



Turtle Tales

THE NEWSLETTER OF TURTLE LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL No. 9, 07-08

CALENDAR

January 28-February 1

Monday, January 28

7:50 a.m. 5th Grade Orchestra
7:00 p.m. PTA General Meeting

Tuesday, January 29

7:45 a.m. African Music Ensemble
7:50 a.m. 4th Grade Orchestra
9:15-12:15 Grade 2 (Sheppard)
Communities Field Trip
10:00-11:30 NWEA MAP Testing,
Grade 5-Math

Wednesday, January 30

7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Band
7:45 a.m. 4th Grade Choir
7:55-9:15 a.m. Grade 5 Student
Council to Ralph Reeder Food
Shelf



Special Ed goes shopping at Target for
Valentines Day!

Thursday, January 31

7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Choir



Friday, February 1

7:45 a.m. Chess Club, LMC
7:50 a.m. Student Council, Rm 400
10:00 a.m. Grade 4 to Youth
Performance Center



QUOTE OF THE WEEK



*"A mistake is an event in
time, success is a
process."*

Principal Points by Craig Sundberg

Well, if you haven't heard by now, we are pushing hard in our attempts to reinforce our parents in reading aloud to our students. This is not new to many of you. In 1983, a national committee was established called the Commission on Reading. It's purpose was to explore strategies toward enhancing reading proficiencies and how they develop skills, learn language and "learn" to read. As the commission issued its primary findings, two simple declarations rang loud and clear:

- "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children".
- It is a practice that should continue throughout the grades. There was conclusive evidence to support reading aloud not only in the home, but in the classroom as well.

In my estimation, reading should be as natural as riding a bike or any other activity that one does frequently with enjoyment. In order to get better at it, you must continue to do it and the more you read, the better you get at it. The last thirty years of reading research confirms this simple formula- regardless of sex, race, nationality, or socioeconomic background. Students who read the most also read the best, achieve the most, and stay in school the longest. Reading aloud is the catalyst for the child wanting to read on his/her own, but it also provides a foundation by nurturing the child's listening comprehension. As many of you are aware, I was on an educational sabbatical this fall. As part of my coursework, I am required to submit an action research thesis. I am planning on designing a study around the affects of reading aloud to our students and how that impacts enhanced vocabulary and word recognition. I look forward to obtaining information from you as parents in a survey later on in the school year. Thanks in advance for your assistance in this endeavor. I look forward to sharing the findings of the report with you.

THEME OF THE WEEK

Mistakes and Personal Bests

- Making mistakes is a natural part of being a learner. Admitting them takes courage. However, they are an opportunity to learn and improve.
- When you make a mistake, ask yourself what can be learned from the experience.

CALENDAR

February 4-February 8

Monday, February 4

- 7:50 a.m. 5th Grade Orchestra
- 7:50 a.m. Beginning Spanish, Rm 206
- 3:25 p.m. Beginning Spanish, Rm 102


Tuesday, February 5

- 7:45 a.m. African Music Ensemble
- 7:50 a.m. 4th Grade Orchestra
- 8:50-3:10 Grade 5 (Kjellberg, Wallin/Peterson) to Nature Center
- 9:15 p.m. PTA Executive Board Meeting
- 10:45-12:45 Grade 4 (Leiser) Meals on Wheels
- 3:25 p.m. Advanced Spanish, Rm 400
- 3:25 p.m. Beginning German, Rm 201
- 6:30-8:00 p.m. 3rd Grade Family Night-Arcade!

Wednesday, February 6

- 7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Band
- 7:45 a.m. 4th Grade Choir
- 8:50-3:10 Grade 5 (Coyle, Desmond) to Nature Center
- 3:25 p.m. Advanced Spanish, Rm 111
- 3:25 p.m. Beginning German, Rm 103
- 3:25 p.m. Beginning French, Rm 118

Thursday, February 7

- School Spirit/Food Drive 
- 7:45 a.m. 5th Grade Choir
- 7:50 a.m. Advanced Spanish, Rm 206
- 9:15-3:10 Grade 5 (Vanderport) to Nature Center
- 3:25 p.m. Beginning Spanish, Rm 400
- 3:25 p.m. Beginning Chinese, Rm 117

Friday, February 8

- 7:45 a.m. Chess Club, LMC
- 7:50 a.m. Beginning Spanish, Rm 206
- 3:25 p.m. Beginning Spanish, Rm 111
- 3:25 p.m. Beginning Spanish, Rm 201

THEME OF THE WEEK

I Make the Right Choices That Are Truly Good for Me

- I know that the choices I make determine the kind of life I will have—now and in the future.
- I listen to my parents and other adults who love me and who help me make the best choices about what I should do.
- I do not follow others who make bad choices. My right choices make me feel good about myself.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.”

—Robert Frost

Student Council News

Food Drive

During the month of December, Turtle Lake students and parents donated 976 pounds of food to the food drive. This year Turtle Lake has collected 3,383 pounds of food for the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf. We are proud to have helped so many families. Keep up the good work. Our next food drive is Thursday, February 7th.

Pennies for Patients

Student Council will again join 635 other local schools to collect money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society by holding a “Pennies for Patients” drive. Knowing the value of community service, Turtle Lake Student Council would like to make a difference by collecting money beginning Monday, February 11th through Friday, February 15th for this cause. To do this, we will be holding the following collections:



- Monday, February 11th, bring in pennies
- Tuesday, February 12th, bring in nickels
- Wednesday, February 13th, bring in dimes
- Thursday, February 14th, bring in quarters
- Friday, February 15th, bring in any coins or bills

Student Council encourages students to EARN the money they bring in by offering to help with chores at home. It always feels better when students can earn and donate their own money. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Spirit Day

Turtle Lake will be celebrating a Spirit Day on Friday, February 15th. The Spirit Day will be hat day. Join the fun and wear your favorite hat to school on February 15th!



Grade 5 Makes Blankets

Student Council members led the fifth grade classes in making blankets for families in need during December and January. Students from all the fifth grade classes measured, cut material, and tied the fleece blankets. The students completed over 70 blankets that will be given to the Ralph Reeder Food Shelf for families in need.

5th graders displaying their handmade fleece blankets. →



ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

**Respect, Responsibility, and
the Right to Learn!**

Turtle Lake Elementary School

1141 Lepak Court
Shoreview, MN 55126
Craig Sundberg, Principal
Darin Johnson, Student Services
Assistant

School Hours

School day begins at 8:50 a.m.
Students enter building at 8:35 a.m.
Kdgn a.m. session: 8:50-11:30 a.m.
Kdgn p.m. session: 12:40-3:20 p.m.
School dismisses at 3:20 p.m.
Early release days dismiss at 11:50 a.m.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Important Phone Numbers

Office.....651-484-2150
FAX.....651-639-6183
Voicemail.....651-639-6209
Attendance.....651-636-3656 ext. 3199

E-Mail

firstname.lastname@moundsvIEWSchools.org

District Website

www.moundsvIEWSchools.org

Turtle Lake Website

www.moundsvIEWSchools.org/turtlelake

ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

Turtle Tales is published semimonthly.
Past volumes are available on our school's
website:

www.moundsvIEWSchools.org/turtlelake.
Copy deadline for issue No. 10 '07-'08
.....Monday, February 4
Publication date for issue No. 10 '07-'08
.....Friday, February 8
Items for submission may be e-mailed to
Michelle.Morse@ moundsvIEWSchools.org or
brought to the office.



WELCOME



In the last few months, two new Learning Resource Teachers have joined our staff. Jodi Nelson joined us in November and has been working with Grade 2 on Reading and Math. Jodie Lafeber joined us in January and is also working with Grade 2 for an hour each day.

Health and Emergency Form Updates

If your address, phone number, or emergency contacts have changed since filling out your student's Health and Emergency Form last fall, please let us know by calling the office at 651-484-2150 or sending a note to school with any new information. It is very important that our records reflect the most current way to reach you in case of an emergency.



Foreign Language Classes Begin!

Hello! ¡Hola! Bonjour! 你好! Hallo!

The second session of Turtle Lake foreign language classes begins the week of February 4th. All registered students should have received an e-mail and/or letter confirming their student's enrollment. Please bring your \$5 activity fee to the first day of language class. Checks can be payable to the instructor. For after school classes, please notify your child's teacher via communication sheets that they will be attending class.

We are looking forward to another great session of foreign language education. If there are any questions, please contact Teri Nelson (651) 330-7778 or Lea Hoyhtya (651) 330-3468.

6th Grade Parent Orientation Night

Tuesday, February 12th

6:00-7:00 p.m.

Chippewa Auditorium

Chippewa Middle School invites current Grade 5 parents to the 2008/2009 Sixth Grade Parent Orientation Night. Topics will include an overview of the middle school program, sixth grade registration information and a question/answer session with current sixth grade teachers and parents.

This information night is for parents only.

Student orientation is scheduled during the month of May. If you have any questions, please call Chippewa Middle School at 651-483-6635 and ask for Student Services.



PTA MEETING



Monday, January 28th
7:00 p.m.
Turtle Hall

LAURENTIAN MEETING

Attention 4th Grade Parents!

We are excited to report that the Laurentian Environmental Center tradition will be carried on for our soon-to-be 5th graders! A meeting will soon be scheduled for March for parent/student information and registration. Information regarding the meeting will be mailed in February. Stay tuned for more information or go to www.laurentiancenter.com to find out more.



DATES TO NOTE

Monday, February 18

No School--Curriculum Day

Wednesday, March 5

Kindergarten Conferences--

No School for Kindergarten

Thursday, March 6 &

Friday, March 7

No School--Conferences

Monday, March 17 through

Friday, March 21

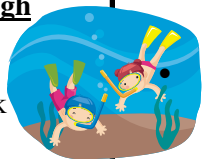
No School--Spring Break

Friday, April 4

No School—Teacher Workday

Monday, May 26 & Tuesday, May 27

No School—Memorial Day &



3rd Grade Family Night-ARCADE!

Friday, February 5th

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Turtle Lake Gym



Come play Dance Dance Revolution, Electronic Basketball, mini-golf, and darts on a HUGE, inflatable dartboard! No need to save up your coins for this arcade, it's all free! **RSVPs are requested for this event.**

In order to keep our arcade functioning in a semi-organized manner, we will need some parent volunteers to assist with the games. Specifically, we need adults who are familiar with the Dance Dance Revolution system. If you would be able to help us out with the arcade please contact Lisa Norlinger at 651-633-5564.

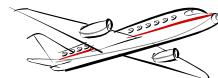


The PTA would like to thank everyone who participated in the Direct Drive for this year. We collected over \$7,500 with some matching funds still to be received. The money will be added to funds to support our grade level projects, assemblies, and teacher enrichment.

Next years budget will be presented at an upcoming PTA meeting this spring. Discussion and a final vote will follow. Please come and let us know if you have any suggestions regarding PTA funds and how these funds are spent. Again, a big "THANK YOU" for your support.

REMINDER: TRAVEL APPROVAL FORMS

Turtle Lake School has implemented a new Travel Approval Form for families who have plans to be out of town during school days. The forms are available here in the office, from your child's teacher, and on the Turtle Lake website.



Please note the following:

- Our first choice is having your children here in school. We ask that you schedule family trips on non-school days when possible.
- If your travel plans involve students missing days of school, please complete the Travel Approval Form in advance of your departure.
- One form per trip per family will suffice for your children at Turtle Lake. Return the completed form to the Turtle Lake office, and we will make copies of it for all staff members who need to be notified. We will also send you a copy with the principal's approval.

Please note that **travel requests will not be approved for mandated testing dates** during the school year. If you take your child out of school for travel during those dates, it will be processed as an unexcused absence.

- We encourage you to engage your child in learning activities during your travels. **Teachers do not give out future assignments** to students before a trip. Upon return to Turtle Lake, the teacher will give your child any make-up work from their absence. You can help by making sure that they follow up with that work.

WORD OF THE WEEK

Word of the Week

Week of January 28th: Wedged

Definition –packed or fixed tightly into a small opening

Book: *Paddle-to-the-Sea*

Author/Illustrator: Holling Clancy Holling

Week of February 4th: Sumptuous

Definition –made with the best materials at great expense in large numbers

Book: *Chicks and Salsa*

Author/Illustrator: Aaron Reynolds/
Paulette Bogan

THANK YOU

Thank you for giving copies of your favorite books to the Turtle Lake LMC (Library) in celebration of your birthday, half-birthday, or simply in celebration of a wonderful book!

Joan Wolf

*U.S. Civic Holidays:
Leveled Read-Aloud Plays*

Soykan Family

A Wind in the Door

Ian Goodwin

Tippy-Tippy-Tippy, Hide

Jillian and Caussin Carter

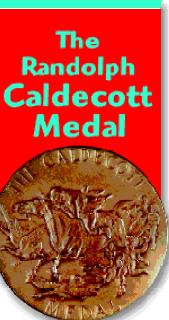
A Mind at a Time

Hudson Shih

Trouble According to Humphrey

Award-Winning Books Announced

Each year in January, librarians across the United States eagerly await the announcement by the Association of Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, of the books recognized as medal winners and honor books in various categories. The 2008 titles, revealed in Philadelphia on January 19, 2008, generated excitement about these books.

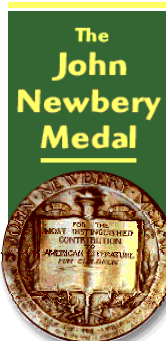


The Caldecott Award, named in honor of English illustrator Randolph Caldecott, has been given since 1938, and is presented “to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.” This year’s recipient is definitely the most unique book to ever receive the award. *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick is a thick, 500+ page book that is both a picture book and a novel. Mingled with the story are pages of black and white pencil artwork reminiscent of a silent movie. It is the story of a young boy who lives in a train station, maintaining the clocks, a job he assumed after his uncle passed away. He is intrigued by the odd invention left unfinished by his deceased father and works to find the pieces to make it complete.

Caldecott Honor Books named in 2008 include *Henry's Freedom Box* by Ellen Levine, *First the Egg* by Laura Vaccaro Seeger, *The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain* by Peter Sís, and *Knuffle Bunny Too* by Mo Willems.

The Newbery Award, named in honor of John Newbery, a British bookseller, has been presented since 1922 “to the author of the most distinguished contribution to American literature for children.” This year’s recipient is a book of monologue and dialogue plays entitled *Good Masters! Sweet Ladies!: Voices from a Medieval Village*. Written by librarian Laura Amy Schlitz, the short plays feature 23 of the younger village residents who share bits of their lives and work with readers. Interspersed with their stories are notes that define terms and mannerisms from the time period and detailed explanations of things like the Crusades. Ink and watercolor illustrations complement the text.

Newbery Honor Books named in 2008 include *Elijah of Buxton* by Christopher Paul Curtis, *The Wednesday Wars* by Gary D. Schmidt, and *Feathers* by Jacqueline Woodson.



Yearbook on Sale!

Another GREAT yearbook is being assembled right now! Once again it will be 96 pages, jam-packed with fun pictures. Yearbook flyers were sent home with the students on January 25th. If your child didn't bring one home, extras are available in the office. We'll be collecting orders until Thursday, February 7th. Please help us obtain an accurate count by ordering a yearbook by February 7th! The base cost for this wonderful book is only \$11.

Turtle Lake Speech and Debate Club



We are pleased to announce the inception of our first Speech and Debate Club at Turtle Lake Elementary. The club registration is open for 4th and 5th grade students only. The club activities will help participants to develop critical thinking and presentation skills in a friendly and competitive environment.

The club meetings will be held on Thursday afternoons from 3.30 to 4.30PM starting Feb 21. *A brief meeting for parents who are interested in more information about the club goals will take place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 5 in Room 305. Attendance at this meeting is optional*

Please return the registration form to your homeroom teacher or Mrs. Bell by Feb 8th. We will send a confirmation home along with the room information.

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell1 _____ Cell2 _____

Family Email Address (one that parents check on regular basis):

Put my name on the volunteer list Y / N

Student(s) Name	Grade (4 or 5)	Home Room Teacher
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Please acknowledge that parents would be responsible to pick up kids promptly at 4.30 PM as a delay would jeopardize the commitments of volunteers involved in the club.

Parent Signature

REGIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT



Seven of the Turtle Lake Chess Club's members attended the Regional Chess Tournament:

5th grade: Samuel L.

4th grade: Ben A.

3rd grade: Nathan S., Andrew S., Gabriel L. and Liam V.

Kindergarten: Bryan L.

Three students won an individual award:

Kindergarten:

1st place: Bryan L.

3rd grade: (special award)

Novice Award: Nathan S.

Golden Knight: Gabriel L.

Team Awards:

3rd grade: 2nd place

Kindergarten: 3rd place



3rd graders with their chess awards

Congratulations Turtle Lake Chess Team!

TURTLE LAKE IN PICTURES

Gopher Hockey Player Visits 4th Grade!

Last Thursday, January 17th, 4th grade students of Mrs. Haugen and Mrs. Pallansch's class welcomed Justin Bostrom into their classroom. Justin is a University of Minnesota student, and plays hockey for the Gophers. We are thankful Justin was able to take time out of his busy schedule to enhance a math-based "statistics of hockey" activity that the students track weekly.



4th graders from Mrs. Pallansch and Mrs. Haugen's class.

← Justin Bostrom addresses the class →

Jump Rope for Heart Event a Success!

The American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart event took place at Turtle Lake on January 17th. All students in grades 1-5 participated in the event during their specialist time to raise money for the American Heart Association. The money raised will help benefit heart and stroke research.



2008-09 District Calendar

KEY

T = Teacher workday/
student assessment
and reporting

N = New teacher
workday

C = Curriculum dev.
NO SCHOOL

OC = Off calendar/
teacher workday - NO
SCHOOL

ET = Elementary
Transition - NO SCHOOL
FOR ELEMENTARY

ST = Secondary
transition - NO SCHOOL
FOR SECONDARY

kc = Kindergarten conf.-
no school for K

[Shaded] = Holidays/non-
school

R₁ = Early release for
students/no school for
PM kindergarten

R₂ = Early release for
students/no school for
AM kindergarten (PM
kindergarten attends in
the morning)

January 22 & 23

ELEMENTARY

January 22
Quarter End
School in session

January 23

Teacher work day
No school for elem.
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SECONDARY

January 22
Early release, no school
p.m. for secondary

January 23

Quarter End
Teacher Workday
Early release, no school
p.m. for secondary

June 10 & 11

ELEMENTARY

June 10
T - No school

June 11

ET - No School
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SECONDARY

June 10 & 11
Early release, no school
p.m., teacher work day
p.m.

June 11 is last
secondary day

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Winter Break				

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June					
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