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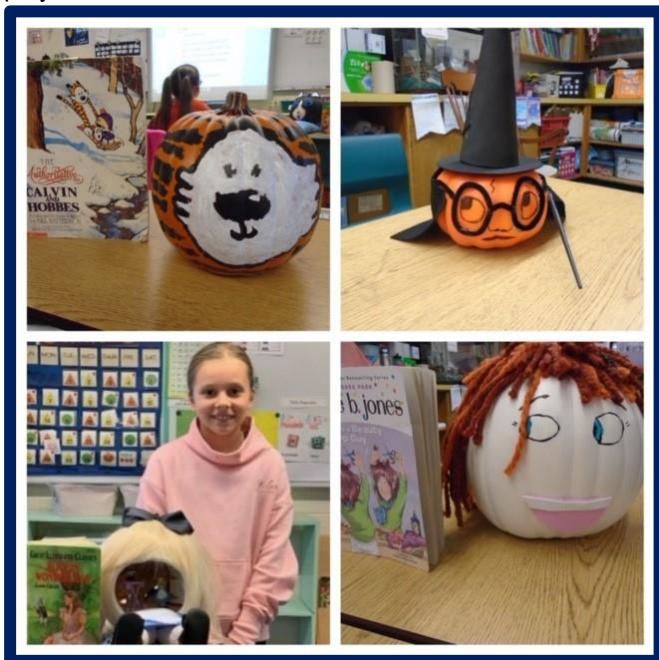


HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS FROM THIRD GRADE

Third grade has done two at-home projects that complement the literacy and math curriculum. During the fall, students learned about character traits and how to cite evidence for supporting their thoughts. Students chose a book to read at home

and created the main character using a pumpkin. Parents can help build comprehension of text by asking [these](#) types of questions when their child is reading a fiction story.

During the winter, students created a Multiplication Board Game. This creative project highlighted the importance of students' acquisition of the multiplication facts. Students brought their games to present to their class and then play with their classmates.



I ♥ math

BESIDES FUN, GRADE 3 AT WILKINS

School includes hard work and several rites of passage, including Amherst History, learning to write in cursive, and of course, MULTIPLICATION!

The importance of mastering multiplication math facts cannot be over-emphasized.

Educational research supports the importance of mastering math facts for future success in mathematics. As your child continues in his/her mathematical learning to topics such as long division and fractions, their working memories will need to focus on the algorithms, or procedures at hand. For example, when practicing the procedure of long division, having to recall a multiplication fact because it is not memorized, takes time away and WORKING MEMORY away from the topic of focus. So we say, **"Free your working memory! Memorize your facts!"**

Daily math homework in Grade 3 consists **only** of working towards the mastery of math facts. While we teach the concepts and applications of multiplication in class, we strive to encourage families to help their children with the automaticity of facts. There are many ways to practice, including flash cards, writing out facts, worksheets, on-line games such as arcedemicskillbuilders.com, on-line programs such as xtramath.org, and even just oral practice while driving in the car!

Please see below for the **ORDER in which the multiplication strategies are taught**. It can be helpful for parents to know, so they can organize flashcards by strategies and make note of what has been mastered and what still needs work:

1. **Order Property ex: $2 \times 6 = 6 \times 2$ (If I know 2×6 , what else do I know? That cuts out almost half the facts to learn!)**
2. **Number x 0 (Any number x 0 = 0)**
3. **Number x 1 (Any number x 1 = the number)**
4. **Number x 10**
5. **Number x 5**
6. **Number x 2**
7. **Number x 4 (Use x2 to help- "Double the Double!" Ex: 4×6 : $2 \times 6 = 12$. Another $2 \times 6 = 12$. Then, $12 + 12 = 24$! So..... $4 \times 6 = 24$!)**
8. **Number x 9 (Use x10 to help- just take a group away. Ex: $9 \times 4 = ?$ Well, $10 \times 4 = 40$. Just take a group of 4 away. $40 - 4 = 36$. So..... $9 \times 4 = 36$!)**
9. **Number x Number (2×2 , 3×3 , 4×4 etc.) Otherwise known as Square Numbers!**
10. **Remaining Facts (3×6 , 3×7 , 3×8 , 6×7 , 6×8 , 7×8)**

We thank parents and families in advance for all of their support, assistance, and encouragement regarding this third grade rite of passage!

Please reach out to any of us at any time.

All the best!

The Third Grade Teachers:

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INVENTION CONVENTION WINNERS – 2020

	GENERAL	CHALLENGE A GREENER SCHOOL
Grade 4		
1st Place	Ava Sierra ☆ Glove Dryer	Atari Kirsch ☆ Rotation Station
2nd Place	Jacob Spencer ☆ Splash Buddy	Amritanshu Pradhan Recycle Trash and Earn ☆ Tasty Cash
Honorable Mention	Michael Kertyzak ☆ Ball Dispenser Seryn DeLucia Evie Schiele ☆ Kangaroo-let	River Mae Smart ☆ Green Balloon
Grade 3		
1st Place	Mariska Hilton Sydney Sleeper ☆ The Slippery Birdhouse	Truman Schiele ☆ Trash-Smasher
2nd Place	Maria Knorr ☆ Apple Savers	Emily Ziriak ☆ The Slapkin Madeline Houle ☆ Plant's Best Friend
Honorable Mention	N/A	N/A
Grade 2		
1st Place	Quinn Kuzsma Colbie McGibbon ☆ Bag Buddy	Evelyn MacGregor ☆ Hootie Recycler
2nd Place	Stella Bowkett Emery Trudel ☆ Light Saver Party Kit	Cooper Mandeville Owen Mandeville ☆ Plant Based Menu Tablet
Honorable Mention	Silas DeLucia John Schultz ☆ Bird-a-lago Mariam Iqbal ☆ Techno Vest	Talia Kent Miranda Lorsbach ☆ Erbot



INVENTION CONVENTION WINNERS – 2020

	GENERAL	CHALLENGE A GREENER SCHOOL
Grade 1		
1st Place	Ellis McQuaid ☆ The Emotional Helper Necklace	Kaitlyn Ziriak ☆ The Sporfe
2nd Place	N/A	N/A
Honorable Mention	Abraham Purvis ☆ Superhero-opoly	
Kindergarten		
1st Place	Maisie Majkut ☆ "Choice Buds" Water Bottle for Kids	N/A
2nd Place	Gabriel Hochberg Cameron McGibbon ☆ Bro bot	N/A
Honorable Mention	Harper Benson Marielle Godin ☆ The Night Night Holder	N/A
Joshua Savyon Team Award		
1st Place	Abby Callahan Paige Raczek ☆ Pocket Muffs	
2nd Place	Quinn Kuzsma Colbie McGibbon ☆ Bag Buddy	
STEAM		
1st Place	Amritanshu Pradhan ☆ Recycle Trash and Earn Tasty Cash	
2nd Place	Truman Schiele ☆ Trash-Smasher	

PTA NEWS!

Upcoming Events:



Read-A-Thon

The Read-A-Thon is happening now!

The Read-A-Thon is a traditional fundraiser in Amherst that is budgeted to earn \$8,000 this year. Funds raised go towards the assemblies that each grade level participates in throughout the year. Any funds raised over the anticipated budget will be spent by membership vote in the spring.

Online Sponsorship Donations will be accepted through Membership Toolkit on a form available to everyone—even if your donors don't belong to the PTA: [Form accepting donations](#)

Amherst Town Election

As a PTA, we support appropriate class size and facilities that serve the needs of our children, the curriculum, and our town.

Learn more about the March 10th Amherst Town Election: www.amherstnhpta.org

For anyone interested in the grassroots effort to support the Amherst School District budget, you can follow [Stand Up for Amherst Schools](#).

PTA Elections

The Nominating Committee is looking for a nominee for the Treasurer position. If you're interested, please email amherstptanh@gmail.com. The PTA executive board member nominations are announced in March and elected in April.

Planning for next year happens during the spring and summer and many committees are looking for volunteers to lead. If you'd like to learn more, this link will bring you to descriptions of committee chair positions: <http://amherstnhpta.org/committee-positions.html>

Daughter's Choice Event Photos

Photographs from the Candy Land Dance have been added to the PTA Shutterfly Share Site! Site Name: Amherst NH PTA, Site: <https://amherstnhpta.shutterfly.com/> This is a private site. Sign in to your Shutterfly account, click "Ask," and enter your name to be added to the site. Again, THANK YOU to everyone for attending, donating, and volunteering!

General Meeting

The General Meeting needed to be rescheduled. The new date is March 24th at 7pm in the Wilkins library. Everyone is welcome. Free babysitting is available by SHS student volunteers. Please click here to reserve a spot [General Meeting Childcare](#)

Please Help

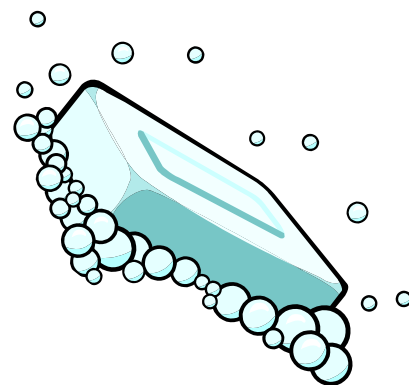


For the month of March, we will be collecting dental products, soap products, toilet paper, and large diapers. All donations will be given to SHARE, which is an organization that assists people in Amherst, Brookline, Milford and Mont Vernon. Donations can be brought into the Wilkins Library or dropped off in the box in the Clark lobby. Thanks!



COLLECTION DATES

March 9 – 27



Thank you for your continued support!

