

**January 18, 2019** 

## **Panther Cub Press**



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Upcoming Events	
Martin Luther King Day– NO School	1/21
Student of the Month Assembly at 2:00	1/24
Pizza with the Principal	1/28
4-6TH Grade Volleyball Signups	1/28
K-2 Basketball Signups	1/28
PTO Meeting	2/6
Presidents Day- No School	2/18



Dear Families and Students,

Every month I present a principal's report to the school board on what's going on at White Pass Elementary. The topic changes from month to month, and this month my theme is simply what goes on in a day in the life of our school. So I've been walking around this morning and taking pictures and seeing what everybody's up to. Here's some of what I discovered . . .

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade class was listening as Mrs. First read the book Shiloh aloud. Ms. Keniston's 6<sup>th</sup> graders were working on math—how to scale up small geometric figures to larger size. Mrs. Shook's 6<sup>th</sup> graders were tackling some tricky math problems in how to add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers.

Mrs. Donahey's  $5^{\rm th}$  graders were showing their mighty math knowledge in using different strategies to multiply decimals and whole numbers.

Ms. Keniston's  $5^{th}$  graders (remember, she has a split  $5^{th}/6^{th}$  class!) were with our student teacher, Ms. Mercado, finishing up their science tests and getting ready to transition to tech.

Mrs. Abbas's  $2^{\rm nd}$  graders were dancing happily to the music as they took a brain break after their spelling test, and before they started a writing project. Mrs. Fenbert's  $3^{\rm rd}$  graders were intently taking a reading comprehension test on polar ice. Mrs. Kruger's  $1^{\rm st}$  graders were also taking a reading comprehension test, but theirs was on tadpoles. They were using a couple different strategies to understand the reading and find evidence for their answers.

And our preschoolers were eating a snack of multi-colored goldfish crackers, and discussing how the crackers are alike (taste! shape! they're fish!) and how they are different (colors! which way they point!). That led them to discuss how people are different and alike, and to think of a compliment for a friend who is different than them.

So that is a whole lot of educational goodness going on, and I didn't even get to our kindergarten classes this morning. That's a little slice of our life today. Enjoy your 3-day weekend!

Kind regards,

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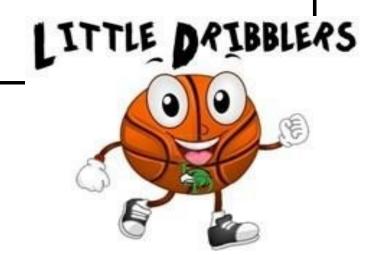
Volleyball Signups will be on January 28th from 5:30-6:30 in the White Pass Elementary Library

Grades 4-6th

Cost is \$45.00

If you have any questions please contact Tammy Kelly at (360) 827-2361.

Boys and Girls K-2 Basketball signups will be on January 28th from 5:30-6:30 in the White Pass Elementary Library. The cost to play is \$35.00 which includes a t-shirt and is due at the time of signups. For more information please contact Stephanie Chambers at (360) 304-9891.



## Don't Toss em' Clip em'

Thank you everyone that continues to support the school by clipping box tops. It is amazing how this all adds up. We have brought in hundreds of dollars this year. This money will go to field trips, recess equipment and much more. If you are wondering how this works, it is very easy! First, find box tops on hundreds of your grocery products. Then, clip them out and bring them to the office. We turn them in and receive 10 cents per box top. Just make sure that your child's name is on the box top. Prizes are given out to students and classes for their participa-