

The W-E School of Innovation

The Spark Remark

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A message from Mr. Patrick

Important dates:

12/14 Blue Day
Little Red Schoolhouse -
4th grade House Seekers

12/15 Green Day

12/16 White Day

12/17 Blue Day

12/18 No Color
Around the World Party in
afternoon

12/21- WINTER BREAK,
01/03, return 01/04/16

Unless there is a snow day,
when we return from break
on 01/04/16, it will be a
Green Day!

The Cleveland Police Department visited the School of Innovation today to present our school a plaque honoring the service we have provided in helping them make the holiday season better for children. As a school we donated 228 stockings for needy children in NE Ohio! Not bad for a school of only 225 students!

We were all surprised when a large man in a red suit showed up! Santa spoke to our students, discussed the spirit of the holidays, and even SANG some songs! I couldn't help myself! I had to join the fun!

I would like to thank you all for the incredible job you are doing raising your children. We have some of the nicest, well-mannered, hard working boys and girls I have ever met. They make me think, laugh, and learn every day! They are enjoying helping others and not looking for what is in it for them! I am a proud principal!

As always, thank you for your continued support, Mr. Patrick

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Greeting Cards for our U.S. Sailors

A few months back students at the School of Innovation wrote holiday greeting cards to U.S. Sailors stationed overseas. We recently received some e-mails and pictures from excited sailors very grateful for our students and their acts of kindness. Stay safe and come home soon! Thank you for keeping America safe!



W-E SOI PTO PAGE

The W-E SOI PTO has planned a fun holiday party for our students! On Friday an Around-the-World Party will take place in the afternoon. The celebration will center around 4 different holiday traditions. The traditions include Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Christmas and Diwali. A big thank you to all that volunteered. We do not need any more help for this party. This sounds like GREAT fun!



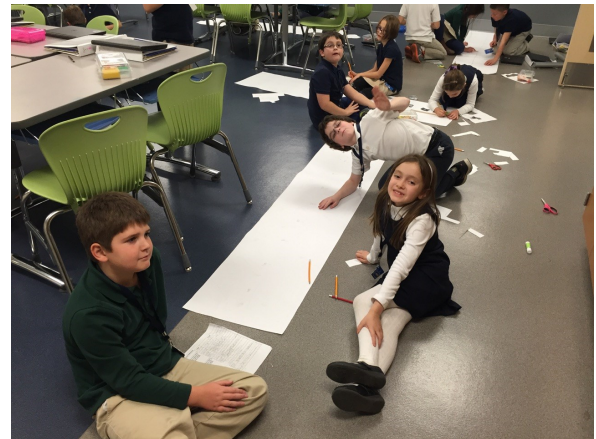
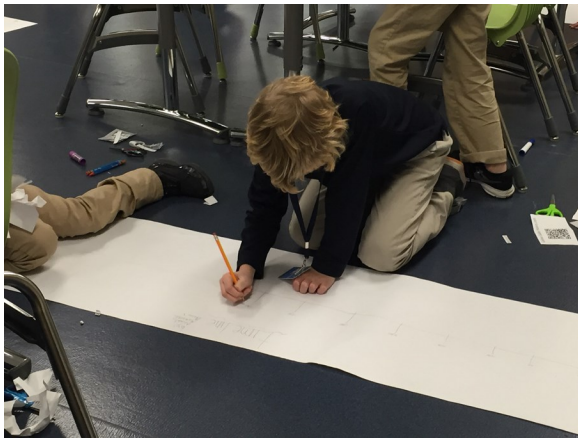
We are currently at 40% of our goal of \$1,250.00. Remember to check boxes and bags as you are doing your holiday baking and cooking. There are Box Tops on Land O'Lakes butter! Please use the attached sheet to send in Box Tops. Check for expiration dates. Attach only with glue or tape. Please, no staples! As always, thank you for your support! Mrs. Legerski

3rd grade Weekly Update

WEEKLY UPDATE: We were busy this week finishing up our timelines that we will show off to 4th and 5th grade next week! We also are planning an experiment with matter to observe the 3 states. In the FAB LAB we are using design software to make a holiday surprise. It is high tech fun! We worked hard on MAP testing in ELA. We also found time to take the state AIR ELA assessment!

In Math we practiced strategies for multiplication facts, strategies for division and used fractions and multiplication/division to create timelines. Please remember to use Xtra Math or another method for practice math facts.

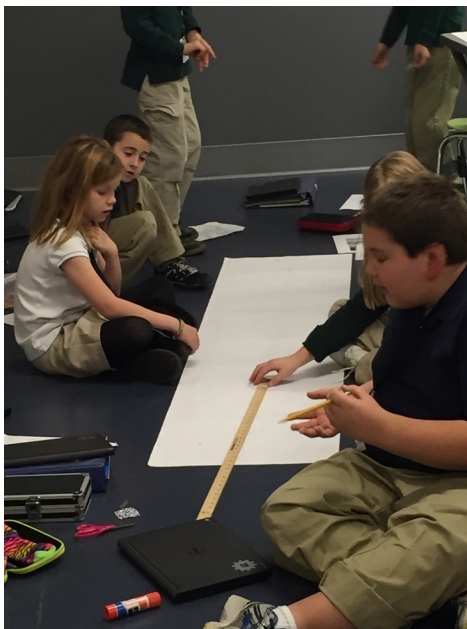
We will be MAP testing on and off before winter break, be sure to get to sleep early and have a good breakfast.



Hot Topics

Some conversation prompts for you to ask your child:

- “What artifacts did your group include on your timeline?”
- “What is one fun fact you learned about your invention and or inventor?”
- “What was your group’s plan for the matter experiment?”
- “What song did Mr. Patrick attempt to sing with Santa?”



4th grade Weekly Update

WEEKLY UPDATE: The students did a great job presenting their PowToons videos to each other. There were some great costumes! Students are now working on their capstone presentations in the area of fitness, nutrition, or mental wellness. Your child should be working on their project mostly at school, but some kids do need help from home to get supplies. Please check with your child to see what he/she needs for their project. We will be presenting their capstone projects to the 3rd and 5th graders next Thursday.

This week the fourth graders also participated in the Hour of Code using www.code.org. They loved it! Next week, we will finalize our capstone projects and math contracts are due no later than Friday. Students will have time at school to finish the contracts, they will NOT be going home to be finished. Please encourage your child to use his/her time wisely this upcoming week. Just a reminder, all Seekers will go to the Little Red Schoolhouse on Monday.



Hot Topics



Some conversation prompts for you to ask your child:

- “What is a makey-makey and how did you learn about it?”
- “What materials do you need to finish your capstone project?”
- “What song did Mr. Patrick attempt to sing with Santa?”

5th grade Weekly Update

WEEKLY UPDATE: The students did an awesome job this week presenting at Biography Tea. Thank you to everyone who was able to take time out and attend. We are now finishing up essays about their Biography person for Writing class. The students also journeyed on a virtual field trip with the NASA Johnson Space Station in Houston, Texas.

They really impressed the NASA educator with all of their knowledge about space. They then completed a test on Friday over Earth and Space Science. In Social Studies, the students continue to complete their multi-tier timeline about their Biography person and Historical events during the life of their person. They will try to find relationships between some of the events. The end of the Second Quarter is Friday, December 18th.



Hot Topics

Some conversation prompts for you to ask your child:

- “What did you like most about Biography Tea?”
- “Tell me a couple of things you learned or talked about during your virtual field trip with NASA?”
- “What song did Mr. Patrick attempt to sing with Santa?”



Encore Weekly Update

Music: The band just took their first playing test and most of them did really well. I was pleasantly surprised with the progress of our students (this is the first time I have taught 5th grade band, so I didn't quite know what to expect). For those who struggled, they will have the opportunity to take the test again next week, so practice, practice, practice! In all the other music classes, we reviewed for a test. Some of the students asked in surprise, "Wait, we have a test in music?!?" Yes, you have a test in music! A practice test and answer key is posted in Google classroom, so study!



Art/Design: All grades were introduced to Zentangle Art. Ask your child what zentangle is and how they used their zentangle art object. We continue to learn how to use FAB LAB equipment and design our creations. The students love creating!

Professional Speaker Series

The School of Innovation welcomed Dr. Rick Rodriguez on Wednesday morning as part of our Professional Speaker Series. Dr. Rodriguez is a Neonatologist at The Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Rick talked to the students about helping families in a time of crisis, the deep appreciation people feel when he can help them, and his sense of pride he has when helping others. Dr. Rick also explained the incredible amount of studying he must do even now! 4 years of college, 4 years of medical school, and 6 total years after that of residence! 14 years worth it to help others in his book! We enjoyed your presentation and were glad you were able to visit on your grand-daughter Leah's birthday! Thank you!

