



Cougars' Tale

Principal's Report

Calendar

Coebourn
Elementary
School

February, 2012



Happy February! PSSA preparation is in the air. Preparation for the test is a year- long process and Coebourn is ready to SHOW WHAT WE KNOW! We thought it would be fun to continue with our LEARNING TAKES US AROUND THE WORLD theme and activities to get the students excited about the opportunity to show their math and reading skills. This year the PSSA testing begins in March. All students in grades 3-5 will be involved in the state-wide testing.

There are so many wonderful things going on at Coebourn: Jump-A-Thon, the Variety Show preparation and performances, after-school programs for math and reading, and an all around great staff working with the students! It is very exciting for me to be a part of this. As always the parents and PTL have shown an overwhelming amount of support and constant involvement in our school. Little could get done without your support and assistance.

Holly W. Acosta, Ed. D.
Coebourn Principal

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

1st Newspaper Club— 8:20 AM
Coebourn Jump-A-Thon
K-Registration - Service Center
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
2nd 1:15 Dismissal for Students
Inservice for Teachers

Revised K Schedule
AM- 8:50 - 10:25 AM
PM- 11:40 - 1:15 PM
3rd Safety Meeting - 8:30 AM
4th Variety Show @ SVHS— 7:00 PM
6th 5th Grade Parent Mtg. 9:00 AM & 6:30
7th Tech Squad 3:30 - 4:30 PM
8th Student Council - 3:30 - 4:30 PM
PTL Meeting - 6:30 PM
9th Family Math Night - 6:30—7:00 PM
13th K- Conferences - Regular K Classes
14th K-Conferences - No AM or PM K
Reading Olympics - 8:15 AM
15th Newspaper Club - 8:20 AM
K- Conferences - No AM K
Regular PM K
16th K- Conferences — No PM K
Regular AM K
All Students Dismissed at 11:15 AM
Afternoon and Evening Conferences
17th 11:15 Dismissal / No PM K
20th President's Day - School Closed
21st School Closed for Students
Inservice for Teachers
22nd Student Council 3:30— 4:30 PM
24th 2nd Grade Field Trip
Coebourn Winter BINGO @ NMS
Doors Open at 6:00 PM
First Game at 6:30 PM
28th Reading Olympics 8:15 AM

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CLASSROOM CONNECTION

In Kindergarten, we have been learning winter words and we are using them in our Kid Writing! We are glad that we finally had some winter weather! We have been learning all about animals that live in cold, winter weather like penguins and polar bears. We can tell you a lot of facts about them. We also learned about the Chinese New Year. Did you know that we are now in the year of the Dragon? It will not be the year of the Dragon again for 12 years! We love learning about winter, but we can't wait for spring to come!



COEBOURN STUDENT, TYLER MCLAUGHLIN, ENJOYING CAREER DAY!

Can you believe we have almost been in school 100 days? First grade will be celebrating the 100th day on Friday, February 3rd. We will do fun activities throughout the day to show how much we know about the number 100. As part of our Home-School connection, the first graders will be creating a fun activity at home. Look for all the creative ways to make 100 on display outside of the first grade classrooms! Happy 100th Day!!!!!!

Third grade did a week long project on collecting and organizing data. They surveyed classmates, family and friends and used tally tables to collect the data and then took the data and made frequency tables, bar graphs..both horizontal and vertical and then made pictographs. They reported their findings to the class and projects are hung outside of our classroom to read the findings.

This month in fourth grade, our students will be learning about many great things. For starters, we have career day when the students get to take a look at the outside world and how education plays an important role in the jobs and careers the students will have one day. It is a great opportunity for students to learn about interesting occupations and a tool to inspire them to find unique ways to apply their education. In science, the students will continue to explore the world of electricity. In Social Studies, the students will be learning about the Northeast region of the United States. Students also began and will continue to learn about geometry in math.

Fifth grade is making transformations in Geometry. Students are learning about the different elements that make up a solid figure like edges, faces, and vertices. The students are also discovering how shapes like a cylinder can take on different views! Did you ever think a cylinder could be made up of a rectangle and a circle? In Social Studies the fifth graders have been exploring the "New World" known as America by reliving and acting out scenes of what it was like for the colonists and slaves during the 1700s and 1800s.



FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS ENJOYING TIME WITH A PROFESSIONAL BOXER AT COEBOURN CAREER DAY!

GREAT JOB COEBOURN STUDENTS!

COEBOURN COUGARS Student of the Month

AM K1	JOSHUA COLEMAN
PM K1	ISABELLE PETKA
Rm 2	CHRISTIAN KAFAZI
Rm 3	JAKE ADAMS
Rm 4	ADAM PARKES
Rm 5	LIAM DOBRY
Rm 7	MICHAEL MILES
Rm 8	HALEY AXILBUND
Rm 6	OLIVIA NAGY
Rm 10	BRIELLE SMITH
Rm 11	JOSH DOUGHERTY
Rm 12	MORGAN DOUGHERTY
Rm 17	JING OU
Rm 18	CJ SEITZ
Rm 14	MATT BOX
Rm 15	SARA DAWSON
Rm 16	ANA PIERDOMENICO

Attendance Reminder

A good educational day starts out by being on time and prepared for the day. Please help us help your children by having them arrive on time for school. Additionally, if your child is absent from school, please make sure you provide a written excuse, in addition to calling the office.

COUGAR 200 CLUB

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized in the month of December for demonstrating one of the 3 R's - Respect, Responsibility, and Ready.

MICHAEL TRASATTI, COLIN MCCLELLAN, ALEX CAREY, LUCAS SUMMERS, RYAN JOSTEN, NICK HECK, NOAH DEBLASIO, CAROLINE SINDONI, ASHANTI MARTINEZ, ISABELLA LESLIE, JERRY MCGEE, MICHAEL WICIAK, JULIA DINICOLA, TYLER MCLAUGHLIN, TOMMY RUDITYS, GRACE KEELEY, KRISTINA BRUTON, RACHEL BINGEMAN, DRAKE GRAHAM, JACOB FECANIN, ANDREW MIHNIAK, KARA DAMICO, HALEY AXILBUND, GIGI CHRISTONIKAS, DIANNI ALMONTE, JOSH GINDLE, JORDAN JOHNSTON, JAYNEE HAMILTON, BRANDON JAGGERS. AUSTIN DEHART, MORGAN BERMAN, SAMANTHA SWAINSON, MADISON BLAIRE, NICK CORRADO, ALENA CATKA, HOPE DIODATO, and EVAN TAYLOR.

Tips on Helping Your Children Stay Safe In the Car

Child safety seats are required by law in every state because they provide the best protection for infants and young children. However, correctly installing a child safety seat can be challenging.

Selecting And Installing A Child Safety Seat

- It must be appropriate for your child's age, height and weight.
- **It must fit tightly into your vehicle and not move more than 1 inch from side to side and front to back. The back seat is the best place for the child safety seat.**
- Always refer to the child safety seat instructions and vehicle manufacturer's instructions for weight limits, proper use and installation.
- Avoid seats that are too old.
- New child safety seats have a registration card. Register your child's safety seat with the manufacturer so you can be notified of any recall.
- Visit this site for more information www.usaaedfoundation.org/Safety/safety_544_child_safety_seats



Spotlight on Curriculum

By ~ Fran Im, Jen McCarty, Bill Reaume, Nicole Small Elementary Guidance Counselors

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The elementary guidance program is a proactive, comprehensive, and developmental approach to addressing the wide variety of needs that our students present. One key component to this balanced approach is the use of classroom guidance lessons. Our curriculum is designed to provide our students with the foundational skills and knowledge needed to find success in both their educational and interpersonal endeavors.

Understanding and coping with our emotions is essential to finding success and happiness in life. A significant challenge for children is learning to both accept and manage feelings of anger. In each grade level, this topic is explored in guidance class. Our first grade curriculum begins the discussion with lessons on recognizing body language and using one's words to express feelings. In second grade, we teach a variety of coping skills such as counting to ten, taking deep breaths, and talking it out. In third grade, we reinforce many of the previously taught coping skills and explore the connections between triggers to anger, chosen actions, and consequences. In fourth and fifth grades, the topic is addressed as part of our unit on conflict resolution. Students learn a structured approach to the resolution of conflicts. As part of this approach, the use of the "I statements" is employed to express their feelings and to help them in the successful resolution of conflicts.

Home/School Connection ~ Discussing difficult emotions with your children is critical in the process of helping them develop a self-image and ultimately finding success in handling these feelings. Encourage your child to use the coping skills above by role-playing practice sessions of imaginary conflicts together. Establish mutually agree upon timeout areas and other options for your child to de-escalate when feeling angry.

It's wise to direct your thoughts towards problems -not people, to focus your energies on answers - not excuses.

(William Arthur Ward)

PTL 411



Gertrude Hawk fundraising has begun. Orders are due February 15th. **Please make sure to fill out the ENTIRE form, including the bottom portion!** Orders will be here in time for Easter.

Don't forget **School Store**: Wednesday, February 18th

Look for **Family Bingo Night** info to be coming home soon. If you are willing to donate or help, contact Maria Leslie @ 872-1350 or Tami Copple @ 872-1719.

Please keep sending "**Box Tops**" and "**Tyson Labels**." Don't forget the "**Campbell's Soup Labels**" The points add up!!!

If you didn't get a chance to order **Joe Corbi**, or want more, we have great news! You can order online at any time for the next year and Coebourn will get credit. Just enter our School ID: OL28COEES(the Os are letters, not numbers) Any questions, contact Donna Miles 610-872-1840.

Coebourn Cougar Car Magnets -\$2.50. Please contact the office if you would like to purchase one.

We are looking for new chairpersons many committees next year. If you have any questions, please contact Jennie French at 610-876-2114 or jfrench826@comcast.net

Next PTL Meeting: Wednesday, February 8th @ 6:30 in the library. Babysitting will be provided in the cafeteria.

