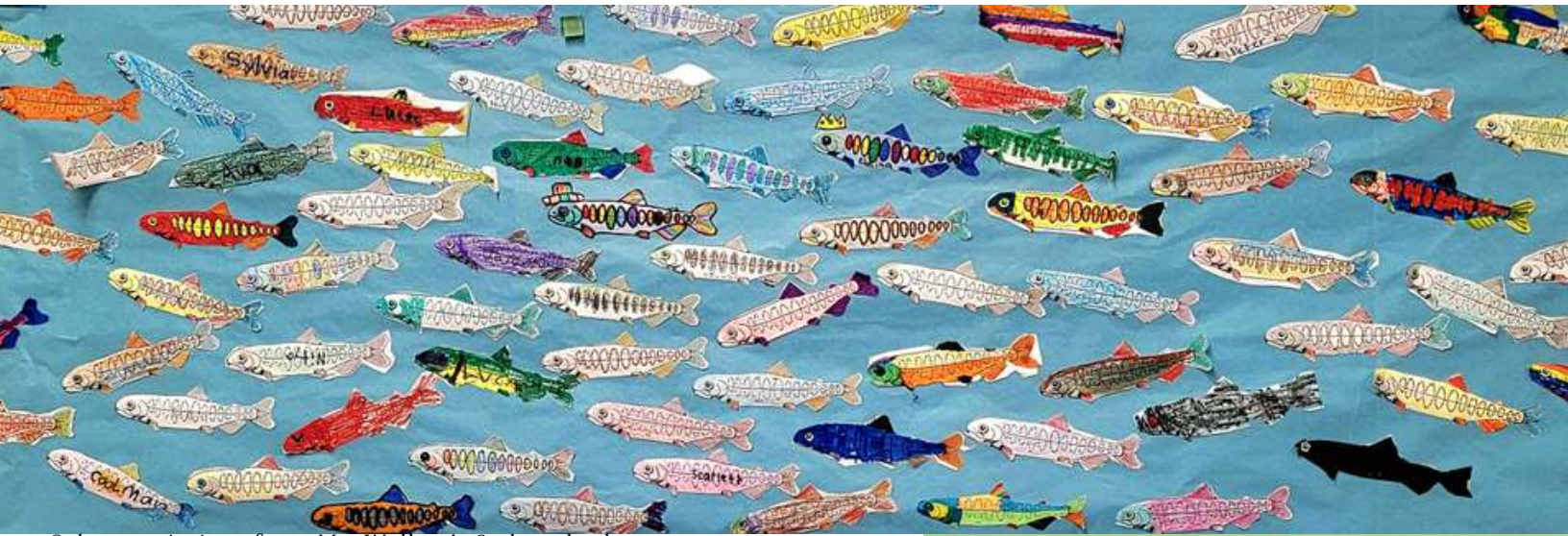


The PACE Setter

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Salmon paintings from Mr. Wallace's 2nd grade class

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Natalie Streich, PACE President

"A single leaf working alone provides no shade." This quote reminds me of our program for so many reasons. PACE is only as strong as the willingness of our members. Whether this be fulfilling volunteer roles or participating the classroom and greater Lockwood community, in my opinion, your time is the most valuable asset.

We've seen this in the hours spent fulfilling committee roles, providing in and out of class support to our teachers and volunteering for enrichments. This is also realized in time spent fundraising, our spring fundraiser, this too, is important to maintain the quality of our program in future years.

All things written about below have only been possible because of the commitment and help of our families, such as yours.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APR 8-12 - SPRING BREAK

APR 16 - CLASS PICTURE DAY

THROUGH APR 22 - SPRING FUNDRAISER

APR 24 - DIA DEL NIÑO

APR 24 - ADULT COLORING NIGHT

MAY 3 - PACE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FIRST GRADE

by Holly Q

Spring is finally here and the first graders are ready for time outside in the warm weather. Our little ones are going to blossom and grow in all kinds of ways.

We were grateful for the help of Mindful Parenting coming to class to teach everyone coping skills for emotional regulation. Some of the favorites are mindful breathing and using sensory fidget type tools.

Fostering emotional intelligence and creating a culture of respect is paramount with our kids.

This January, Mr. Ehlen brought his collection of preserved insects and live stick bugs, cockroaches, and a leaf bug into the class for an Insect Safari and the first graders became entomologists for a day.

For reading, the kids focused on the question words: when, where, who, what, why, and how. They are reading longer texts, thinking and analyzing what they are reading and developing their appetite for books. They have been practicing the “Stop and Think” strategy when reading. The kids are becoming more and more fluent with their reading, as they work on phrasing, expression, and punctuation.

Our little artists learned about Wassily Kandinsky and analogous colors from our art docents.

The class also celebrated Valentine’s Day with custom mailboxes. In Mini Units the students learned all about mason bees as well as creating houses for them that the kids could bring home.

Our kids have certainly been busy bees!



SECOND GRADE

by Izabela Michnicki

Our persevering 2nd graders are hard at work learning, exploring, creating, and having fun. Students continue working on their multiple-element project for their “Molly’s Pilgrim” dolls. Currently, they are building a cabin for their doll and working on adding more details.

Right now they are reading a story about Balto, the lead dog of his sled team. He is carrying medicine to sick children miles away in Nome, Alaska.

This story inspired residents of Alaska to celebrate each year with an extraordinary dog sled race in

2ND GRADE CONTINUED...

memory of Balto and other sled dogs. The race is called the Iditarod. Ask your 2nd grader why a helicopter had to be involved during this race.

In Math, our 2nd graders learned how to identify money, name it, and count it. They practiced how to calculate change when shopping. Currently, students are mastering ungrouping during three-digit subtractions.

Our 2nd graders check on Lockwood's salmon tank weekly. We are very excited about the fast-approaching "salmon release day". Our students had a great time celebrating Valentine's Day, putting to good use their nature journals during a walking field trip to Swamp Creek and sharing many giggles with our 1st graders during the Puppetry Arts incursion. In PE, our students started an "Indiana Jones Adventures" obstacle course unit.

We had lots of fun during food docent classes. Students learned how to whip sweet cream, pick and cut fruit, make rich Mexican hot chocolate, and blend delicious and nutritious smoothies.

We began celebrating "Star of the Week" in our classroom. Each week, two students share all the special things about themselves with their classmates. The remaining students have a great opportunity to learn even more about their peers.

This year's spring mini-unit was fun and we are proudly displaying in our yards the mason bee homes our students built. Our 2nd graders are looking forward to beginning our Gardening Unit, learning about the plant cycle, and seeding new plants. Happy Spring!

THIRD GRADE

by Johannah C

Our third graders are continuing to grow and learn right into spring!

In literacy, we have been focusing on reading, reading, READING! Our classroom has been working hard to read as much as possible for our school read-a-thon fundraiser. We even held a "read-in" where 3rd graders cozied up to read with their stuffies, blankies, and sleeping bags.

In February, we had a "Friendship Party" where we built forts, made friendship bracelets, and "bobbed for donuts" on a string. The kids had a blast and celebrated the friendships they have made and fostered this year.



3RD GRADE CONTINUED...

Recently, we had a "Buzzing Bugs" incursion where one of our classroom parents came to talk to us about engineering and helped us make "buzz bots". It was definitely a highlight!

We traveled to the Wing Luke Museum to learn about Lunar New Year, and explored the Everett Children's Museum for owl pellet dissection.

What an incredible start to 2024 for our third graders!



FOURTH GRADE

by Brook Buettner

The Fourth Grade PACE class had a great Valentine's Day party complete with crafts, creating a Valentine's Tree for the senior center, and a smoothie station. And of course, passing out valentines! Take a look at those beautiful Valentine boxes each of the students made. So much creativity!

On Career Day, the Fourth Graders had a visit from a Kenmore Police Department Detective and Rose's mom, who is a Crisis Responder with the police.

All 4th Grade PACE students participated in the Lockwood Science Fair, showing off a wide variety of science inspired projects.



FIFTH GRADE

by Jessica Read

Spring is busy with registering for middle school, parents attending KMS info night, working hard in the classroom, learning some hard history and having fun! Plus, they headed to 5th grade camp on 4/1!

The class went to Wing Luke Museum where they walked through the INScape Arts Building, the former Immigration and Naturalization Services Building. They retraced Seattle's immigration history plus looked at some amazing art that filled the halls of the historical building. It was an impactful field trip, and inspiring watching the students asked such great thoughtful questions about a very complex system. We learned so much about what happened in the building and what is still happening in immigration buildings across the US.



In the classroom, the students are working hard in Math and learning how to add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions plus coordinate grids and order of operations. Ms. Dawson was able to combine reading, writing and history when teaching the class about African American history and poetry. The poems they wrote are amazing and show so much growth. Who loves lava lamps?? Well, our 5th graders made their own in Science while learning about the 3 states of matter and conservation of matter. Such a great few months of learning!