

EAGLE PROFILE



KINDERGARTEN NEWS

The kindergartners are working hard and trying to be good in hopes of the arrival of jolly old Santa Claus! They are learning new sight words, new nursery rhymes and about their 5 senses. They are making decorations for their classroom, also. The kindergartners are working on learning new songs, poems and a play called, "A Flea in Santa's Tree?" to present to their families on Friday, December 18th.

They have also listened to the story, *The Gingerbread Boy*. Do you know what? The gingerbread boy ran out of our classroom! We aren't sure where he's headed, but hopefully when we come back from Christmas break we'll see all the many places he has been! (We'll let you know more about this in the January newsletter!) The kindergartners, Mrs. Teressa Pfannenstiel, Mrs. Jodi Gantz, and Mrs. Rhonda Snodgrass would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas!

—Mrs. Teressa Pfannenstiel, Kdg. Instructor

ES ACCELERATED UPDATE

During the month of November, students at Ness City Elementary School earned 1696.5 Accelerated Reader Points. This is the highest amount of points earned for one month so far this year. This brings the total for the



Pictured above: *****, Michael Fitzpatrick, Baylee Holecek, Gracie Schreiber, Dylan Hamilton, Logan Schlegel, Kassidy McGranahan, Payton Rice, Wyatt Rupp, and Nashon Copeland.

year to 5027.7 points.

Children with books in their lives grow up to be more confident, productive and resourceful adults. Great job to all the students on a fine job of reading!

We would like to recognize the students from each class that were the top readers. **2nd Grade:** Wyatt Rupp - 100.0%, Kassidy McGranahan - 18.8 pts; **3rd Grade:** Gracie Schreiber - 98.2%, Michael Fitzpatrick - 31.1 pts; **4th Grade:** *****, ***** - 95.0%, Baylee Holecek - 17.5 pts; **5th Grade:** Logan Schlegel - 97.8%, Payton Rice - 42.6 pts; **6th Grade:** Dylan Hamilton - 100.0%, and Nashon Copeland - 64.3 pts.

—Mrs. Jo Pfannenstiel, Library Aide

ES LIBRARY CHRISTMAS TREE

This month we read the book "The Mitten" by Jan Brett to the elementary school students. In this Ukrainian folktale, Baba, Nicki's grandmother, knits pure white mittens for him, even though she is afraid that he will lose them in the snow. Sure enough, the first time Nicki is out, he drops one and several animals move into the mitten to get out of the cold. The last one to move in is a tiny field mouse. The mouse tickles the bear's nose and he sneezes, dislodging all of the animals. Nicki finds his mitten and takes it home, but Baba is left to wonder about how it became so enormously stretched out.

We chose this story as the

theme for the elementary library Christmas tree. Each class made mittens to decorate the tree. They all came up with different and unique ideas to make mittens. Please stop by the elementary library to see all of the mittens that adorn our tree.

Pictured to the right are a few students putting the final touches on the tree. (Candiss Kelley, Shaelyn McInnis, *****, Kayden Smith, Clayton Beutler, and *****)
 -Mrs. Jo Pfannenstiel, Library Aide



The school is still collecting the "box tops for education" and "soup can labels for education". If you would like to collect box tops or soup labels, please send them with your child OR drop them by either the elementary office or the high school office. We appreciate you collecting these for our school.

OUTSTANDING READERS

Listed below are the Ness City Jr. High and High School Outstanding Accelerated Readers for the first semester! **7th Grade:** Sara Dreiling - 187.6 points, Tara Walker - 99.2%; **8th Grade:** Katie Johnson - 181.7 points, Bree Humburg - 97%; **9th Grade:** Ashley Snyder - 96 points, Chelsea Klitzke - 98.6%; **10th Grade:** Allison Seib - 87.3 points, Derek McClure - 100%; **11th Grade:** Skyler Kraft - 125.1 points, Skyler Kraft - 98.2%; **12th Grade:** ***** - 55.7 points, and Veronqua Schaben - 98%.

-Mrs. Coline Marcus, USD 303 Librarian

**USD 303
 Christmas Vacation
 December 23 –
 January 4
 School Resumes
 January 5, 2010
 Have a
 Merry Christmas!**

LOOKING FOR A GOOD BOOK?

If you are looking for a good book, check out these titles that students have rated as VERY GOOD!!!!

- Marley and Me*
- A Child Called IT*
- Harris and Me*
- Sandpiper*
- Tall Stranger*
- Starry, Starry Night*
- Dear Nobody*
- Farm Team*
- Twilight*
- New Moon*
- Deadline*
- To Live Again*
- Mother, Please Don't Die*
- Boy Who Dared*

TOYS FOR TOTS UPDATE

The high school Industrial Arts and Art students have recently completed their project donating to "Toys for Tots". The classes worked together to construct and paint/decorate rocking horses to be given to local families. The classes are donating 19 rocking horses to be given during this Christmas season!

If you would like to make donations toward the purchase of supplies for this project, you can drop the donation by the high school office or send in the mail to 414 E Chestnut.

Pictured are elves testing the "Toys for Tots" rocking horses. They are a few of the Art students who worked on this project.

- KaeCee Schwartzkopf,
- Vanessa Schaben
- *****
- Olivia Bell,
- Kenisha Jones,
- and their Art Instructor,
- Catherine McIntosh



How Many Words Has Your Class Read This Year and Who Read the Most?

Eighth Grade	7,354,903	Katie Johnson	1,210,637
Ninth Grade	7,009,747	Ashley Snyder	717,955
Third Grade	6,641,642	Michael FitzPatrick	793,533
Seventh Grade	6,628,650	Sara Dreiling	1,239,052
Sixth Grade	6,394,007	Nashon Copeland	1,005,246
Fifth Grade	5,653,027	Payton Rice	905,904
Eleventh Grade	4,890,968	Skyler Kraft	796,963
Tenth Grade	3,605,804	Allison Seib	629,957
Fourth Grade	2,232,765	Baylee Holecek	313,195
Twelfth Grade	1,745,080	*****	428,532
Second Grade	1,341,800	Kassidy McGranahan	225,623



PAT WHITLEY RECEIVES AWARD

Pat Whitley, USD 303 Head Cook, has recently earned the Child Nutrition Manager Certification. Bev Stafford, KSDE Child Nutrition Consultant, was here Thursday, December 17, to make the presentation.



The Child Nutrition Manager Certification is a new recognition program sponsored by Child Nutrition & Wellness at the Kansas State Department of Education. Three levels of achievement will be recognized based upon completion of Child Nutrition Management Academy

classes. The academy is a professional development program for current and aspiring managers and directors. Managing and leading a child nutrition program is a challenging job! A wide range of knowledge, skills, and abilities are required.

Congratulations, Pat! Thank you for your dedication to the nutrition of the students and staff of USD 303!

INVASION OF THE ART ROOM UPDATE

As promised in last month's edition of the *Eagle Profile*, we are updating you on the creatures that invaded the elementary art room. The creatures are a project created by the 6th grade students.



Actually they are not creatures at all. After being fired, painted, and given hair and beards, the clay "creature" project turned out to be various depictions of Santa Claus'!



Be sure to check out the on-line version of the *Eagle Profile*!

It features color photographs and is available on our web site

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January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					NO SCHOOL New Year's Day  1	2
3	NO SCHOOL New Year's Vacation 4	4:00 PM HS BB @ Offerle ITV Classes Begin 5	9:15 AM Yearbook Organizational Pictures 1:30 PM Geography Bee Grades 4-8 6	7	5:00 PM HS BB vs St. John @ NESS No B Girls B Boys A Girls A Boys 8	TBD - JH CPL B Team Basketball @ Kinsley 10:30 AM HS JV Boys @ LaCrosse 9
10	HS Basketball Palco Tournament TBD - JH CPL B-Team Basketball @ Kinsley 11	HS Basketball Palco Tournament 12	2:00 PM Ness City Spelling Bee Grades 4-8 HS Auditorium  13	HS Basketball Palco Tournament 4:00 PM JH BB vs Macksville @ NESS 14	HS Basketball Palco Tournament 15	HS Basketball Palco Tournament 16
17	NO SCHOOL Teacher Inservice 4:00 PM JH BB vs Ingalls @ NESS 18	4:30 PM HS BB vs Western Plains @ Ransom 19	SPELLING BEE WAS MOVED TO DECEMBER 13TH 20	4:00 PM JH BB vs Kinsley @ NESS 21	4:00 PM HS BB vs Pawnee Heights @ Rozel 22	23
24	4:00 PM HS Scholar's Bowl @ Quinter 25	6:00 PM Financial Aid Night in the H.S. Conference Room 26	TBD - FCCLA @ NESS 27	4:00 PM JH BB @ LaCrosse 28	4:00 PM HS BB vs Q. Heights @ NESS HOMECOMING Between Varsity Games 29	JH CPL BB Tournament @ Kinsley/Offerle 30
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