

Orville C. Krause Later Elementary

Special Points of Interest:

- *January 3rd School Resumes*
- *January 11th Talent Show Tryouts*
- *No School January 16th– Teacher In-service (Martin Luther King Day)*
- *1/2 Day January 19th –12:06 Dismissal*
- *January 24th Progress Reports Come Home*
- *January 26th Talent Show 6:00 H.S. Auditorium*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

French Voyageur Brings History Alive

Michigan's history came alive for our third grade students during a recent visit from Gene Picor. Gene, a high school teacher and educator, presents a fun, engaging social studies program each year for our students. As you may know, third grade students are learning about how Michigan was settled hundreds of years ago by French voyageurs and trappers. Gene teaches the various legends, songs, and traditions in short presentations throughout the day in our school's science lab.

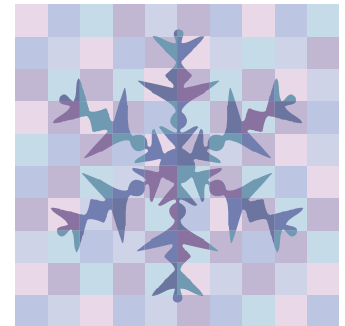


Ainsley Guse dressed as a trapper with our French Voyageur

Enjoy Your Break!

This time of year is special in our school and certainly schools all across America. There is a buzz of excitement as students look forward to sleeping in, time with family, presents, and

more. As we enter this long break, please consider carving a few minutes a day to maintaining important reading and math skills. Just a few minutes a day will make a dramatic difference for your youngster. How could you fit this into your busy holiday schedule? Perhaps you could have your child read over a favorite cookie recipe, read their letter to Santa, write about their favorite thing about break, figure out the cost of your trip to the grocery store, etc. Linking these everyday tasks to learning will create a link between school and home.



Congratulations to the Amvets Americanism Poster Contest Winners

3rd Grade

1st place– Isabella Allen
2nd place– Abbigal Clay

4th Grade

1st place– Delaney Jacob
2nd place– Gary Smith

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LEGO ROBOTICS TEAMS!

Once again the students of Krause Later Elementary represented Armada very well in regional and state First Lego League competitions. First Lego League provides students ages 9-14 the opportunity to build and program a robot, research a given topic, and learn valuable teamwork skills in a fast-paced program led by volunteer coaches. Heidi Beechie leads the Brick Builders, a group of 4th & 5th grade "Lego engineers".



The Brick Builders with their trophies for Pod Champion and the Judges Award at the regional competition.

These young engineers won the Judges Award and Pod Champion awards at the regional competition in Flint.

The Armada Falcons, led by coach Becky Line, placed high enough at the regional competition to move on to the state competition this past weekend. The students finished 21st overall at the state competition and more importantly had a great time working together and learning how to program a robot!



The Armada Falcons Lego robotics team placed at regional competitions as a Pod champion and for their Demonstration Skit. The team also competed at the state competition last week.

TIGER TIMES

ARMADA'S GOT TALENT

Krause Elementary's annual talent show provides a terrific opportunity for our students to display their numerous talents for students and parents alike. This year's show is scheduled for January 25th at 6:00 p.m.

Before we get to the "big show", we will have try-outs throughout the day on Thursday, January 12th. As a reminder, all mem-

bers of the act must have a signed permission slip in order to participate. Additionally, acts must be no longer than two minutes so we can fit all of the acts into a relatively short program. Music and motions must be previewed by parents before tryouts on the 12th. The message of the act should be appropriate for five-year-olds (G-rated). Questions about music should be directed

to Mrs. Pace (Later Elementary) or Ms. Johnson (Early Elementary)

Permission slips can be found in the back pages of this newsletter or in the office. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance with this great event!

Talent Show Tryouts are January 12th

Talent Show January 25th 6:00-? HS Auditorium

"You should pick a real Christmas tree because tree farms help sustain the rural economy and provide jobs..."

-Quote from Nicole Campell's argument essay.

THE GREAT CHRISTMAS TREE DEBATE-WHAT DO YOU THINK?

If you had to choose between helping Michigan's economy or the convenience of an artificial tree, which would you select? Your answer might be influenced by what you experienced as a child. For some, trudging through the snow to find you very own 'Charlie Brown' tree is enough to turn them off to buying a real tree. For

others the bonding time while searching for the perfect tree is worth more than the convenience of having a pre-lit tree. Fourth graders were recently asked a similar question for an 'argument' writing assignment. Students were first asked to read articles from local newspapers outlining both sides of the tree debate and then

decide which tree would work best if our school decided to put up a Christmas tree each year. Students were encouraged to use facts from the articles in their writing piece and the students wrote passionately for their cause after spirited debates in each classroom.

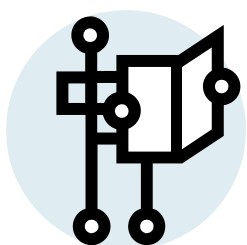
TEACHERS LEARNING TOO THIS JANUARY

Do we ever stop learning? At Krause Later Elementary the students are not the only ones trying to improve and learn throughout the year. Our staff attends trainings throughout the year aimed at improving instructional methods offered to students. The Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD) offers trainings in all subject areas throughout the year to teachers in Macomb County.

In addition to the courses offered at the MISD, our staff also receives training on in-service days such as the upcoming January 16th date. On the 16th, we will learn about ways to create common tests and store them on an updated computer data based called Data Director. Our teachers will also be working to develop our math and reading curriculum to meet the new Common Core Curriculum

Standards.

Just a few days later, our staff will be learning strategies to improve conceptual understanding of math during an afternoon in-service. As we move to this new curriculum, students will be expected to think more critically and work through far more challenging problems. This in-service will continue our work to prepare your children for the challenges ahead!



Teacher In-services are set for January 16th & 19th for Armada Staff



"Breakfast is a great way to start the day"

Milk- \$.50

LUNCH- \$2.60

Reduced Lunch \$.40

January Krause Elementary School

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
2 HAPPY NEW YEAR	3 Baked Breaded Whole Grain Chicken Nuggets Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Broccoli Chilled Pears Choice of Milk	4 Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk	5 Popcorn Chicken Bowl Mashed Potatoes Corn Whole Wheat Dinner Roll Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	6 Stuffed Breadsticks California Mixed Vegetables Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk
Second Choice: Cereal Fun Lunch (Cereal, Hard Boiled Egg, Fruit and Milk)				
9 French Toast Stix Sausage Links Tater Tots Applesauce Choice of Milk	10 Chicken Patty on Bun Broccoli Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	11 Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Romaine Tossed Salad Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	12 Soft Shell Tacos Corn and Black Bean Salad Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	13 Stuffed Breadsticks Carrot Coins Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk
Second Choice: Ham and Cheese Sub				
16 NO SCHOOL INSERVICE	17 Ravioli/Meatsauce Garlic Toast Romaine Lettuce Salad Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	18 Hamburger or Cheeseburger on Wheat Bun Broccoli Cuts Mandarin Oranges Choice of Milk	19 1/2 DAY OF SCHOOL	20 Stuffed Breadsticks California Mixed Vegetables Applesauce Choice of Milk
Second Choice: Nacho Fun Lunch (Tortilla Chips and Cheese, Salsa and Fruit)				
23 BBQ Chicken Leg Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Roll Chilled Peaches Choice of Milk	24 Nacho Chips and Cheese Refried Beans Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	25 Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza Tossed Romaine Salad Chilled Mixed Fruit Choice of Milk	26 Sweet & Sour Chicken Rice Oriental Vegetables Fortune Cookie Fresh Fruit Choice of Milk	27 Stuffed Breadsticks Broccoli Chilled Pineapple Choice of Milk
Second Choice: Mini Corndog Nuggets				
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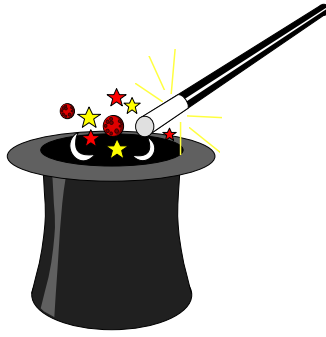


January 2012



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <i>Schools resumes Welcome Back!</i>	4 <i>TCB Meeting 9am Market Day</i>	5	6	7
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15	16 <i>No School for students In-Service</i>	17 <i>Board Meeting 7pm</i>	18	19 <i>Half day of school Dismissal 12:06pm In-Service</i>	20 <i>Show & Tell Day</i>	21
22	23	24	25 <i>Talent Show @ High School 6pm</i>	26 <i>Mobile Dentists Third grade concert</i>	27 <i>Daytime student Talent Show</i>	28 <i>Heartfelt Project</i>
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The Krause Elementary Talent Show is coming soon!

Important Dates and Information

When: Wednesday, January 25, 6:00 p.m. family, friends, and community show
Friday, January 27, daytime student show (elementary school)

Where: Armada High School Auditorium

Tryouts: Thursday, January 12, 2012 during the school day. Students will need to **bring all music and props**. No costumes are necessary on this day. If you are singing, your music must be karaoke style (no words). **Acts may not be longer than 2 minutes.** Please cut music as necessary (or know where the 2 minute ending point is) before the tryout.

We reserve the right to combine acts singing the same songs and to **cancel the content of performances. **Parents must preview the music and motions selected for the acts. Please make sure the **message** of the music is appropriate for five-year-olds (G rated). Absolutely no suggestive content or innuendo will be accepted.

****Each member of the act must complete and return a permission slip to his/her classroom teacher by Tuesday, January 10, 2012.**

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It's time to get ready for the Krause Elementary Talent Show!

When: Wednesday, January 25, 2012: 6:00 p.m. family, friends, and community show
Friday, January 27, 2012 daytime student show (elementary school)

Where: Armada High School Auditorium

Who: any Krause Elementary student with talent to share

Why: to promote positive self-image

Ideas: dancing (must have actual dance steps- not just hand movements), gymnastics, martial arts, musical instruments, comedy, poem recitations, singing (No lip-syncing! **Music must be karaoke style- no words!!), juggling, batons, etc.

Tryouts: Thursday, January 12, 2012 during the school day. You will need to **bring all music and props**. No costumes are necessary on this day. No cassette tapes, CD's only! If you are singing, your music must be karaoke style (no words). **Acts may not be longer than 2 minutes.** Please cut music as necessary (or know where the 2 minute ending point is) before the tryout.

****We reserve the right to combine acts singing the same songs, shorten the length of the act, and to censor the content of performances. **Parents must preview the music and motions selected for the acts. Please make sure the message of the music is appropriate for five-year-olds (G rated). Absolutely no suggestive content or innuendo will be accepted.** If you have any questions about the music, please see Mrs. Pace or Ms. Johnson **before tryouts.**

****Each member of the act must complete and return a permission slip to his/her classroom teacher by Tuesday, January 10, 2012. Please see attached checklist for important information!**

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Talent Show Permission Slip

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Others in act: _____

Type of act: _____

Song title (if applicable): _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

I, _____ **(parent signature)**, have read and understand all the conditions stated above and give my child permission to attend the tryouts. If my child is in the show, I also give my permission for my child to be videotaped for local cable and DVD production. I understand that this permission will apply to this event only and will not apply to any past or future events.