

THE FINDLEY FOCUS

Findley Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter

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¡SI SE PUEDE!

Mark your calendars!

December 10th—2nd & 3rd Grade Fine Arts Night
December 10th—3rd Grade John Deere Financial Performance
December 22nd—PBIS Sing-a-long
December 23rd through January 3rd—Winter Break
January 4th—Classes Resume

WE ARE A PBIS SCHOOL!

(Positive Behavior
Intervention and Support)
RESPECT Self
RESPECT Others
RESPECT Property
RESPECT Learning

Building Big Dreams!

You can't help but notice the big machinery on our playground. In order for construction to begin on our new multi-purpose room and kitchen, city storm water lines need to be re-positioned. Then, as soon as the ground thaws in the spring, workers will break ground for the new addition. A portion of the walking track is temporarily out, but Findley students know to use the track as far as possible and then loop back. Thank you for helping your child stay off the playground when gates are locked after hours. We look forward to the construction progress we will see each week.

Counseling Corner

As we approach the end of 2015, it is crucial that we all take a moment to reflect on the past 12 months. For many of us we can recall a majority of the positives and negatives that occurred. Taking time to look at the past helps guide us as we prepare for the future. During classroom counseling in December, all students will practice the art of reflection and create goals for the New Year. As a parent or guardian, make time to sit down with your child and talk to them about their future hopes and ambitions. Without a doubt, 2016 is going to be a great for all Findley students, families, and staff!

-Miss Dehner, School Counselor

School Grounds & Playground

The playground is closed during school hours for use by our school—this includes the YMCA until 6:00pm, when they end their after school program.

When it is dark, our playground is closed to the public for safety. Children need to be supervised at all times, including weekends. Students that are dismissed earlier than our students (high school and middle school) need to follow Findley's expectations at all times. Please remind students that they should not be in the street—we want our students safe!

November 10, 2015

2nd-3rd Grade Fine Arts Night

Please join us for a night of the arts at Findley!

Highlights: Concerts, Student Art Exhibition, Artsonia, Information booths from I Have a Dream, Central College, DMACC, and free family photos. Also, please bring a non-perishable food if you are able.

2nd Grade:

5:15-5:45 pm: Families view art exhibit, register for prize, and visit booths.
5:45 pm: 2nd grade students meet in music room (families to be seated in the gym).
6:00: 2nd grade concert in the gym.
6:30: All done!

3rd Grade:

6:15-6:45 pm: Families view art exhibit, register for prize, and visit booths.
6:45 pm: 3rd grade students meet in music room (families to be seated in the gym).
7:00 3rd grade concert
7:30 All done!

Let's have 100% attendance at Fine Arts Night! See you there!

BUNDLE UP

Please make sure that your child(ren) is dressed warmly when he/she comes to school! Students need a winter coat, hat, and mittens/gloves to keep them warm and comfortable during these cold months ahead. Unless it is raining or snowing, students will have outdoor recess every day that the temperature is above 18 degrees F.

WINTER FUN

Let's focus on outdoor physical activity, especially during the upcoming winter break. Many people think that playing outside in the winter is not possible.

Actually, many of the activities you like to do in warmer months can also be done in the cold....just with a few more clothes. Whether at the park or at home, a winter obstacle course is a fun way to get up and get moving. Here is how you can build your obstacle course: *scoop out paths in the snow. *make piles of snow to crawl over. *if you have a play set in your yard or at a playground, weave in and out of swings, climb up and down ladders, go down slides. *use hula hoops to crawl through. Also, outside nature scavenger hunts can be a way to get the whole family outside and involved in physical activity. Be sure to protect against the cold by wearing loose layers of clothing, hats, snow boots, mittens or gloves and taking breaks to dry off wet clothing. A simple scavenger hunt trying is a great way to stay active! Find these items on your scavenger hunt :nest, squirrel. pine cone, cardinal, leaf, evergreen needles, nut, feather, seed pods.

Stay active! Nurse Cynthia

FINDLEY'S MISSION:

Building big dreamers and high achievers!

THE GIFT OF GIVING

On the afternoon of December 2nd, Findley gave away 205 coats, 190 gloves, 273 hats, 102 snow pants, 17 boots, 33 scarves to our Findley families thanks to generous donations from around the community. Thank you to our school counselor, Ms Dehner for organizing this event which involved many hours of preparation. A special thanks to everyone who participated to make sure our Findley students and families are safe and warm this winter!



College of the Month

College	Iowa State University
Type	Public
Location	Ames, IA
Student Size	18,085
Top Majors	Business/Marketing, Engineering, Agriculture
Degrees Offered	Bachelors, Masters, Doctorate
Tuition	\$7,736
Average Financial Aid Award	\$12,146
Findley Staff: Alumni	Mrs. Adams – <i>Principal</i> Mrs. Campero – <i>Kindergarten Teacher</i> Mrs. Fontanini – <i>Instructional Coach</i> Ms. Tellinghuisen – <i>Special Ed Teacher</i> Mrs. Quigley – <i>Special Ed Teacher</i> Mrs. Varghese – <i>ELL Teacher</i> Mrs. Ware - <i>Interventionist</i> Mr. Williams – <i>5th Grade Teacher</i>