

**M.S.A.D. #53  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REPORT  
Pre K - 4**

To: M.S.A.D. #53 BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
From: Faye Anderson  
Re: Board Report for January 2, 2012  
Date: December 16, 2011

***HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES***

During the two weeks prior to the holiday break there were many different activities that took place. Here is what happened in classrooms:

***PK***

Students in PK had a pajama day and listened to the story of the Polar Express in the Multi-Purpose room. When they came back to their classroom they found a bell attached to their chair.

***Kindergarten***

Kindergarten children had a pajama day on December 14<sup>th</sup> and had the opportunity to participate in several different centers in each of the classrooms. They listened to the story; The Polar Express and volunteers helped them sting bells as a follow-up to the book.

***Grade 1***

Grade 1 students watched the video of the Polar Express and also had a pajama day. Their traditional Christmas plays will be revamped to show the many winter stories written by Jan Brett. They will be performing their plays in February.

***Grade 2***

Mrs. George had an Author's Tea. Students shared their memories of what their family does each Christmas. The students did not exchange presents but donated money they earned from doing chores in their home. For each chore they did their parents paid them 25¢. As a class they raised \$26.00 and bought a Cowboy Hat, Lightening McQueen racecar and a John Deer Lego Tractor for a three-year-old boy.

Mrs. Vigue's students shared the story of "Twas the Night Before Christmas". Students memorized different parts of the stories and illustrated their part. They were quite the artists. The students also wrote a letter to Santa and told him what they were leaving him to eat on Christmas Eve. They also have quite a sense of humor.

Mrs. Higgins practiced Christmas carols. They have beautiful voices and they sang with their fourth grade buddies.

***Grade 3***

Parent volunteers came to cook a brunch for the students on December 16<sup>th</sup>. They had pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, muffins, fruits and vegetables and lots more. They also enjoyed a movie together.

Mrs. Noonan's class chose to raise money for the Children's Benefit Fund instead of exchanging presents. They raised \$63.41.

***Grade 4***

Parents volunteered to cook a special holiday buffet for the grade 4 students, which included many pasta dishes, fruits, vegetables, and of course the holiday treats. Mrs. Rollins and Mrs. Bubar created hand print wreaths for each classroom door to brighten up our halls.

Mrs. Bubar's students had the opportunity to use their "Bubar Bucks" to buy presents for their family. She sets up her room like a Flea Market and they use the bucks they have earned since the beginning of the year to purchase items. Volunteers come in and help the students wrap their presents.

### ***Music***

Mr. Lake's music concert for students in grades K-2 was a huge success. We had to open the bleachers on the Warsaw stage to make room for families. The room was filled with smiles and laughter.

### ***Physical Education***

Mrs. Nile invited grade 2-4 parents to come to the Vickery Gym to bowl with their child. She had 101 parents, grandparents, aunts, and uncles come to enjoy bowling. What a great activity!

### ***Staff***

The staff sang Christmas Carols for the students on Thursday, December 15th while the students ate breakfast. We sounded great!! Mr. Gallagher also joined in.

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, several staff members from Pittsfield got together to sing carols at the homes of retired teachers. They had a great time.

### ***Children's Benefit Fund***

Children's Benefit Fund bought winter clothes for 32 children from Kindergarten to Grade 8. Girl Scout Troop #650 contributed toys for each child at the PK-4 level and the First Congregational Church of Pittsfield donated gifts for the Warsaw students. Members of the community adopted five families and the Children's Benefit Fund connected them with needy families. An anonymous donation was made to Manson Park to help three other families. Each family was given a large food basket. They have also helped two students get a new pair of glasses and are working on helping two other students. What a great organization!

### ***Fall 2011 Safe Routes to School Raffle***

The Vickery School won 3 reflective cloth backpacks for their participation in the Fall Safe Routes to School Program. In the spring, all children that participate in the Walk & Bike to School Program will have their name put in a drawing to win the backpacks. Thanks Mrs. Nile for registering our school.

### ***January***

In January students will be evaluated again using our Universal Screeners. We are all anxious to see the gains the children have made in reading and math.

### ***Upcoming Events***

January 2 – In service – We will be working on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports and Science

January 6 – Title I review

January 16 – No school

January 20 – Second Quarter Ends

January 30 – Report Cards go home