

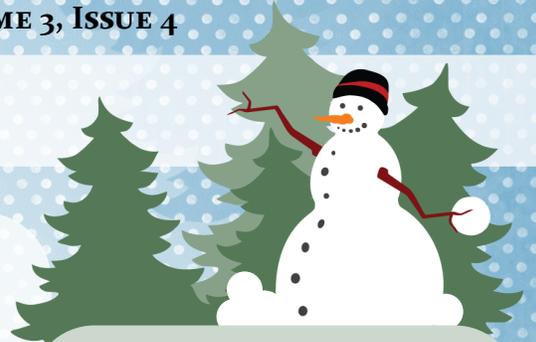
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THE FINDLEY FOCUS

Findley Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter

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*"When the bold branches bid farewell to rainbow leaves—
welcome the wool sweaters." - B. Cybrill*



Cold Lunch Update

All students receive a free breakfast and hot lunch at Findley, but students can bring a healthy cold lunch in place of the hot lunch if they choose to do so. In order for our food and nutrition staff to meet the required guidelines, students must take a full breakfast or lunch in order for it to be free. This means if your child brings a cold lunch, but wants to have a school milk they will have to purchase the milk. I know it seems a bit crazy, but these guidelines are made at the State level. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Traffic Safety

As the weather starts to turn and the roads and sidewalks become less than favorable, I continue to ask that you are extra cautious when dropping your child off in the morning and picking up in the afternoon. Please continue to cross at crosswalks instead of cutting through traffic; which is highly dangerous for everyone. Please pull up to the drop off/pick up lane and only let your child get out or in the vehicle on the sidewalk side. This avoids students having to walk out into the street. Thank you for working with us to keep Findley students as safe as possible.

Winter Clothing

The weather has turned on us quickly this year. Please make sure to send your child in a warm coat, hat, and mittens daily. We'll go outside on days where the temperature is 15 degrees or above. Once the snow falls boots are also highly encouraged. Thank you for helping us keep students warm at recess!

Parent Volunteers

Findley is always looking for parent volunteers during the school day to either help with preparation of student materials or classroom activities. If you are interested in volunteering, please see the office to complete the volunteer paperwork. The paperwork takes about five days to process which consists of a background check. Thank you for considering supporting our classrooms and students!

FINDLEY SHOE EVENT

LoLo Jones and the nonprofit organization of Samaritan Feet will be donating one pair of shoes to every Findley student on Tuesday, December 17. This is an exciting event that we're excited to host. They are looking for volunteers, if you are interested in helping please contact Mrs. Owen. More information along with a permission slip will be coming home closer to the event's date.

Mark your calendars!

- December 12th**—4th and 5th grade Fine Arts Night!
- December 17th**—Lolo Jones visits Findley; gifting a pair of shoes for every student!
- December 19th**—Drama Club winter performance; you won't want to miss this Shakespearean event!
- December 23rd –January 1st**—Winter Break

Student Spotlight



Daniella Cabral, from 2nd grade had her artwork chosen for some of the district's holiday season cards! Congratulations, Daniella!



Aimee Mukiza, Enya Cid, and Richaila Edmonds from 5th grade traveled to Washington D.C. in November to share with the President's Committee how Turnaround Arts has impacted them in a way that has caused them to dream big and reach for their future.



KITCHEN SAFETY FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

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

Classroom Spotlights

First graders have been reading fiction literature and making text-to-self and text-to-text connections. Students have completed the Trimester 1 math assessment and are practicing the addition and subtraction strategies plus and minus zero, plus and minus one, and plus and minus two, as well as word problems.

Students in Miss Jorgensen's 1st and 3rd grade art classes used science this past month to create their own paint! One part shaving cream and one part glue makes for the perfect puff paint; even add food coloring!

*Never leave a hot stove unattended--unattended food on the stove is the number one cause of home fires.

*Cook on the back burners if possible, and turn all handles toward the back of the stove.

*Make sure children are able to follow directions and possess coordination skills before allowing them to handle hot items or use knives.

*Don't allow children to wear loose fitting clothes when helping at the stove---long, loose sleeves can easily ignite if they come too close to the stove burner.

*Young children should not take foods out of the oven or microwave. Older

children should be reminded to hold the cooking utensils level and use potholders.

*Scald burns from hot liquids or steam are the most common type of burns among young children. Don't let children too close when draining foods cooked in boiling water.

*The MOST IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTION IN THE KITCHEN IS CONSTANT, CLOSE, ATTENTIVE SUPERVISION. Simply being in the same room as a child is not necessarily supervising.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season! **Nurse Cynthia**



Fourth and Fifth grade drama club members spent the morning of October 31st in drama workshops with the North High School students. That same afternoon, they watched a performance of Wicked at the Civic Center.



WE ARE A PBIS SCHOOL!
(Positive Behavior Intervention and Support)
RESPECT Self
RESPECT Others
RESPECT Property
RESPECT Learning

THANKFUL FOR OUR THANKFUL BREAKFAST

November 19th's Thankful Breakfast was a huge success thanks to the friends, family, students and staff of Findley! We had over 430 attendees! Pictured below—Left: Dakota Green, 1st grade, and her family. Right: Gabriela Perry-Diaz, Kindergarten and Jose Lopez Jr, 2nd grade enjoy breakfast with family.



FINDLEY FALL FESTIVAL—SUCCESS!

Findley's Annual Fall Festival was held November 7 on the playground. There was much to do including leaf rubbing drawings, Apple Bucket Bobbing, pumpkin decorating, and eating delicious caramel apples and pizza. A large crowd of families enjoyed a crisp fall evening. Fall Family Photos will be available this month!

Left: Fourth grade teacher Schelsy Smith runs the Apple Bucket Bobbing booth for students Ana Marie Martinez, Savannah Vongsaphay, Nola Vivanh, and Skyler Fongdara. Middle: Fourth graders Kelvin Martinez and Colby Chiles enjoy their caramel apples. Right: Vann Sangster, Oliver Martinez-Morales, Johnny Castro, Enya Cid, and Troy Abarrr have fun decorating fall pumpkins.

