

New London Intermediate School

January 2012

Bulldogs

PRINCIPALLY SPEAKING

HAPPY NEW YEAR! With the new year brings resolutions. One of my ongoing resolutions is to make this year better than the last. We have so many good things going on at the Intermediate School that makes the resolution tough, but we will do our best!

I would like to remind everyone that in spite of the warmer temperatures, students still need to come to school dressed for winter. I am sure we will get our dose of cold weather, it wouldn't be Wisconsin without it. Please make sure your child is equipped with a coat and any other necessary winter items. If you are missing any of these winter items, our lost and found is a great place to look. We have loads of gear that students have left behind.

Congratulations to those that qualified for our district spelling bee. It is a tough job narrowing the 340 students in the IS down to 16. Great job to all that participated. The district bee will be held at the HS auditorium on Tuesday, January 24, at 6:00 PM.

Please keep your address, phone numbers and emergency information updated on Skyward Family Access. You can do this yourself through your Family access account under Student Information - Request changes to my Child's Information. You may also call the school guidance office at 982-8532 ext 4 to make changes.

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5TH GRADE NEWS

5th grade is focusing in on the American Revolution in Language Arts and Social Studies. We are reading three chapter books that look at the Revolutionary War from the point of view of the main character. Students are reading one of the following stories: My Brother Sam is Dead, Woods Runner, George Washington's Socks. Each of the three stories is a little different but focuses in on different aspects of the revolutionary war. In Social Studies we have completed working with Capzles on the causes of the Revolutionary War. A Capzle is an online interactive timeline, and the information that the students were using and applying to the timeline helped to build background knowledge in Social Studies and for their chapter books in Language Arts.

In Math we are working with Unit 4, a geometry based unit. The major focus of the unit is working with the number of degrees in triangles, quadrilaterals, and circles. Students will work with a protractor to figure out the measurement of the angles for any polygon. We will wrap up the unit by investigating the circumference of circles.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. 20	No School - Teacher Work-day
Jan. 24	Breakfast with Dads
Jan. 24	IS/MS Spelling Bee at HS
Feb. 20	No School—President's Day

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

“ART”

5th grade-Our current project is a paper-cut MOLA design. We researched Panama, the Kuna Indians and their traditional artwork. Students design their own Molas using colored construction paper. Many layers of paper are applied to create an authentic Mola. They are turning out very colorful! The next project will be an abstract relief reptile as the theme.

6th grade-The art of paper quilling is the current art project. Students learned different ways to coil strips of colored paper to make interesting shapes. The shapes are glued onto tagboard inside a drawing of their hand. Instead of a hand, a few students chose to design fish, birds and even a bug which will be filled with the coils. These small projects will soon be on display. The next project will be a combination of printmaking and weaving, along with applying watercolor paint.

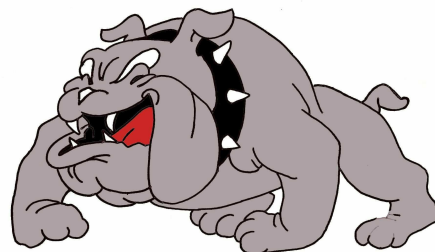
BULLDOGS OF CHARACTER

December Awards for Respect

5th Grade - Alexandra Ramirez,
Vanessa Turner, Logan Hobbs

6th Grade - McKenzie Anderson,
Connor Titterton

The Bulldogs of Character trait
for January is:
Responsibility



6TH GRADE NEWS

Science: Our sixth graders have had quite an interesting experience studying the human body. We enjoyed presentations by two guest speakers who are currently medical students at UW-Madison. Thank you to everyone who donated deer hearts for our dissection project.

Language Arts: We are doing speeches on literature recommendations. In the very near future, we will be starting our biography research projects on the lives of people who became famous during their childhoods.

Social Studies class has been a great place to learn about the Aztecs, Mayans and Olmecs. We are getting really good at note-taking!

Math: We just took our Unit 3 test on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions and decimals...whoohoo!

