

# Frenchtown Elementary May 2021 Board Report

Enrollment as May 10, 2021

<u>Pk:</u>	22
<u>Kindergarten</u>	92
<u>1st Grade</u>	82
<u>2nd Grade</u>	81
<u>3rd Grade</u>	97



374 student enrollment  
16 new students since January  
6 exiting since January

73- Kindergarten Enrollment for 2021-2022 School Year



We are so blessed to  
have such an amazing staff here at the elementary school. We have so many qualities to be  
thankful for, here are just a few of the many:

1. Creating a fun, engaging, loving, and safe learning environment for all students
2. Supporting each other from class coverage, shared lessons, a listening ear, and laughter
3. Doing what we need to do to be in school from day one

4. Embracing separated classes for a year
5. SMILING even on days when things were tough
6. Wearing masks all day long
7. Washing hands entering, exiting, and even in between
8. Supporting families
9. Helping students grow socially, emotionally, mentally, physically, and academically
10. Building confidence

You Deserve a Break Kit Kat candy bar

*Philly Cheesesteak Sandwiches and fries* for the entire staff from Sonny's Original Food Truck

We DONUT we would do without YOU

Hip Hip Hooray We Appreciate You Everyday- Chocolate Chip Cookie

Flower Sale supported by the Frenchtown PTA selling over 600 flowers.

Gift Certificate to Broncs Grocery

### **Kindergarten**

In Miss Luebke's class we are sending home our chicks that hatched in our classroom. It was a really fun experience to learn all about the life cycle of a chicken, candle eggs, witness the chicks hatching, and see how quickly they grow! We are also learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and plants. We will be releasing our butterflies that we got to watch go from caterpillars to chrysalises to butterflies! This week we will plant seeds and witness that life cycle before our eyes too!

The month of May is full of lots of fun in Ms. Juden's class. We started off by observing our butterflies go through their life cycle and watching our 'egg heads' grow some hair (grass). The kiddos loved reading to their eggheads to help their hair and brains grow! We also did a unit on Forces and Motion and will be making lots of creations using push, pull, and gravity. We will be finishing up the month of May by learning about Summer safety, our 5 senses, and what the kiddos want to learn about. That's right, I let

Thank You!



the kiddos decide what they want to learn for that last week! We will be learning about famous artists, rocks, science, dinosaurs, baking things, the olympics, and even unicorns.

In Ms. Geaudry's class in May, we started off by making Mother's Day gifts. Next we dove into ocean week! For ocean week we talked about tide pools, what sea creatures need to survive, and made some



really cool artwork to go with it. Next we made shade structures for the effects of sunlight, and we made homemade ice cream! Lastly, we did some fun activities to end the school year. Kindergarten also got together for a fun field day that included a



giant beach ball and parachute!

To kick off the month of May, Mrs. Musso's class started by celebrating Mother's Day, learning about the history of Cinco de Mayo, and growing and releasing butterflies. Next, students dove into ocean exploration

by making colorful sea turtles, writing about their favorite ocean animal, and using problem solving skills by doing their very own STEM ocean oil spill cleanup. To end the school year with a bang, our class will explore the effects of the sun, make our own ice cream in a bag, have a kids' choice week where students pick what we learn, and have loads of fun playing games during our field day.

Mrs. Kurpius's class is releasing their butterflies this week. We have patiently waited for them to change from their caterpillar state and the excitement is high. We will finish this year out by learning about bears, forces and motion and summer safety. These kids have learned so much this year and they are going to be amazing first graders!

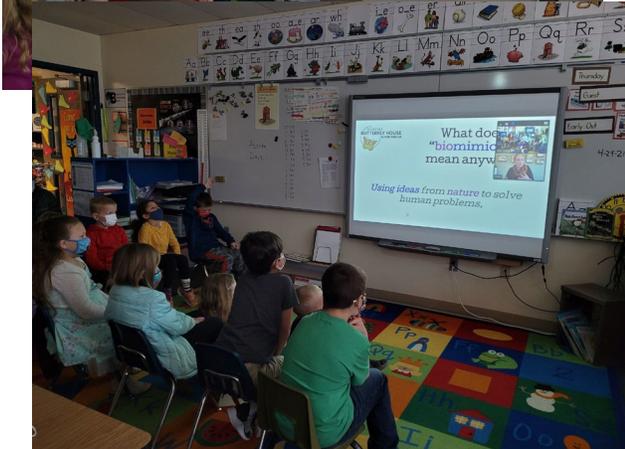
### **1st grade**

It has been a busy and exciting springtime in first grade. We are so grateful to be learning in-person. In March, we began studying insects. We have been observing live caterpillars, mealworms, and silkworms in our classrooms. Each insect is going through a life cycle and we

are recording what we see through notes and drawings. The silkworms are taking the longest to change, but we know it will be worth the wait when the silk moth appears.



In April, our classes participated in a virtual field trip with the Missoula Butterfly House and Insectarium. Our guest teacher showed us live millipedes, water striders, leaf bugs, and a



cockroach. We observed each insect and then came up with some inventions using ideas we

learned from the insects. Many first grade classrooms also had the opportunity to video-chat with Safari Guide, David Thadeus, live from Tanzania. He graciously spent time answering student questions about African animals. He shared videos and pictures he had taken on his guided Safari trips. What an incredible experience!

## 2nd grade

Our 2nd grade calendar is exciting this month! We're swimming at Currents Aquatic Center, golfing at King Ranch, exploring at Frenchtown Pond, and working with Anna Henderson and the USFS on the lower playground. We are looking forward to some different learning opportunities to end the school year.

We've all been busy in the greenhouse lately. Thank you to Miss Olivia for helping us plant and grow flowers. We were able to transplant our flowers and give them to our mothers for Mother's Day.

In math, we've been working our way towards mastering challenging triple digit addition and subtraction word problems. During the last few weeks of the school year, we will be exploring



multiplication using arrays and learning more about fractions.

Mrs. Udem and Miss Stenerson's class has been studying dinosaurs as we read "The Dog that Dug for Dinosaurs," the true story of Mary Anning and her fossil discovery. Ms. Duke's class has been learning a variety of facts about the great state of Montana. Ms. Vinton's class recently wrote riddles and finished up a few plant experiments. They are starting a book report project this week! Ms. Harvey's class wrapped up animal research reports, wrote Diamante poems, and is learning about folktales from around the world.

## 3rd Grade

It has definitely been a year for the books in third grade and we have come out shining! Our third graders met this unusual year head on and conquered it. They rocked their SBAC tests, were champion mask-wearers, and dealt with their classroom "siblings" with grace.

In Language Arts this year, our kids have written personal narrative stories, opinion essays (sorry if they asked you for a horse or a new dog), informational reports, and fictional narratives. They have learned to write leads that hook, use transitions to show a process, to properly punctuate dialogue, and to draw and write conclusions.

In Math, they have learned how to multiply and divide, calculate area and perimeter, identify and graph fractions, tell time and calculate elapsed time, measure to the nearest quarter inch, subtract across zeros, plot, graph, and chart information and data, round numbers and estimate sums and differences, and solve two-step word problems using variables.

In Science, we have learned about magnets and how the forces of gravity, magnetism, and friction affect movement, about rocks and minerals and how to classify them, about animals over time and how our Earth has changed, and about weather and climate and how weather patterns affect climate and landscape.

In Social Studies we have learned about government and how and why it is structured the way it is, about how maps work and what the keys tell us, about landscapes and how they have changed over time, about the Native Americans who have populated this valley before us, and about the Frenchtown Settlers who settled this valley.

We have had an amazing year with these great kids and are so happy to have had them in our classrooms all year. Thank you, parents!

Ms. Burklund, Mr. DiFulgentis, Mr. Gyapay, Mrs. Hoskinson, and Ms. Reed

