

# THE FINDLEY FOCUS

Findley Elementary School's Monthly Newsletter

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*"While I relish our warm months, winter forms our character and brings out our best." - T. Allen*

## Mark your calendars!

March 4th—2nd/3rd Fine Arts Night

March 6th—5th graders to North High for rehearsal: 11:30-2:00

Northside Night at North High School, 7:00 pm

March 7th—Kindergarten to Civic Center

March 11th—March Madness Breakfast, 8am.

March 14th through 23rd—Spring Break (No School)

March 25th—DM Symphony Children's Concert, 4th & 5th Grade to Civic Center

March 26th—Kindergarten Registration, 1pm-7pm

## Proposed Attendance Boundaries for 2015-2016

Des Moines Public School District is currently exploring the change of attendance areas for all schools in Des Moines. Please go to the

<http://www.dmschools.org/elementary-school-attendance-areas/>

and take a look at the proposed changes to Findley's area. These changes are still in the proposal phase and are scheduled to take place for the 2015-2016 school year. Please let Mrs. Owen know if you have any questions or suggestions for Findley's proposed area.

## March Madness!

Tuesday, March 11th at 8:00. Parents and families of Findley students are welcome to attend. Everyone who comes gets breakfast pizza, juice, and coffee. Findley students will also receive a free book, and regular breakfast. Family photos will be taken as well as photo opportunities to take pictures with college athletes and mascots!

## Cheer on our students!

On March 11, we have 3 students who will be participating in the special olympics Iowa Young Athlete Play Activity Day. It's an introduction to several different athletic events that future special olympics athletes may choose to participate in.

## Did you know?

Des Moines Public Schools offers **FREE** Early Childhood education programs for 3 and 4 year olds! (Children must be 3 or 4 by September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to participate).

**Head start enrollment** begins Monday, February 24, 2014; **Kindergarten Registration** is March 26th from 1pm-7pm. Call 242-7862 to make an appointment. **Universal Preschool enrollment** begins ONLINE at [www.dmschools.org](http://www.dmschools.org) on Monday, March 10, 2014. To register or for more information please call 515-242-7588 or visit Des Moines Public Schools Welcome Center at

1301 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

# FINDLEY'S MISSION:

## *Creating big dreamers and high Achievers!*

### 3rd Grade Math and More

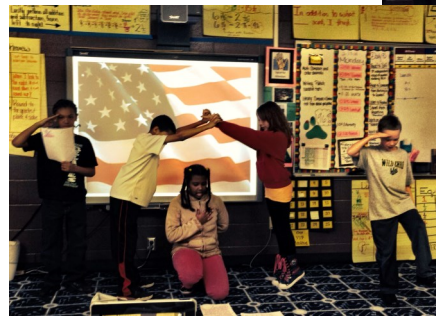
Third graders are learning about area and perimeter in math. Ask your student when you would need to find the area and when you would need to find the perimeter in the real world.

Ask your students to tell you what renewable energy sources are and why they are important. We are learning about why fossil fuels are not good for our environment and how they will eventually run out. We have been talking about renewable energy sources such as solar energy, geothermal energy, and wind powered energy.

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

### 5th Grade Update

Fifth graders used tableaus to celebrate President's Day! They worked in groups and studied the Preamble.



### Going on a Bear Hunt!

Kindergarten is going on a Bear Hunt at the Civic Center on March 7th! They have been working hard with Ms. Yvette from the Civic Center to get ready for the big show!

### 2nd Grade

Mark your calendar for the upcoming math night on **March 26th at 6:30**. We are excited to show you all the new strategies students are learning to solve multi-digit addition and subtraction! It will be a fun filled learning event. Look for more information in Monday folders!

In the month of March we will also begin our next writing genre, which is poetry! Ask your children what types of poems they are reading AND writing! They will be publishing poetry books. In reading we will begin studying the message, moral and theme of literature while reading the book Saddako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. Everyone in class will have their own copy of the book. This is a book that takes place after the bombings of Hiroshima. It has a strong message of peace and friendship. Please feel free to contact Ms. Budreau if you have any questions or concerns.