



## Peek at Polk ~ October 30, 2022

Hello Polk Families!

Last week was a busy one at Polk! Students were thrilled to learn the winners from our Scarecrow Decorating Contest (1<sup>st</sup> place= Mrs. Quish's class, Watertown Football Player, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place= Mrs. Barlow's class, Gru and his Minions, and tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> place= Ms. Zambetti's class, Grinch, and Mrs. Milo's class, Spiderman). Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders were treated to a Fire Prevention Assembly with Fire Marsal Kim Calabrese and several local firefighters. We also held our 2<sup>nd</sup> schoolwide PAWS assembly to honor all of the amazing students who have been recognized for following the PAWS expectations over the last 2 months. So far, 163 students have been recognized for Being the Change, and it was amazing to see them all standing together! We also learned more about our November focus behavior- respect- and were treated to a presentation from Mrs. Eckerlin's class and a song by Ms. Grzewinski's class. Students were challenged to be recognized for demonstrating PAWS behavior 75 times during November!

### **Amazon:**

Did you know that you can have Amazon make a donation to Polk for most every item you purchase on their site? It's as easy as going through Amazon Smile rather than just Amazon. [Here](#) are instructions to sign up for this great opportunity to provide the PTO with much needed funds simply by doing what you are already doing! Any questions, email the PTO at [polkpto435@gmail.com](mailto:polkpto435@gmail.com).

### **Artist of the Month:**

Each month, Mrs. Field, Polk's art teacher, recognizes an Artist of the Month and this artist's work is displayed on a special wall of fame in Polk's main hallway. The September artist of the month was Avery Overbaugh in Mr. Styles class. Avery is a wonderful artist to have in class. She is kind and thoughtful, hardworking and detail oriented. She can be counted on to make great choices and is a fantastic role model for her classmates. Congratulations Avery!

### **CT Christmas Tree Growers Association Contest:**

Interested in winning a free, fresh Christmas tree for your family? All 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders are encouraged to submit their colored and decorated tree for a chance to win. Blank trees were sent home (or can be accessed [here](#)). Entries are due by November 10th and can be sent to school (attention: Mrs. Lampron).

### **Pie & Cookie Fundraiser Pick Up:**

Thanks to everyone who made our 1<sup>st</sup> fundraiser a success! Not only did we sell a bunch of pies and cookies, we also have almost 10 boxes to donate to the food bank! As a reminder, pick up of orders will be at the Polk gym on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30. As orders are frozen, they can not be held after that time so please ensure you have someone available to pick up your order. A reminder will be sent prior to pick up.

### **SilverGraphics:**

Coming soon to Polk School, a fundraiser with heART! We are partnering with SilverGraphics to celebrate creativity and raise needed funds for our school! Your child has been working hard on an art project at school. We're opening a private Online Art Shop for you to view your child's art and order personalized products such as journals, magnets, ceramic mugs, canvas totes,

and ornaments. You'll be able to upload additional art and favorite photos from home too! Art keepsakes make great mementos and unique gifts for family and friends! Watch for order catalogs coming soon and be sure to check out the sample items on display inside the main entrance during conference days.

**Turkey BINGO:**

We're excited to host our 5<sup>th</sup> annual Turkey BINGO again this year! Please click [here](#) for more information and to RSVP.

**Turkey Trot:**

We're gearing up for our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Turkey Trot this year to raise money for indoor recess equipment! Our Turkey Trot will take place on Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> during the school day. Each grade level will spend 30 minutes outside running/walking (we will move indoors if the weather doesn't cooperate), so please be sure to send children to school dressed for the event. You can send in cash or check (made out to the Polk Activity Fund) or pay using Venmo to the PTO (@PolkPTO). Please be sure to write Turkey Trot in the memo line. Click [here](#) for more information about the event!

**Veterans' Day:**

Plans are underway to honor Veterans' Day at Polk. We're putting together a wall of honor to celebrate the service of our students' family members. Forms were sent home last week and are due back to school by Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Also, on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> the Polk community will honor Veterans' Day and there are several activities and lessons planned. We will begin our day by holding a flag raising ceremony and all students are encouraged to wear red, white, and blue. In addition, students will be making cards and letters to share with local Veterans and to be sent to some of our active service members.

We're also very grateful to have a display of flags set up at Polk School courtesy of the Paolino Family of Middlebury. Look for these flags at Polk sometime this week!

Sincerely,  
Jennifer L. Galik  
Principal

**Upcoming Events:**

<b>Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Happy Halloween! Students are welcome to dress in orange/black, but no costumes please.
<b>Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Kids Rise Up Yoga @ 3:25 Student Council @ 3:30-4 Homework Club @ 3:30
<b>Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Polk Families 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting
<b>Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup></b>	No school for students- Election Day Parent-Teacher Conferences @ 8-12 and 1-3
<b>Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Veterans' Day Assembly Early Dismissal for Students Parent-Teacher Conferences @ 5-7
<b>Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup></b>	No School- Veterans' Day
<b>Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup></b>	PTO Meeting @ 6-7, Polk Library BOE Meeting @ 7, WHS Lecture Hall
<b>Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Grade 5 field trip to The Institute for American Indian Studies Homework Club @ 3:30

<b>Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup></b>	Pie and Cookie Fundraiser Pick up @ 5:30-7:30 Turkey BINGO @ 6-7
<b>Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Homework Club @ 3:30
<b>Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Turkey Trot Early Dismissal for Students and Staff
<b>Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup></b>	No School- Happy Thanksgiving!