



In The Center



Students Learn about Economics & Entrepreneurship

Save the Date!

- 12/3-12/4/19~ Holiday Shoppe
- 12/18/19~ PTA meeting 7 pm (at BRS)
- 12/17/19~ Grade 4 Holiday Show at 7:00 pm (Snow Date 12/19/19)
- 12/23/19-1/1/20~ Holiday Recess

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On Friday, November 8, 2019, approximately a dozen volunteers visited Thomaston Center School to deliver lessons on personal, local, and global economics.



Fourth grade students learned about entrepreneurship and how entrepreneurs use resources to produce goods and services in the community. In their lessons, students analyzed how entrepreneurs used resources and work with each other to produce goods and services in a community as well as recognize the skills, tasks, and concepts an entrepreneur must



master to start a successful business.

Fifth grade students participated in the "JA our Nation" program to learn practical information about businesses' needs for individuals who can meet the demands of the job market. After the lessons, students understood that businesses need individuals with certain skills that are in the workplace. They also learned that there are different types of resources that are needed in business production for the global economy.

Sixth grade students learned about economics for success and identifying personal and career goals, based on personal goals, interests, and values. During these lessons, students explored potential careers and discussed important issues such as credit scores and the consequences of making personal choices.

These lessons were part of a larger Junior Achievement program that was instituted five years ago at Thomaston Center School and Black Rock School. The program, "JA

for a Day" relies on parent and community volunteers to help teach practical, real-world skills.



The program was very well received as students had fun learning concepts in an innovative way. We are very grateful to our volunteers for donating their time and talents, especially our returning volunteers. The students are already looking forward to next year's JA for a Day!



Grade 4 News

Fourth graders had an exciting month. Students went on their fall field trip to the Institute for American Indian Studies in Washington, CT, where they got an up close look at the culture and traditions of the Native American people who have lived in our area. This excursion went along with our Social Studies curriculum looking at the cultures within the different regions.



Students from Mr. Dwan's class sit around the campfire at the mock Native American village.

The next region that students are focusing on in Social Studies is the Southeast Region. Currently, they are finding facts about each state within the region. Next, students will dive into the Southwest Region. They will be reading nonfiction informational texts about the region's history, climate, land, economy, natural resources, and landmarks.

In math, students have been exploring a unit of study which focuses on multiplication, division, and algebraic thinking. Within this unit there have been a lot of new vocabulary words such as: multiple, factor pairs, prime numbers, and composite numbers. Math is very active, and, at least one day each week, students get to work together in various math centers to develop their math learning target. Please continue to reference the math family letter that is put out each week through Bloomz to get a better understanding of our weekly focus.

In the first science lesson about the human body asked students to discover the mechanism by which their muscles control their bones to move their bodies. Next, your child will create a working model of a human eye! Using that model, they will discover the basics of how our eyes work, and figured out some of the causes of vision problems.



Students in Miss Murphy's class made presentations about their region.

Music Happenings~ Save the Date for the Holiday Concert!

It is our pleasure to announce that on Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the Thomaston Center School Auditorium all fourth grade students will be presenting a holiday show entitled "A Party In A Pear Tree". The snow date for

this event is Thursday, December 19th. We can't wait to see you there!

Last week's sixth grade world drumming concert was a huge

success! We are very grateful to all of the families who attended. We appreciate your continued support of our arts program at Thomaston Center School!

Grade 6 News



Guest Speaker, Alex Thornberg, speaks to 6th grade about his experience going to the nationals for Invention Convention.



Students collaborating to represent ratios in multiple ways! Busy, busy, busy!

News from the Health Room

 The last week of October was **Red Ribbon Week** at the Center School. This is nationally recognized as substance abuse prevention week. Red Ribbon Week was filled with activities, giveaways, and, of course, red ribbons- all used to send an anti-substance abuse message to our students. Here at the Center School, we provide an atmosphere that supports awareness, education, and ongoing initiatives to promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Talk to your child about Red Ribbon Week.

Vision screenings were generously performed by the Lion's Club in November. The pur-

pose of the screening is to identify those children having difficulty with their vision, before it may impact their learning. If your child exhibited the need for further evaluation, those results were sent home to share with your child's eye doctor. Please update Mrs. Aniki with any new vision recommendations.



Flu season is coming, so preventing the flu should be a top priority for us all. Please call your doctor and follow his/her recommendations for the need for a

flu shot, especially if you have a chronic illness or disease. As always, your first and best defense against illness is thorough and frequent hand washing. Please wash hands often and keep fingers and other objects out of your mouth! Encourage your child to cover their coughs and sneezes!

Now that the **clocks have been turned back**, and the days are getting shorter, please remind your child about the importance of safety when playing outdoors. Reflective devices should be attached to bikes, skateboards, scooters, etc., so cars can easily see them. Also, make sure your child wears light/bright colors, and/or reflective tape on their clothing while playing outdoors at dusk, or even on those gray

days of November and December! Let's keep our kids safe!

To the parents of 6th graders:

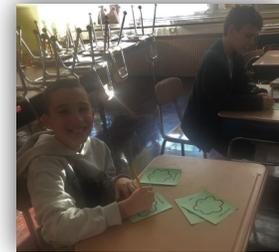
Your child needs to have a current physical and updated immunizations recorded on the blue State of Conn. Health form, in order to enter 7th grade. This physical needs to be on file at the nurse's office *before* the end of this school year! Please submit your child's physical as soon as it's completed. Be aware- students may not enter the 7th grade without the required physical in place! It's not too early to make that doctor appointment!



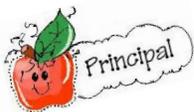
World Kindness Day



On Wednesday, November 13, Thomaston Center School celebrated World Kindness Day, a day to celebrate and promote acts of kindness. In homerooms, students had a discussion about the importance of kindness and generated ideas on what we can do to show kindness. The students also wrote kind notes to members of the Thomaston Center School community.



Principal's Corner



Happy Second Marking Period! It was wonderful to see so many parents at the conference session on November 6 and 7.

I am so proud of our students, not only for their academic achievements and successes, but also for their character. In October we celebrated Unity Day and this

month we commemorated World Kindness Day. Both of these events highlighted the true spirit of the Thomaston Center School community.

Thank you to the volunteers for the Junior Achievement program that was held on Friday, November 8. The students learned a great deal about business and economics thanks to the

many volunteers; we are very grateful for the time and support they have provided our students.

The month of December will prove to be very busy! Please take note of the dates for our PTA Holiday Shoppe program, our fourth grade holiday concert, and other events. Thank you for your continued support of our students and programming!

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SPELLING BEE CLUB is coming up for ALL students in December and January!

Your child can come and practice for the spelling bee with Mrs. Wojtczak and Mrs. Johnston on Wednesday and or Thursday starting on December 18th and 19th. (Late Bus runs both days!) It is a five week preparation time for the kids. They will get a list of the words and time to practice the routine of the BEE. (This helps with nervousness!) If your child does not want to join the club but still wants to participate in the Bee they should still see Mrs. Wojtczak for a list that they can practice at home. Be on the lookout for more information in the near future.



News and Notes

- ◆ The Thomaston PTA will sponsor a holiday shopping fair for students during school hours on December 3 and 4. More information will be forthcoming as the event approaches.
- ◆ In order to help increase safety for our students, we kindly request that dismissal changes are put in writing and sent to school via fax or written note. We cannot take dismissal changes over the phone. Please plan ahead for end of day routines. Thank you for your cooperation!

- ◆ *Frozen Junior* is coming to TCS! The Drama Club will produce and perform this show in May 2020!
- ◆ Please check out the lost and found! Unclaimed items will be donated before the holiday break!
- ◆ On November 1, 2019, Mrs. Dalka, Instructional Math Coach, facilitated the annual Math Passport Program Celebration. Employees from Adams



Grade 5 News

In 5th Grade, we emphasis having empathy for others and giving back to the community. In order to enhance these character traits we will be initiating a food drive for the Thomaston Pantry in the month of December. The students are encouraged to display their caring for their neighbors by participating as much as possible in this project.

Many students continue to enjoy a special reward for displaying exemplary behavior by making their goals on their pride sheets. The fifth graders look forward to an extra recess, a snack or a movie in the auditorium. Spending this time with our students is truly enjoyable!

December Food Drive

1	Box of cereal
2	Peanut Butter
3	Stuffing mix
4	Boxed potatoes
5	Macaroni and cheese
6	Canned fruit
7	Canned tomatoes
8	Canned tuna
9	Dessert mix
10	Jar of applesauce
11	Canned sweet potatoes
12	Cranberry Sauce
13	Canned beans
14	Box of crackers
15	Package of rice
16	Package of oatmeal
17	Package of pasta
18	Spaghetti sauce
19	Chicken noodle soup
20	Tomato soup

Grocery Store were present to help deliver fun prizes and raffles for passport participants. Once again, the Thomaston Math Passport program was a huge success!

