

Tiger Times

At Krause Later Elementary

Main Line- 784.2640
Attendance Line-
784.2641

Festival of Foods & Hands-On Science



4th graders sampling food from France during the Festival of Foods



4th Grade Social Studies Fun

Our fourth grade's recent Festival of Foods was a HUGE success! Students were challenged to bring in favorite family recipes and samples for classmates to taste on Thursday, January 19th. The fourth grade staff compiled all of the recipes, talked about the cultural importance of foods, charted the number of dishes from each country, and en-

couraged students to try different delicious treats! Most students stayed with traditional American treats, such as cookies, cupcakes, etc. (go figure!), while others tried stuffed cabbage, pierogies, tamales, and much more.

5th Grade Owl Pellet Project

Students in Mrs. Paxton and Mrs. Cmarik's class learned a great deal about the diet of

U.S. owls by dissecting owl pellets last week. Among other things, the students learned about the difference in digestive systems for some animals while charting the bones found in the pellets. As you can imagine, our students were intrigued by the dissection process and loved getting the opportunity to see science "up close"!

Right, Tariq Dabain and George Ferrari study their work



Above, Savannah Sleboda and Anna Barbret finish the dissection



Special points of interest:

- Family Fun Night February 3rd- 6:00-7:30
- Mid-Winter Break- Feb. 17th-20th; School Resumes Feb. 21st
- New Me Parent Meeting 7:00 Feb. 27th in library; 1:00 Feb. 29th Room 136
- Star Lab-February 27th & 28th

Join us for some Family Fun- Feb.3rd

If you're looking for an inexpensive, fun family activity to beat the mid-winter blahs, you may want to consider venturing out for Family Fun Night on Friday, February 3rd from 6:00-7:30. This fun winter carnival is just around the corner and your participation and assistance

is needed. Our parent group, TCB, does an outstanding job each year with this event, but it cannot happen without your support. Numerous volunteers are needed to run games, collect tickets, pass out prizes, and bake items for the cake walk. If

you are able to volunteer your time, shifts begin at 5:45 and end at 7:00. The second shift runs from 7:00-8:00 (includes clean up time). If you are interested in volunteering your time, please contact TCB at 784-5254 at your convenience.

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Talent Show Fun!

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Mara Collins & Mary Sokolowski performing



Kayli Nieman dancing at the talent show

Armada Education Foundation supports learning initiatives in Armada by awarding over \$15,000 in grants each year.

MEAP Cut Score Changes; Results Coming Soon

The Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) test has been around for over thirty years in Michigan and has served as a standardized assessment measuring reading, writing, mathematics, science, and social studies. Recent changes in how students earn proficiency standards will impact the number of students deemed to be proficient. The test questions have not changed; instead, the number of questions a student must

answer correctly to be considered proficient has. Raising the cut score, or minimum proficiency score, has been done by the Michigan Department of Education to better align with changes coming with the new national curriculum coming next year. This new curriculum called the Common Core Standards will allow students from around the United States to learn a common curriculum whether they are in New York

or Nevada. If you are interested in learning more about the adjustment in cut scores, please consider viewing this short video

www.mistreamnet.com/vidflv.php?who=resal121611

We expect to receive parent MEAP reports in the next few weeks. As soon as we receive these reports from the Michigan Department of Education, we will pass them along to you.

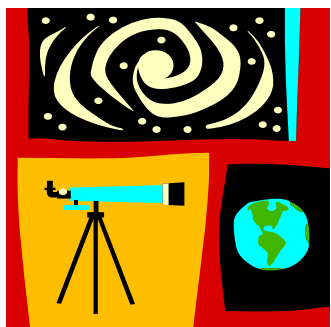
Armada Education Foundation Awards Grants to Mr. K & Mrs. Beskin

The level of support our school district receives from parents, businesses, and community members is second to none. From the thousands of volunteer hours spent in our school each year, to the financial support of our extracurricular activities, our students are provided outstanding opportunities. The Armada Education Foundation (AEF) is a prime example of

the incredible support offered to our staff and students. This non-profit foundation provides grant money each year which has allowed our school to add assemblies, after school activities, software programs, technology, and much more. This year Mr. Kryscynski and Mrs. Beskin submitted grants to improve technology and music offerings for our students. Mr.

Kryscynski's efforts will get our school interactive white board software in math and language arts. Mrs. Beskin's proposal will allow necessary updating of materials for our piano lab. Our students and staff greatly benefit from the support of the Armada Education Foundation and we thank the AEF for the grant awards again this year!

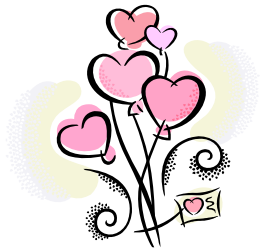
Star Lab Brings Planetarium to Krause



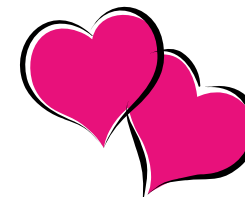
Can you spot Orion's belt? Do you know the story behind this and other constellations? Our students will learn about constellations, planetary positions, and much more after visiting the Star Lab at the end of the month. Mrs. Goulette, a third grade teacher, takes each class for a spin around the universe in this inflatable

planetarium each year. This enormous portable lab takes up the better part of a classroom and provides our children with a closer look at our galaxy. A surprising number of our students have never been to a planetarium and are fascinated by the stars. Some children are particularly impressed that Mrs. Goulette can show

the different star patterns for each season of the year with a simple turn of a dial. Each of our students get to spend a class period exploring in the Star Lab and love having the opportunity to see the stars up close.



February 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 TCB Mtg 9am Market Day ACEP Little Caesar Pick up 2-8	2 ACEP Little Caesar Pick up 2-8	3 Brainstomer's Assembly Family Fun Night 6:00-7:30pm	4
5	6	7 Principal Awards 3:00 pm	8 COUNT DAY	9	10 4th grade Under- ground Railroad Presentation Special Specials Day!	11
12	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15 Wacky/Opposite Day	16	17  NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK	18
19	20  NO SCHOOL MID-WINTER BREAK	21 Board Meeting 7pm	22	23 Third Grade concert 2 pm	24	25
26	27 "New Me" parent meeting 7-9pm	28 Star Lab	29 <u>PICTURE DAY!</u> "New Me" parent mtg 1:00-2:45 pm Market Day Star Lab			



"Breakfast is a great way to start the day"

Milk- \$.50

LUNCH- \$2.60

Reduced Lunch \$.40

February Krause Elementary School

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
30	31	1	2	3
Baked Breaded Whole Grain Chicken Nuggets Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Broccoli Chilled Pears Choice of Milk	Chili Dog Oven Fries Chilled Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk	Popcorn Chicken Bowl Mashed Potatoes Corn Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Stuffed Breadsticks California Mixed Vegetables Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk
Second Choice: Cereal Fun Lunch (Cereal, Hard Boiled Egg, Fruit and Milk)				
6	7	8	9	10
French Toast Stix Sausage Links Tater Tots Applesauce Choice of Milk	Chicken Patty on Bun Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Soft Shell Tacos Corn and Black Bean Salad Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Stuffed Breadsticks Carrot Coins Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk
Second Choice: Ham and Cheese Sub				
13	14	15	16	17
BBQ Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk	Nacho Chips and Cheese Refried Beans Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Wheat Bun Broccoli Cuts Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	Stuffed Breadsticks California Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Choice of Milk	NO SCHOOL MID WINTER BREAK
Second Choice: Nacho Fun Lunch (Tortilla Chips and Cheese, Salsa and Fruit)				
20	21	22	23	24
NO SCHOOL MID WINTER BREAK	Ravioli/Meatsauce Garlic Toast Romaine Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Tossed Romaine Salad Chilled Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Oriental Vegetables Fortune Cookie Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	Stuffed Breadsticks Broccoli Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk
Second Choice: Mini Corndog Nuggets				
<p>If you have questions, Comments or Concerns? Please Call Director of Dining Services Norene Msal at 586-784-2474</p>		<p>In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866)632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.</p>		

January 2012

Dear Armada Area School Parents,

With the high demand for childcare in our district, Armada Childcare is considering extending our childcare summer program for children ages 3 years to 11 year olds. This will run Monday through Friday, 6:00am to 6:00pm starting June 9th. The program will include weekly field trips, planned activities throughout day, water fun, and special visitors. A t-shirt will be provided for our field trips.

The cost for childcare services for the summer is **\$4.20 an hour**. A discount will be given for the second child. There will be a **registration fee of \$45.00 per child** (not per family).

In order to determine whether or not there is a substantial need for such a summer childcare program, we are asking all parents in Armada to fill out the survey on the bottom of this page.

If you are interested in the Armada Childcare Summer Program, please fill out the attached form and return it to Armada Childcare or mail it to the office no later than **February 29th, 2012**.

Armada Early Childhood Program
23900 Armada Center Road
Armada, MI 48005

Thank you for helping our community grow in the early childhood and school age childcare programs

Sincerely,
Sandy VanVyve
Director of Armada Early Childhood Programs

Parent/ Guardian Name _____
Phone Number _____

Child/ Children's Name	Age	Grade
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I will need childcare on the following days and times this summer:

Monday _____ Thursday _____
Tuesday _____ Friday _____
Wednesday _____



TAX HELP FOR FREE

FREE TAX PREPARATION—FEDERAL, STATE, CITY
CLAIM ALL YOUR ELIGIBLE TAX CREDITS
E-FILE AND DIRECT DEPOSIT

OFFERED AT

hope | center
in macomb

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

YOU ARE IF YOUR ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME IS:

- ⇒ **LESS THAN \$50,000 (FAMILY/2 OR MORE PEOPLE)**
- ⇒ **LESS THAN \$25,000 FOR INDIVIDUAL**

**NO CORPORATE RETURNS
NO FOREIGN INCOME**

- **TRAINED & CERTIFIED VOLUNTEERS TO PREPARE RETURNS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**
- **ICAN SELF-PREPARATION COMPUTERS AVAILABLE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ABLE TO FILE THEIR OWN RETURNS**

APPOINTMENTS SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday	6 pm to 8 pm
Wednesday	6 pm to 8 pm
Saturday	9 am to 4 pm

ICAN SELF-PREPARATION COMPUTERS AVAILABLE AS FOLLOWS:

Tuesday	6 pm to 9 pm
Wednesday	6 pm to 9 pm
Saturday	9 am to 5 pm

NOTE: ICAN Computers will shut down at closing - NO EXCEPTIONS

**CALL TO A SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT
586.294.4673**

Hope Center in Macomb
33222 Groesbeck Highway in Fraser
Just north of 14 Mile Road on the east side of Groesbeck
586.294.4673 ~ www.hopecentermacomb.org

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS TO BRING:

IDENTIFICATION:

- Valid Driver's License or State ID for each adult on the return
- Social security card for each adult and child on the return

INCOME DOCUMENTATION:

- All W2's (including Gambling/Lottery winnings)
- All 1099's (including Social Security; Pension; Unemployment; Interest/Dividends; Misc. Income)
- DHS Assistance (Annual Statement)
- Child Support (Annual Statement)
- Letter from SSA (if applicable)
- 2010 tax return

PROOF OF EXPENSES:

- Any and all childcare expenses
- Property Tax Statement
- Mortgage Interest Statement
- Monthly rent amount (if applicable) and the **name & address of the landlord**
- October gas bill for heating credit (income must be under \$15,000/yr. to be eligible)
- December electric bill for energy credit
- Medical or HMO premiums paid for self and/or family members
- Student loan interest or tuition and course materials
- Energy Efficient Home Appliances and Improvements (receipts should show Energy Star rating) (insulation; windows; furnace; water heater; refrigerator; clothes washer; dishwasher)

DIRECT DEPOSIT INFORMATION

- Direct deposit information (bank routing number & account number; checking or savings). No checks will be issued this year. If you do not have a savings or checking account, you will receive a debit card.