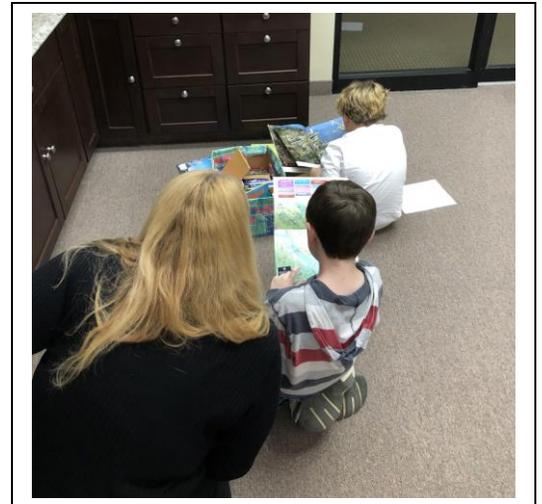


Dear Center School Parents/Guardians:

Just some reminders. Please look at the “important dates” listed at the end of this newsletter as November and December are quite busy.

Also, please insure your most recent email contact information is up to date. With the colder months here any weather-related school delays or closings notifications will be sent to you through email blasts. You can also check the school website and the school twitter site for these notifications.

Thank you for your attention to these reminders. This will assist us in continuing seamless communications with you and coordinate with you the upcoming school events we hope to see you attend.



Middle School students enjoying “good ‘ole” books and reading.

FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

High School

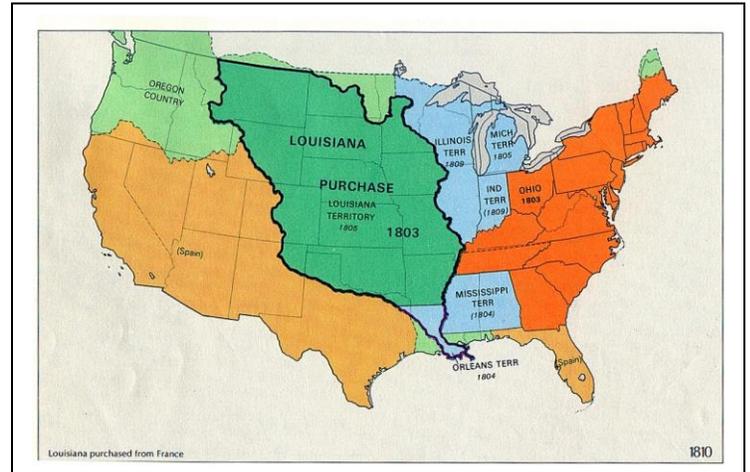
In Mr. Miller’s United States History 1 classes, students spent the week discussing the impacts that the Louisiana Purchase had on the United States, both past and present. Students also examined what the \$15 million purchasing price of the territory would correlate to in 2019 dollars.

Students in United States History 2 continued to work on their Industrialist Projects this week. Students chose one of the business tycoons (Carnegie, Vanderbilt, Rockefeller, or Morgan) of the late 19th Century and ultimately had to decide whether their legacy should be that of a Captain of Industry (Hero) or Robber Baron (Villain).

In Mr. Miller’s World History classes, students began learning about “The Age of Exploration” this week. Students primarily focused on the 3 G’s that motivated European explorers to set sail. These are famously known as Gold, God, and Glory.

Dr. R’s Consumer Mathematics class is examining budgets, determining what things can be cut from budgets to accommodate special expenses, and figuring out how budgets will change based on changes in their lives.

In Dr. R’s Algebra 1 class students are working on writing math so that other people can understand what has been written, solving equations using pictures, and inequalities that describe the layers of the earth’s atmosphere. Dr. R’s Algebra 1 part 1 class is learning to describe real world problems in multiple different ways.



In Ms. Livelli's Language Arts class students just finished the novel, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer". They are currently watching the movie version and will be completing a Venn Diagram to compare and contrast the movie and book. As a culminating activity the students will choose their favorite scene in the book or movie, describe the scene and depict it on a poster. In American History 1, students are continuing studies of the how and why the United States Constitution was created. As part of the studies students are creating a Cause-effect organizer for the Constitutional Convention. Ms. Livelli's World History class continue studying Ancient China. They are creating a booklet that contains all the pertinent facts about daily life, culture, and geography.

Middle School

Mrs. Burak's History class is beginning a 13 colonies project. Students may make a T.V. commercial, a poster, power point, or another teacher approved project. They must give information about the colony of their choice such as location, weather, and type of government. Their task is to convince others to settle in their colony.

In Miss Small's Math class, students reviewed Chapter 4. They reviewed two-part word problems, practiced adding, subtracting, and multiplying whole numbers. Students took a chapter test on Thursday and relaxed with math games on Friday.

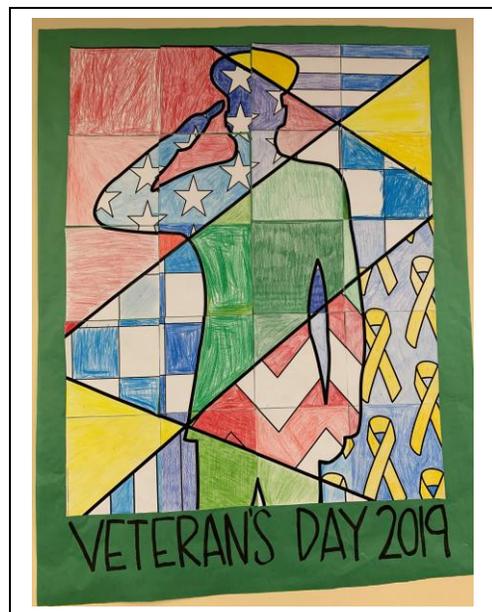
In Ms. Akushie's Social Studies class the students are learning about the daily life during colonial times. Each student was assigned one of the thirteen colonies to research. They had to include details such as the government, economy, and geography. Once the projects are completed, they will make a presentation to the class.

Ms. Harrison's Social Studies students are researching Incan and Mayan societies, the Spanish influence and the impressive structures that are still standing. The students research will culminate in creating a replica of a temple, home, terrace or barriers.



Elementary School

Students remembered our Veterans for Veterans' Day, this past week, by writing letters or drawing pictures to thank them for their service. They also worked collaboratively on a poster that will hang in our learning studio as a reminder of why we celebrate Veterans Day. At morning meeting, students also shared traits they feel our Veterans possess such as being loyal, brave, determined, strong, and kind. In our Economics Unit this week, we focused on the differences between needs and wants and goods and services. Students in Mrs. Sheeley's Math class went on an array scavenger hunt around the school. They were surprised to find arrays on the water cooler, in the gaga pit, on the telephones and even on lego pieces.



Music

In honor of Veterans' Day the Elementary and Middle Schools listened to Patriotic Music which included the anthems of the 5 branches of the military, "America The Beautiful", and "The Star Spangled Banner". The second marking period has begun and with it has some students returning to music and some new students.

Our school band and choir are busy preparing



for our Winter Concert and our first play

rehearsal will begin this week. Seen to the left are band students working hard on their musical selections for the December 19th winter concert.



Woodshop

In Mr. DiDonato's woodshop students have just started a new marking period. They have all selected projects to begin and there are a nice variety of projects being made. Some students chose to create: benches, knock hockey boards, shelves, and bird houses. First in the process is the student making the wood selection, then cutting wood pieces to size, and sanding. Elementary students are continuing with a corner shelf project, and are making very good progress. They will be ready to stain soon. It's good to see all the enthusiasm in the shop.



OT Dept.

The OT Department took the Life Skills student on a shopping trip Friday to purchase supplies to decorate for the Thanksgiving Feast. Students previously obtained information about the feast, including the number of people attending and the approximate number of tables that would be set up. They were then provided with a budget to purchase the supplies. Based on those figures and their individual budget, each student had to determine the quantity of each supply that would be needed and purchase that number under budget. Every student did a great job and began constructing the decorations upon their return!

Therapeutic Dept.

Mrs. Gorski's groups played a Character-Building Card game to celebrate character traits, specifically citizenship. The objective of the game was for players to collect one of each of the character cards. Character cards have questions and scenarios that players must respond to. The game ends when a player collects each of the character cards. As the game was being played, students had dialog about the character traits and how they can show examples of good character in their daily lives.

Mr. Coronado's groups brainstormed and discussed people and things that they are grateful for and why. We also discussed ways to show gratitude to those who we care about and ways that others show their gratitude to us. Students were given the opportunity to create some cards for those who they are grateful to have in their lives.

In Ms. Sadiq's and Ms. Hogan's groups, students experienced speed dating with a twist. Students were given a set of questions and/or prompts to initiate a conversation. The point of this activity was for students to feel less awkward speaking to each other, feel confident talking about a variety of topics, and work on their social skills.

School News

Support The Center School when you shop on Amazon

Every time you shop with Amazon, .05% of your purchase will be donated to The Center School. Use this link to start your Amazon Center School donations: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1933177>

Cooking Club

The Cooking Club is hosting its annual Gingerbread House Decorating Event on Tuesday, December 10th. We need to know quickly how many students will be attending so that we can get enough kits before they sell out.

Please turn in permission slip (or email Mrs. Lees at mlees@center.school to hold a spot in advance of permission slip) by Thursday, November 21st. Permission slips are available from Mrs. Lees or homeroom teacher.



Senior Class Fundraiser

The senior class is holding a Krispy Kreme doughnut fundraiser. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be benefitting the senior class trip held in the spring.

The famous Krispy Kreme doughnuts and their coffee will be available for purchase until November 19. All sales will be distributed on November 26. Each student has been given an order form. Doughnuts are being sold for \$10.00 per dozen and coffee for \$10.00 per bag.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Thu. Nov. 21	Picture Retake Day
Tue. Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Feast
Wed. Nov. 27	Early Dismissal- 1:05pm
Thu. - Fri. Nov. 28 & 29	Closed- Thanksgiving Recess
Wed. Dec. 11	Early Dismissal-1:05 pm Staff Professional Development
Fri. Dec. 13	High School Mall Trip- Bridgewater Commons Mall
Thu. Dec. 19	Winter Concert 12:00- 1:30
Fri. Dec. 20	Early Dismissal- 1:05pm
Sat. Dec. 21- Wed. Jan. 1	Winter Recess <i>Happy Holidays!</i>
Thu. Jan. 2	Winter Recess Ends, back to school

Clubs and Events November 2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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4 Intramurals ES/MS/HS D&D / Adventurer's Guild	5 Spanish Culture MS/HS	6	7 School Closed Teacher Convention	8 School Closed Teacher Convention
11 Intramurals ES/MS/HS	12 Cooking Club	13	14 Pride Club E Sports Club	15
18 Intramurals ES/MS/HS D&D / Adventurer's Guild	19 Spanish ES/MS History Club	20	21 <u>School Picture Retake Day</u> Newspaper Club Art Club Craft Club	22
25 Intramurals ES/MS/HS	26 <u>Thanksgiving Feast</u> Music Club	27 Early Dismissal	28 School Closed Happy Thanksgiving	29 School Closed

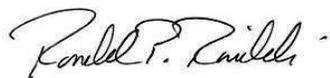
EVENTS

Picture Retake Day
You can have your child's school photo retaken on **Thursday, November 21st**.

Thanksgiving Feast
We will be having a school-wide Thanksgiving Feast on **Tuesday, Nov 26th**. Contact Mrs. Slovik with any dietary concerns or restrictions.

Happy Thanksgiving

Sincerely,



Dr. Ronald P. Rinaldi
Principal