

The Eagle Gazette

December 2019

Upcoming Events:

- Dec 6 •Progress Report 2
- Dec 9 •Cannon rental fitting 6-7pm
- Dec 13 •Early Release
- Dec 16 •Awards Assembly 8:15am
- Dec 18 •Winter Concert, HCMS, 6pm
- Dec 23-Jan 1 •Winter Break



Coming up:

- Jan 2 •First day of school after break
- Jan 3 •Winter Activities payments due
- Jan 9 •First day of Winter Activities
- Jan 20 •No school – MLK Jr Day
- Jan 31 •Progress Report 3



Sneakers for PE

Now that we're in winter boot mode, we wanted to remind you to be sure your Eagle brings sneakers for PE days. Mr. St. Pierre is with us every Thursday, and will also join us some Mondays and Fridays. Please help us ensure your student can participate in gym safely and comfortably.

Winter Concert

We look forward to this year's Winter Concert, which will be held at Haverhill Cooperative Middle School at 6pm on Wednesday, December 18th. Join us for a celebration of the season and its many joys through music.

Clothes for Recess

Reminder: We try to have outdoor recess whenever possible. Our general rule of thumb is if it's over 10°F and/or not raining, we will be outside. We ask that students have hats, gloves/mittens, coats, boots, and (if they're not staying on the tar) snow pants. If you need help obtaining any of these items, please let Amanda or Mrs. Swain in the office know.

Veterans Day Celebration

On November 8, we invited veterans from our area to join us for a ceremony and lunch.



We gathered around the flag pole to raise both the US flag and the new NH State flag that the 5th and 6th graders brought home from a field trip to the State House earlier this year. Together, we recited the pledge and sang the National Anthem. Then, each student and veteran planted a smaller flag around the pole.



Students had a moment to shake the veterans' hands and thank them.



Once inside, Mrs. Swain shared the Presidential Proclamation on Veterans Day, and Ms. Amanda read the names of family members who have served in the military, a list students and staff provided. Then, each class presented crafts or readings. Following the ceremony, the veterans joined us for lunch.

We were honored to host this gathering, and we thank the veterans and their guests for joining us and for their service to our country.

Winter Activities coming soon!

Thursday, January 9th will be our first day of Winter Activities.

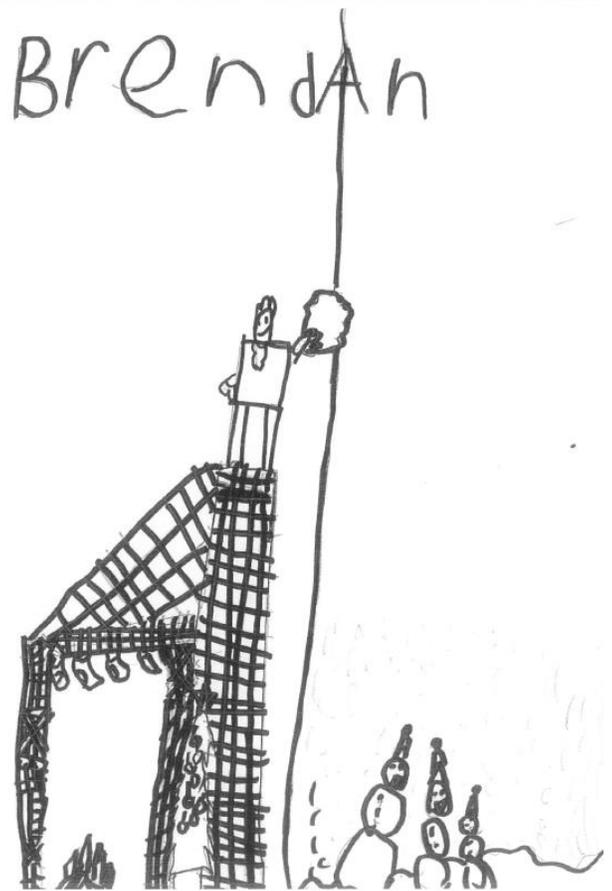
Students riding the bus need to be at school by 7:55am/8am as usual. If you signed your student up to ride the bus but they'll not be riding, please call school to let us know not to wait for them!

Students will have the opportunity to order lunch from the school cafeteria a couple days ahead of time, or they are welcome to pack their own lunch. Please send your student with a water bottle, too!

°Students staying at **BVS** will have a range of activities over the 6-week period.

°Students going to **Evergreen** should bring appropriate clothing for any of the three activities (swimming, gymnastics and climbing) each Thursday. Evergreen will provide us with a schedule; however, activities can change without notice.

°Students headed to **Cannon** should be sure to have all their warm layers each day. ***New this year: if you did not sign up for your student to take the bus, you do not need to contact school in the morning (unless your student will not be at Cannon that day). We will meet you at the mountain for a 9:20am check in.



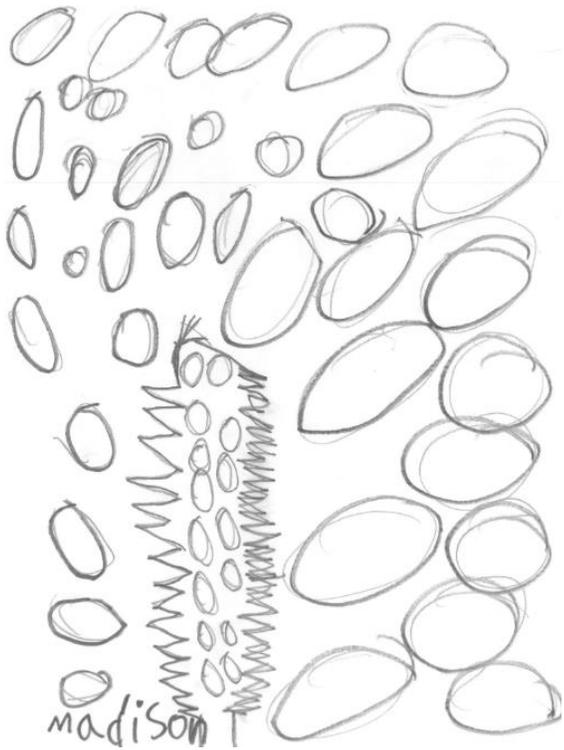
R.O.C.K.S. links

Catching kids in the act of doing something good is fun, and it helps encourage good behavior. R.O.C.K.S. slips are read over the PA in morning announcements, then hung in links in the cafeteria.

Some of the recent links earned were for:

- Responsibility: reminded a classmate how to check their work.
- Outstanding attitude: supported classmates in an afternoon activity.
- Citizenship: stood up for a classmate.
- Kindness: switched chairs so a friend could have a turn.
- Self-direction: read *Green Eggs and Ham* by himself.

Have you asked your Eagle about links he or she might have received?

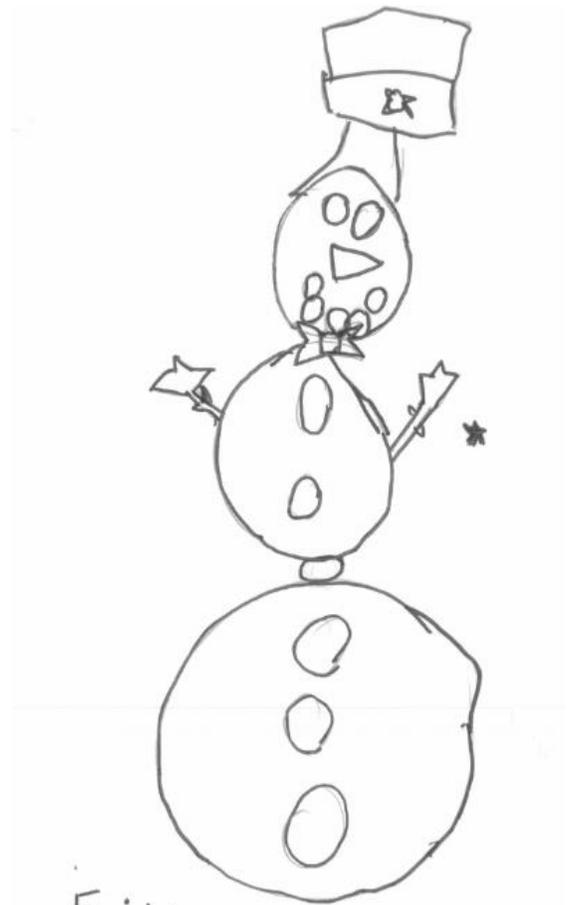


Reading at Home

Starting in Kindergarten, if a student reads 20 minutes a day at home, they will hear 1.8 million words per year. They will have read for 851 hours by 6th grade and on standardized tests, they will likely score better than 90% of their peers.

This is compelling data on the benefits of encouraging your child to read! It's never too late to start a habit!

Mrs. Melanson recently brought an article about reading with your children to our attention. If you go to news.osu.edu, then search for "million word gap", you can find Jeff Grabmeier's article *A "million word gap" for children who aren't read to at home.*



Many thanks to First Grade for their beautiful wintery artwork!

