



Floyd L. Bell Elementary School KNIGHT NEWS

February 2017

The Bell Ringer

Lorraine Hulbert, Principal

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 2/13 – 3/3, Pennies for Patients Campaign
- ◆ Thu 2/23, 6:30pm, Pennies for Patients Coin Carnival
- ◆ Tue 2/28, 6:30pm, Winter Concert
- ◆ 3/3, Last day to order a yearbook (\$13)
- ◆ 3/17, Happy Ads due for the Yearbook

Get to Know... *Mrs. Kuratnick!*



Her Favorites

Color: purple

Food: French toast with strawberries, whipped cream, and choc chips

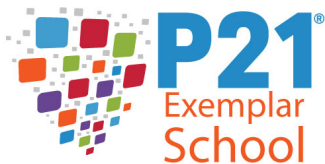
Book: "Shiloh" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

Sport: Softball

Hobby: Watching hockey;

Season: Summer, especially at the beach!

Mrs. Kuratnick teaches 4th grade. She was born July 31 in Riverhead, Long Island, NY. Now she lives in Endwell with her husband, Michael, and daughters Arianna and Kylie. Mr. Kuratnick teaches math. Arianna (3) loves to swim and play soccer in the Binghamton Soccer Shots and loves baby dolls. Kylie is 8 months old and is traveling all over the place. She loves pulling herself up and standing. They have a Beagle, Lexy, 6, who loves to be around people. At home, Mrs. Kuratnick likes to play and snuggle with her daughters, relax and watch movies with Michael, and to bake. At school, she likes putting on the class play, teaching math, and reading aloud. When she was a child, she wanted to be a beautician, then in 4th grade realized she wanted to be a teacher. What she likes most at Bell is the students and other teachers she gets to work with, and all the fun activities they get to do. Her most memorable Bell moment? When she got duct taped to the wall in 2012 for the Pennies for Patients Can War Challenge.



2016-2017

The mission of the Windsor Central School District is to create a stimulating environment where students are independent learners and grow to become successful citizens. This environment is created by a challenging, integrated curriculum delivered by a caring and competent staff.



Bell Music News!

Please mark your calendars for our BELL WINTER CONCERT!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28 AT 6:30 PM

Featuring our 4th and 5th Grade Students in Band and Chorus!!

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Concert!

Mrs. Bertram, Band Director
Mr. DiGennaro, Chorus Director



Our Box Top and Labels for Education Programs are in full swing! We have recently received a check for **\$779** from the Box Tops for Education Program.

We are moving into our 3rd quarter raffle, which is one of my favorites as well as many of the students: For every **10** Box Tops or Labels for Education points your child brings in, his/her name will be entered into a raffle to **win a party** for their class! And they can choose what *type* of party. They could choose a pizza party, donut party, or ice cream party!

Tips for collecting BOX TOPS

Use collection sheets when possible.
 Multiples of 10 per sheet, please.
 Use only tape or glue; we cannot ship with staples.
 Use only 1 side of the collection sheet.

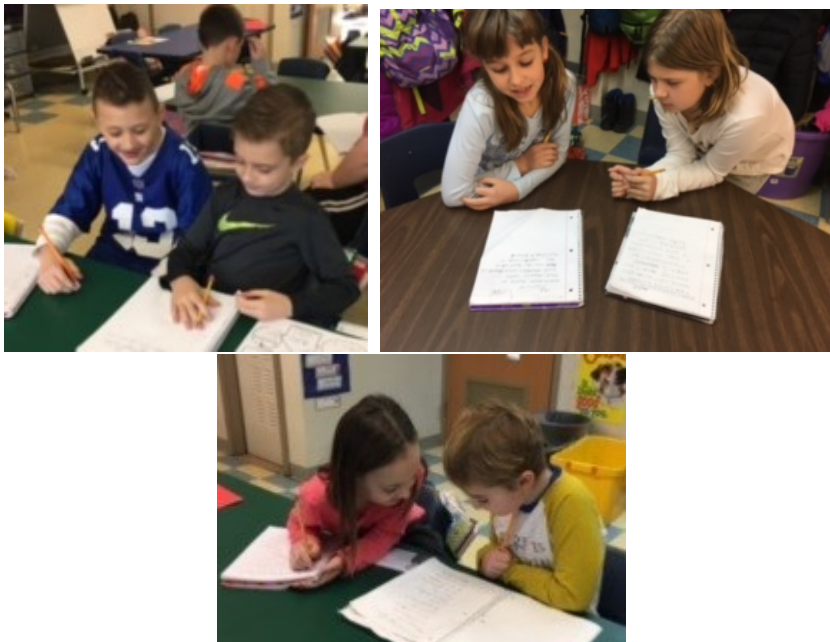
Make sure your **child's first and last name with teacher name is on sheet or baggie.**

If sending in an envelope or baggie, make sure all items are inside, often they get separated.



2nd Grade News *by Miss Roberts*

Miss Roberts' class has been diving into poetry the last couple of weeks! We have been looking at objects through the eyes of a poet. The students brought in treasures from home to be their inspiration for one of their poems. They have been working in pairs to provide compliments and suggestions to peers! The students also learned about the upcoming poetry event at Binghamton University. Hearing that they have the opportunity to attend this event has motivated them even more to learn more about poems and to write their own meaningful ones!



Student Council News

Student Council held two different fundraisers during the month of December.

First, candy grams were sold and distributed to help spread some holiday cheer. Secondly, students and staff made donations in order to wear their pajamas to school during our Comfy for a Cause fundraiser. All proceeds from both fundraisers were matched by Student Council, and the money will benefit *Heifer International*.

We are proud to announce that the grand total being donated to this worthy cause is:

\$760!

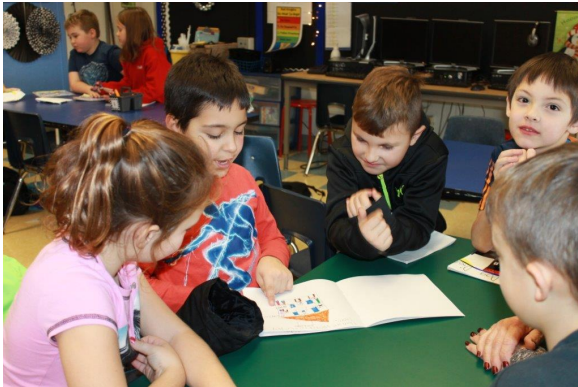
Thank you, Bell Buddies, for all of your generous donations!

(To learn more about Heifer International, visit www.heifer.org).



2nd Grade News by Mrs. Youngs

Mrs. Youngs' 2nd Grade Class worked hard during the first quarter on their first *small moments* book. Students drafted a rough draft, final draft, and then made a book about a small moment memory from their life. They shared these published books at an Author's Celebration in December.



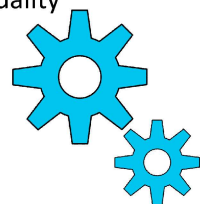
PLTW News by Mrs. Mulcahy

First Grade engineers completed their design, model, and evaluation of a painting device that could paint in more than one way. Many of our young engineers went above and beyond, creating a structure that could function in three ways. Their favorite part of the design process was testing and evaluating their design by painting. Some had unexpected results and during their evaluation made suggestions for improvement.

Third grade engineers design problem was quite different. After reading about how food is sometimes airlifted to areas of the world after natural disasters, our third grade friends designed, built, and evaluated planes that could carry 3 pieces of cargo to a remote location. Using previously collected data, our engineers

evaluated various wing and stabilizer shapes to design a new plane that could carry cargo. They enjoyed launching and measuring the distance of their new plane and celebrating success!

Fourth and Fifth grade engineers designed and tested a restraint system that would protect an egg passenger in the event of a collision. With nervous anticipation they tested their design and used evidence to support suggestions for improvement such as modifications, lowering budgets of materials, and even implementing quality inspections. It was very *egg*citing!!



1st Grade News by Mrs. Van Gaasbeck



Bell PTO

Join our group to stay updated on all our events and activities

Throughout the month of December the first grade classes participated in the Twelve Days of Christmas. Each day included a theme activity such as Kindness Day, a candy cane exchange, and Santa Around the World. The kids participated in math and literacy activities throughout the month. The unit ended with Polar Express Day!



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Joy Farley
School Counselor

Michele Adam
Nurse



3rd Grade News by Mrs. Rose

We've been very busy in 3rd grade! In ELA, we have been working on studying frogs and becoming experts on different species of frogs. The students performed text feature surgery to demonstrate their learning about text features which they then applied as they began researching their frog of choice. We are now transitioning into informational writing. Students now have the opportunity to apply all of their expertise on frogs to a new form of writing. It is so exciting to see our students applying the new information they are learning in such a variety of ways!

Just before Winter Break, we also had the opportunity to go to Roberson Museum for our field trip. Our students were able to learn about different holiday traditions from around the world through a variety of experiences. Students took part in a visit to the "International Forest", a special holiday planetarium show, a guided tour of the historical Roberson museum, and more. This was a unique opportunity for students to be out in the community and to learn in ways that would otherwise not be possible in our classrooms. We are so excited for all that the rest of the year holds for us!

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