

BITS & PIECES

A Newsletter from the Superintendent

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Scranton Elementary STEAM Academy is Moving FULL STEAM Ahead

Robotics! Gardening! Foreign Language! Makerspace! Keyboarding! These are all STEAM classes that students at Scranton Elementary STEAM Academy are participating in this year.

Students and teachers have been working very hard in STEAM classes so far. Students in robotics classes already have begun making chair lifts, vertical lifts and inclined planes using Rokenbok Robotics kits.

Younger students have been building bridges with KEVA planks and even designed hurricane shelters strong enough to withstand Hurricane Irma.

Students in gardening classes have been working hard to get six raised beds ready for planting. They also have planned what winter crops will be planted in the gardens this year.

Robotics and gardening are not the only classes that students have been working hard in; they've also been making lots of cool things in Makerspace located in the media center. Students spend time building and making things from all types of materials.

They are about to begin their new journey with key-

boarding using Typing Quest which will allow students to move and learn keyboarding skills at their own pace.

Foreign language will kick-off during second nine weeks, and students are excited about this opportunity as well!



Main Street Elementary Celebrates Grandparents' Day with Breakfast

Main Street Elementary School celebrated Grandparents' Day on Friday, September 8.

A total of 128 grandparents and 138 students enjoyed a hot breakfast together in gym with accolades for grandparents which read, "We Love Our Grandparents," "Game on Grandparents" and "We are In It to Win It!"

The grandparents really enjoyed sharing breakfast with their grandchildren, visiting their classes and meeting the teachers.

The Gym sounded like a Sunday afternoon at Grandma's! It went so well with the 266 guests!



OES Kindergarteners Eager to Learn

Angie McGuire's and Chasie Cattenhead's kindergarten students at Olanta Elementary School are excited about learning!

OES's boys and girls came to school eager to start their learning adventure. They have adjusted well to school and made great progress learning the school's routines, procedures and class rules.

Along with learning routines, procedures, rules and how to be a friend, the students have begun testing. During the first 45 days of kindergarten, students are assessed through online assessments including NWEA's Measurements of Academic Progress (MAP), i-Ready diagnostics in reading and math as well as, the new Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA). The data will be used to guide instruction so that we can keep our students actively engaged in the learning process.

They learned from the beginning that "can't" isn't allowed in kindergarten. They threw it in the trash and replaced it with, "I'll try" or "I'll do my best!". It's amazing how such a simple phrase can make a big difference.

Each student has done his or her best with each task that has been required. Together OES is charting a course for smooth sailing in kindergarten.



OES Students Remember 9/11

September 11 is the National Day of Service and Remembrance, and the students at Olanta Elementary School were a part of this nationwide initiative.

Each grade contributed a different part to the project of honoring and showing gratitude to the local fire and police departments.

Students in preschool through second grade brought items to create care packages. In art, the third grade classes created a poster showing thanks and gratitude to the fire department while the fourth grade classes created a poster for the police department. The fifth grade classes wrote letters of appreciation to each department.

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, the school held a 9/11 Remembrance Assembly where students learned about the National Day of Service and the events of Sept. 11, 2001. After the event, the school delivered the care packages to both the fire and police departments.

LCHS Accepting Parade Entries

Lake City High School is accepting entries from schools, groups, clubs and businesses for its annual Homecoming Parade.

The parade is scheduled for Thursday, October 19 at 5:30 p.m. The lineup for the parade will begin at 4:30 p.m.

The parade will begin in the parking lot at the old Raceway car dealership (beside Sears) on West Main Street and travel along Main Street before finishing at Main Street Elementary School.

All former Homecoming Queens and alumni groups are encouraged to participate in the parade.

For more information and for a copy of the parade guidelines, contact Matt Luna at Lake City High School.

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