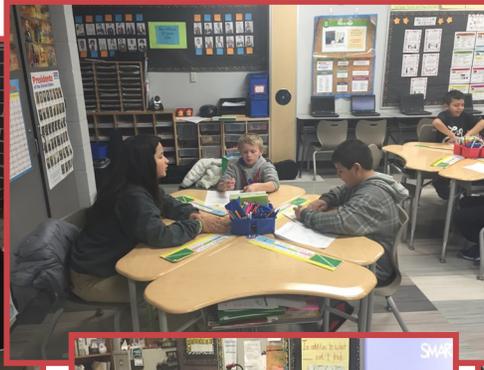
Students in Ms Nelson's first grade classroom plan and create a tableau during reading comprehension. (Pictured: A.J. Ortega, Ana Marie Martinez, Ella Marshall, Chris Lessmann, David Borilla)

## FREE COLLEGE SAVINGS ACCOUNT

If you haven't signed up your child for their FREE College Savings Account from Des Moines "I Have a Dream", please email or call Heather Isaacson to do so. You will need a parent email address and your child's social security or tax ID number. *A one-hour parent orientation earns \$30 into your child's account!* We will hold more orientations second semester, so please watch your email and the newsletter for more information! Heather's contact information: 515-971-3705 or [heather.isaacson@dmschools.org](mailto:heather.isaacson@dmschools.org)



# FINDLEY'S MISSION: *Creating big dreamers and high Achievers!*



## **Harding Mentors**

Written by Maya Quintanilla, 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Harding Mentors have made a huge impact on Findley scholars. The Harding students have visited Findley fifth graders three times this year. We play educational, yet fun activities and learn about how school works at Harding. My mentor told me she joined a group called Wolfpack. It is a group for students who are the leaders of the school. Wolfpack is similar to the K.O.O.L. Kids at Findley. Harding Mentors help students develop a positive feeling about going to middle school. Harding Mentors help Findley Scholars!

## **2nd Grade Weather Celebration**

2nd graders showed off their learning on November 25th by having a celebration all about what they've learned during their weather unit. Students made fact and opinion books as well as art pieces depicting the different weather events.



## **Winter Weather**

Outdoor recess is an important and valuable part of our school day. Some days, however, it is just too cold to go outside during the noon hour. But how cold is cold? In the Fairbanks Alaska North Star School District, outdoor recess is only cancelled when the temperature reaches 20 degrees below zero. In Des Moines, we are more cautious about cold weather. We will go outside for recess when the outdoor temperature is 15 degrees or above. Please send your child in a warm coat, hat, and mittens.

## **Read books, earn bucks!**

All Findley students were encouraged to read 500 minutes at home during the month of November. It's not too late for students to return parent-signed book logs to classroom teachers. Help your child to earn \$30 in his or her college savings account!

## **HiSET Classes**

Findley parents/guardians who want to complete their high school diploma can sign up for a FREE HiSET class (the new GED program) at Findley. Please call Heather Isaacson for information: 515-971-3705 or email [Heather.Isaacson@dmschools.org](mailto:Heather.Isaacson@dmschools.org). You must be able to attend a three-hour orientation on Thursday, January 8 from 5 - 8 PM in the Findley computer lab.