

The PACESETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello PACE families,

It's a new year and we are cruising through this school year! It's hard to believe that the school year is nearly halfway through. I hope you all enjoyed whichever holiday(s) your family chose to celebrate and that you had a restful break from school. As we have gotten back into the swing of regular school activities, I see my children thriving in their classrooms thanks to the amazing PACE teachers and parent volunteers. Our students are so fortunate to have this opportunity to participate in a program that creates this nurturing learning environment.

We had a wonderful night of cookie decorating put on by our Community Events Committee in December. The rest of the Community Support Team has been busy supporting our parents, teachers and families. Our Enrichments team is flourishing as they plan for Dia del Nino, Mini Units, continuing with the amazing Art Docent activities and planning Family Camping. The Membership team is fully enthralled in tours, enrollment and tallying up all those volunteer hours. The Spring Auction is quickly approaching, and our Fundraising team is working hard at procuring items and organizing the event that supports so many of our wonderful PACE enrichments. The Communications team continues to send out our bi-weekly broadcasts to keep our families informed and supports our web and email systems as well as bringing you this fantastic newsletter. Classes continue to explore our community championed by the Field Trips Committee Chair and Representatives to enrich their learning opportunities. Our amazing team of Class Coordinators are keeping our classes up to date on all the goings ons and supporting our families and teacher. The Treasury Committee is keeping our finances in order while they support all the wonderful activities that happen in PACE. And, last, but certainly not least, I'd be lost without our committed Executive Committee – Natalie, Christie, Lara and Sarah – you are an amazing group of women who put in countless hours supporting this program. Thank you each for all that you are doing to support PACE and this wonderful program that we all are thankful for.

As busy as things seemed in fall, I'm eager for all the excitement that is yet to come this spring. PACE has some amazing enrichments coming our way. I'm looking forward to the second half of the school year and all it will bring.

- Kelly McDonald

President 2022-2023

PACE at Lockwood President



FIRST GRADE

Wow, can you believe we're already halfway through the year? Here's what the first graders have been up to the last few months!

November focused on kindness and gratitude. The first graders participated in "Kindness Countdown" where they had a kindness challenge each day. Some of the projects to show kindness included making get-well cards, writing thank you notes to all the supporting staff and faculty at Lockwood, making snowmen with silly jokes, and donating food to the school's food pantry. In December, the class learned about various winter or holiday traditions that people celebrate with their families. They also enjoyed building gingerbread houses, and even earned a hot cocoa party for their good behavior! This month, students learned about MLK day and how they could help serve their communities.



Our art docents have come up with some fun projects too. Using clay, students created a holiday ornament and pumpkin. They've also had lessons with mixing paint such as using white to create tints and black to create shades. Recently, they drew and colored a bowl of fruit. Students learned how light and shadows help create

perspective in their drawings. This also ties in nicely with science, as they are exploring shadows.

In academics, students have continued working on phonics skills, and have also started working on journal writing. They are making progress in their math skills too by exploring place values, building tens and hundreds, and using symbols for less than or greater than. In Spanish, students have learned how to say some of the basics such as animals and numbers.

There have been many fun events outside the classroom too - field trip to the zoo, holiday cookie decorating, and even bowling! It's been great to see their friendships blossoming in and out the classroom.

Thanks again to all the volunteers who made the first half of the school year such a success!

- **Janine Huang**



SECOND GRADE

The PACE 2nd grade class has been busy. From reading and writing to math, science, field trips and hands-on activities, they continue to conquer the world of 2nd grade.

In the fall, students had the opportunity to make their own apple cider using a traditional apple press. The students learned about local apples, got to press their own apples, and then drink the cider they made. What a unique hands-on experience!

In science, the class learned about the interdependencies of plants and animals and the habitats in which they live. As an extension, the class went to the Boeing IMAX Theater at the Pacific Science and watched The Arctic: Our

Last Great Wilderness in 3D. The class followed up with a call to Senator Patty Murray to request the continued



protection of the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge. Additional field trips include a visit to the Seattle Aquarium, as well as a live virtual field trip to the Center of Puppetry Arts in Atlanta.

Reading and writing units included the The Jolly Postman books and Molly's Pilgrim. The Jolly Postman follows a mail carrier who delivers letters to traditional fairy-tale characters such as Cinderella, the Big Bad Wolf and the Three Bears. Following reading and discussing Molly's Pilgrim, students participated in a Molly's Pilgrim doll workshop where they made clothespin dolls.

Students are currently busy prepping for the Unit 2 math exam using the Tiger Math Book. This unit focuses on place value and grouping numbers into ones, tens and hundreds.

- **Rikki Pierotti**

THIRD GRADE



The 3rd grade Pace Class has had another great quarter and has been learning a ton. In early December they earned a class party and got to celebrate with stuffies, snacks, and games! The students welcomed 2023 by making three goals and writing an essay based on their hopes for the year ahead. A few of the students' goals for the year are to learn how to cook, improve at math, and earn permission to have a sleep over.

In math, the class has been mastering measurement: including bar graphs, time, length, volume, and mass. Using their new measurement skills in an exciting way, the class got to participate in an escape room! They had a blast!

They also had two virtual live Pacific Science field trips. The first was on creatures and how animals have adapted to their environment to live and flourish. The second was on energy and how it works.

In art the class really enjoyed sculpting owls out of clay. They also did a project based on the book "Snowman At Night," where they used oil pastels to create shadows and light areas. Another fun project they did was an abstract composition based on Kandinsky that incorporated different lines and colors with oil pastels. Additionally they

made a collaborative piece of art to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.

- **Jen Frey**

FOURTH GRADE

In December, Mrs. Tradal's friend, Mr. Doug Greisen, came into the classroom to tell the students about the launch and his rockets on the Artemis I. Mr. Larson's class also joined them to learn about the construction, launch, and the rockets and fuel used.

The students had a woodworking project to make a wooden snowman. First, they aligned the pieces of wood then they glued them together. Next, they painted the wood white. They decorated the snowmen with 3D clay noses, buttons, and googly eyes. Finally, they added a scarf and a glove hat.

The 4th graders learned about Lewis and Clark and did an informational booklet with little flaps in chronological order that had information on the journey. Then they made a map inside the booklet that showed the North American territory during that era. Then they made a fake letter that made them talk about what it was like to be there on the journey with the Corps of Discovery.

In January, the 4th graders started long division and learned "digit by digit" by using a mnemonic device: Does McDonald's Sell CheeseBurgers? DMSCB: Divide, Multiply,

Subtract, Check, and Bring down / Bring up. The mnemonic device was helpful for a lot of the students to remember how to do long division.

- **Logan Kim**



FIFTH GRADE

In the new year, the 5th graders continue to work on their math, reading, writing, science, history, art and Spanish language studies. In math, the students are working on adding/subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. In science, the students learned about ecosystems and planets and are now engaged in a Mars Mission simulation in which each student is assigned a role on a Mission team and will work through various assignments and problems that will culminate in a field trip to the Museum of Flight and its Space Gallery. In reading and writing, the students learned about and wrote lyrical poems, worked in groups to create and present to the class informational slides on Native Americans and English settlers in an assigned geographical region, and drafted their own fictional story involving a planet that they studied, including planet facts in their story. Art docents worked with the students to make a picture out of clay and another project exploring dots and lines.

Outside of the classroom, the students took field trips to the Hibulb Cultural Center to explore the past and present of the Tulalip Tribes and the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, exploring Northwest history from dinosaurs to Native American life. Finally, the students are enjoying their time on the school's new turf field during recess.

- **Cathy Biestek**

