

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 4 - Return from Winter Break
Jan. 12 - Fast Testing (Reading)
Jan. 13 - Fast Testing (Math)
Jan. 18 - NO SCHOOL
Jan. 26 - 3:30 Lion's Club Blood Drive
Jan. 27 - Exploratory Rotation #3 begins
Jan. 27 - 1:30 DISMISSAL



P.E. HAPPENINGS

- Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade have done an assortment of activities including Scoops & Balls, Cleaning Your Room, and Bowling. They are also working on frisbee skills.

- Third, Fourth, and Fifth graders chose to work on basketball skills. In their basketball unit, they did drills involving passing, dribbling, and shooting. This culminated in a game of 3 on 3 basketball.

- The middle school students have had PE since school started! They were introduced to the game of croquet (which many had never heard of or played before!) Students then completed units on frisbees and basketball. In the month of December, middle schoolers learned the basics of how to play hockey. This concluded with a mini hockey game!

Please call the school office (563) 672-3221 or email Carla Till at carla.till@andrew.k12.ia.us if you no longer wish to receive a paper copy of the Hawk Herald. You can now see it on our website: www.Andrew.k12.ia.us

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Andrew Community School District is a unique and collaborative culture, where all students, staff, and families are empowered to learn, lead, and succeed.

A NOTE FROM MR. FEE

Andrew Community,

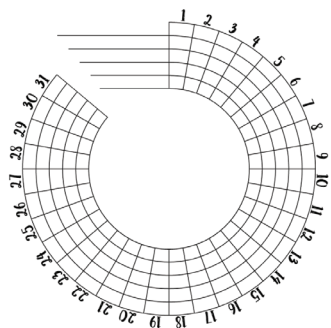
We remain proud of the fact that Andrew CSD has been open serving our students all day, every day since the beginning of the school year. Over the past month our COVID-related data has us feeling relatively optimistic about continuing our standard school model. Between November 16 - 30, we had two students with a positive COVID diagnosis and zero staff who tested positive. From December 1 - 16, we had zero students and zero staff members test positive for COVID. In the past month, the number of students who were quarantined on any given day have ranged between one and twelve students. Thank you to all of our families for working through these challenges with us so that we can continue this success in 2021. Have a very happy holiday season!

Stay safe & healthy,
Mr. Fee



HABITS, HABITS, HABITS!

Habit Tracker



January is just around the corner! Need help with your New Year's Resolution? At Andrew, we are all about setting good habits. Check out this Habit Tracker to hold yourself accountable!

COMPLIMENT CIRCLE

Mrs. Davis and her second graders eagerly look forward to "Lead Time" to participate in their weekly "Compliment Circle" time. A compliment circle is an activity that creates a kind and respectful classroom, while it teaches students how to give and receive compliments. Essentially, the idea is that in a compliment circle every student will give a compliment to one classmate, and every student will receive a compliment from another classmate. Sharing compliments lead to genuine and meaningful conversations! Who doesn't like to feel all warm and fuzzy inside? It's truly a win-win for all of us!



YEARLY ASBESTOS NOTICE

Each year, the school district is required to notify the public concerning asbestos in the schools. The district has an asbestos management plan, which is available to the public, that details the specific asbestos building material in the school building. The district's primary asbestos material includes floor tile, and some mudded pipe joints in the maintenance tunnels. All of the materials are inspected on a regular basis and the results of those inspections are included in the management plan.

For asbestos to be dangerous to human health it must be in a friable condition, one that allows fibers to enter the air. The district has no exposed friable asbestos materials and all asbestos containing building materials are in good condition. The district believes there is no threat to the health of students, staff, or visitors to the building from asbestos building materials.

The Andrew Community School district is a member of the consortium of schools in the area, which has its own asbestos technician who oversees the compliance issues and provides technical assistance. If you have any questions concerning asbestos in the Andrew School or would like to see the management plan, please contact Jim Till at (563) 672-3221.

STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN STEM EXPLORATORY



The Andrew Middle School students just wrapped up their first rotation of Exploratories for the year! Students spent the last four weeks learning the basics of engineering and related the engineering design process to mini projects and even real-life scenarios.

Here are some of the student reflections from the class's last project "Creating Balloon Powered Cars" where students applied the 8-Step Engineering Design Process:

"The easiest/most natural step of the process was Iteration, because I was able to try a million different ways to make my car work." -Liam, 6th Grade

"The most challenging step of the engineering design process was Identifying Criteria and Constraints, because it took me a while to understand the difference." -Kaden, 7th Grade

