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# RAIDERS' REVIEW

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PHILLIPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL/PRINCIPAL JEFFREY PILLSBURY

## REMINDERS

Cold weather is upon us! Winter jackets, hats, mittens, and, pretty soon, boots and snow pants, too, are a must!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**12/5 - Family Code Event** -  
for K - 5 students and parents  
7 - 8 am or 5 - 6 pm  
(see sign up sheet for details)  
Refreshments will be served!

It's time for **Ski/Skate**.

**12/8** - paperwork due

**12/13** - fittings

**12/15 Awards Assembly** 1 pm

## MIDDLE SCHOOL:



## WHERE GARGOYLES AND ART CLASS COLLIDE!

Over the ages, scary, ugly, intimidating gargoyles were believed to scare away harmful or evil spirits. These fired ceramic, acrylic paint figures demonstrate!



## Conferences/Open House Held

Research shows that parent involvement has a direct and positive impact on student performance, both academically and behaviorally. On behalf of everyone at our school, thank you for attending these important events. Both the parent/teacher conferences for Pre-K - 4 classes and the 18th annual student-led conferences at the middle level were most successful with 92% parent/guardian participation.

## Let's GO OUTDOORS! Club to Start

Let's GO! is a nationally recognized childhood obesity prevention program. Its goal is to increase physical activity and healthy eating for children, from birth to age 18, through policy and environmental change. In an effort to encourage more physical activity - and because it's fun!! -



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(Let's GO! cont.)

PE/Health teacher Lanie Roy will start the Let's GO OUTDOORS! Club for Phillips youngsters grades 3 - 6 on Thursday, 12/14. The Club will meet from 2:45 - 4 pm on Thursdays through March, weather permitting. Healthy snacks will be provided. Permission slips will go home on 12/4. (Parents, please be on site to pick up your children promptly at 4 pm. Thank you!)



## 8th Graders Host Annual Hunters' Breakfast:

As the Phillips 8th graders start their final year at PES, they are busy fundraising for the 26th Annual Quebec Adventure. On Nov. 4th, they became waiters and waitresses when they hosted the Annual Hunters' Breakfast. The youth served 131 adults and 25 under the age of 12. Their parents worked equally hard in the kitchen cooking all the food. As always, this was a very successful event for both the workers and those who enjoyed their breakfasts.

The class also recently finished a very successful Believe Kids fundraiser. They are now waiting for basketball season to start so they can open the concession stand as they did during soccer season.

For those of you who might want help getting rid of your returnable cans and bottles, the 8th grade has a building at the transfer station where you could drop them off. The money received from cashing them in will go directly to the Quebec fund. The 8th grade extends a BIG thank you to the community for its continued support of this very special and unique event.

**K-4 Daily Reading:** Studies show that reading daily has long-term effects on many activities, including communication skills and self-esteem (DeLoatch, 2015, "The Long Term Effects of Skipping Your Reading Homework"). Grades K - 4 recently began participating in a targeted reading time five days a week for 20 minutes each day. Students and staff members read books of their choosing in a quiet environment. In the short period of time since starting the daily reading block, it has already fostered a safe and enjoyable time for the students. Positive feedback from both students and staff has been received. Students are truly diving into their books and looking forward to the reading time. It is a pleasure to see the students reading more.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

It is hard to believe that the first trimester has ended. It has been a productive first trimester. The staff is hard at work teaching, assessing, and examining data with teams to ensure student learning. Students are engaged in learning during the school day and busy with after school activities.

Report cards will go home Friday, December 8th. The 2017-18 report cards will look very different from previous report cards. SAD #58 will be moving away from traditional grading practices, which include letter grades or numerical grades, to a standards based system. Under a standards based grading system, students will be assessed on grade level standards using a 1 - 4 scale. Our standards based report card seeks to provide meaningful feedback to both parents and students which will allow them to track student progress toward mastery of important academic concepts. Please do not hesitate to contact staff with questions.

Building renovations at the Phillips School will begin soon. The renovation project will bring our elevator, hallways and bathrooms up to ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) standards for accessibility. Although a significant amount of work will be done at night or during vacations, some renovations will occur during the school day. Our goal is to keep distractions to a minimum.

We look forward to continued collaboration in order to provide your child with the best educational experience.



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