



#### Decem-burrrrr 2016

### Pine Happenings

Wed. Jan. 4th Back to School

Mon. & Tues. Jan. 9th & 10th Mobile Dentist @ Pine

Tues. Jan 10<sup>th</sup> South Shore Dance @ Pine

Mon. Jan 16<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King, Jr. Day...School Day!!! (Making up the Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> snow day).

Tues. Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> Chipotle Giveback for Pine.

Thurs. Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Showcase

Kindergarten News: Have a very Merry Christmas and enjoy your time together! Over our two week holiday break, please take this

opportunity to read to your child every day. There are wonderful holiday stories that you can share with your child such as:

Polar Express,

• T'was the Night Before Christmas, &

Religious stories.

After you have read a few stories, write your own Christmas story together.



The Second Grade has had a very exciting and busy school year thus far. We have had the opportunity to go on three awesome Fall field trips. These trips included the La Porte Symphony where we heard some amazing music and also experienced some special learning about Indiana History. These lucky second graders also got to travel to Munster to see the play "Jack and the Beanstalk" which was a truly wonderful performance. Last but not least, what says Fall more than a trip to Garwood's Orchard to go apple picking and learning about how the process of their business runs as well.

More recently, we are all finishing our study of life cycles and had our work on display at the artifacts showcase this month. We have also been improving our reading and writing skills. Many of us are even beginning chapter books!

In math, we are getting used to our new, rigorous program. We want to thank all of our parents for supporting their kids





The Brass Trio from the South Bend Symphony visited Pine in December. What instrument would <u>you</u> like to learn while at Pine?



at home. We want to remind everyone that math facts are an easy math skill to practice at home. Also, kids should read every night for about 20 minutes. Right before bed is a great time to open a book and relax before going to sleep. Please try to support this practice at home. Enjoy the holidays and we will see everyone in January!

4<sup>th</sup> Grade News: To help us learn about Indiana's history, we have been on two field trips this year. We went to Pioneer land at the La Porte County Fairgrounds, and to the La Porte County Historical Museum in La Porte. Both places helped us

to appreciate how people lived when they first started coming to Indiana.

At Pioneer land, we were able to see and touch replicas of tools and toys that may have been used during that time period. We were able to experience what a school would have been like, and what a cabin looked like that pioneers may have lived in. The museum reinforced what we learned at Pioneer land, plus it had more modern things as well, such as cars and planes.





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We are excited to be celebrating our state's 200th birthday.

Every year, we learn all about Indiana in the fourth grade, but this year is especially interesting because of our Bicentennial. We hope you enjoyed our Showcase last week where the children showed off some of that knowledge in song, art and dance.

Thanks, The Fourth Grade

6<sup>th</sup> Grade News

BY: Serenity Brown & Danaka Howard

6<sup>th</sup> grade has been very challenging this year. All of our classes have been very interesting. In math we have been learning about exponents and algebra. *Congratulations to* the following students who *have passed all of their math facts this trimester*:

Kymari Ellis Armon Johnson Halle Hood Makalah Collins Demoria Dante Ariana Kamenjarin

In reading we have been working on meeting our Reading Goals... Reminder: **Read each night**, **even over Christmas break!!!** You will become a better reader and you can earn a pizza or ice cream party for meeting your reading goal!!

In science we have been learning about the solar system. Interesting Fact: Did you know that in 2006 Pluto was named as a Dwarf planet. In social studies we have been working on The Roman Empire. In writing we are doing this really fun thing called the Great Mail Race. The Great Mail Race is where you get assigned a state and you have to send a letter about your state to that state (I know it is confusing). Personally, our states are Hawaii for Danaka and Alabama for Serenity and there are many more for other students. All of our classes are taught by our lovely and humorous teachers Mrs. Kubik and Mrs. Lower.

We'd like to add a "great job" to all the ladies who were in basketball and stayed on top of their grades. The girls' basketball record was 4 wins and 2 losses. Good work ladies!!

Reminder to boys to stay on top of your grades so you can be in boys' basketball next season. Stay on those grades!! That's it for this report... Remember: Stay in school kids. Write ya next time!

### **Photo Gallery**













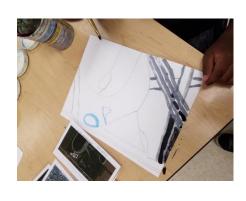
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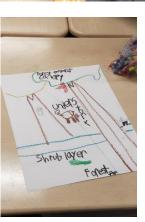






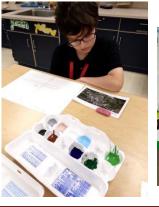


















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Dec. 16,2016

Dear Santa.

I have been good! Let me tell you why! I am always nice to people. I also do my homework everyday. I help people when they need help. My brothers are good too. My dogs are good too. I am not naughty! Please will you bring me gifts on Christmas Eve?

The first thing I want is real nails. They are sticky nails that you put on your real nails. I want glitter on mine with glue. The next thing I want is a book called the The Golden Lily. It is about two girls that try to find the golden lily. Please!!

Santa, you are a good person. Your reindeer are cute. Thank, you for all the toys you give me. You are nice! Your elves are good toy makers.

> Love, Ella Ferrell

P.S. I'll get your cookies and milk. Here is a joke: What do elves learn in school? The elf-abet!

Dec. 16,2016

Dear Santa,

I have been good girl! Let me tell you why! I help my grandma with the dishes. I'm very good because I help a lot. I am nice to people. I clean my room. I help people all the time. When you are busy, I am very good, I promise I am...I know you're always watching. I try to be good. Please will you bring me gifts on Christmas Eve?

The first thing I want is a Nintendo 3DS. You can play games on it and a soft pen comes with it. I want a pink, one and a dress up game. Oh, I want a charm bracelet. That's all, Santa. Ok? Have a good day.

Santa, you are the best! I know you are busy, but I need to tell you something. Be careful, Santa. Stay safe!

Love, Amora Locke

P.S. I love you! Don't forget to get the milk and cookies. Thank you, Santa! Dec. 16,2016

Dear Santa,

I have been good! Let me tell you why! I get my homework here everyday. Also, I try to work hard. Sometimes I am naughty because I push. Please will you bring me gifts on Christmas Eve?

The first thing I want is an Ipod 6. It is something that you can play on. I want gold. Can I have a Ipod 6 Fetty Wop case? The last thing I want is light up shoes. They change colors. They are gold. I also would like a book...any kind.

Santa, you are the best! I like that you made up Christmas. Your North Pole is cool! I like looking at your elves and reindeer. I like that you even give me gifts. I like that you give reindeer magic.

Your friend, Jaydon Hodges-Jones

P.S. Don't forget the cookies and milk!

Dec. 16,2016

Dear Santa

I have been good! Let me tell you why! I do my chores. I listen to my teacher. I'm always helping my grandma. I'm always listening to my mommy. I always do my homework. Please will you bring me gifts on Christmas Eve?

The first thing I would like is a Wubble Bubble ball. It is a ball that is strong and you can jump on it. Next, I want a DoggyDoo game. It where you squeeze the leash. Some Playdo comes out of the end.

Santa, you are the best in the world! Be careful on my roof. It is slippery. Watch out for my dog. Thank, you for all the presents.

Love, Lily

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