

# The Viking



**Edmore Public School**

**March 2024**

Greetings Parents/Guardians:

We are entering into the March roller coaster ride with our weather. Today, record high temperatures, Tuesday, a quick snowstorm, followed by below zero temperatures for Wednesday. The good news is that we have had an exceptionally mild winter on the prairie.

### **Educational Issues**

North Dakota representative Dennis Johnson has announced that he will be retiring as a North Dakota legislator. Representative Johnson has served North Dakota in this capacity since 1993 and has been a HUGE supporter of public education. Since I have served as the superintendent of Edmore, Representative Johnson has helped Edmore in the following ways. During the 2013 session Representative Johnson lobbied to have \$176,000 allocated for the Edmore school after it was discovered that as a result of the Adams/Park River reorganization, Park River would receive monies that should have come to the Edmore district in the form of per-pupil aid. During subsequent sessions, he was instrumental in introducing and lobbying for the "Local Expert" bill. This bill allowed a local expert in a content area to serve as a teacher in a classroom thus allowing a program such as music or FACS to stay alive in a rural school. During the 2021 session, he introduced and lobbied for a district going through the dissolution process to allow them to transfer property and assets to a political subdivision. All of these efforts by Representative Johnson benefited the Edmore community. Representative Johnson will be missed and I can only hope that his replacement and colleagues in District 15 will begin supporting K12 public education like Representative Johnson.

### **Edmore Instructional Staff**

This year the Edmore school board hired 100% teaching staff from the Philippines. The hiring of foreign teachers for the Edmore school district has allowed our doors to remain open these past five years and provided students the opportunity to learn about a foreign culture. In January, Diane Martinson and I presented at the North Dakota School Board's Association winter conference. We discussed the journey the Edmore school board traveled from hiring our first Philippine staff member to an all-Philippine staff today.

### **Dissolution Process**

The rescheduled date and time for the Ramsey County Dissolution Committee hearing is April 9, 2024, at 5:30 pm in Devils Lake. During this time the reorganization committee will listen to testimony regarding the Edmore dissolution plan and will take action after hearing testimony.

On behalf of the staff, students, and Edmore school board, I would like to thank the Edmore school district patrons for their continued support of our most valuable resource, our children.

Professionally,

Frank Schill, Superintendent



May your troubles  
be less and your  
blessings be more,  
and nothing but  
happiness come  
through your door.   
☘ Irish Blessing

Top O'The Month to You All-

I tend to get excited for the month of March. It is a sign that winter is ending. I love watching the beautiful sunrises and sunsets during the month of March. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter also ends on March 15<sup>th</sup>—meaning we have done a TON of learning and have 1 quarter to go. It is the closeout of our winter sports—our boys basketball team is currently in their playoffs. We wish them the best of luck! Did you know that track practice begins March 6<sup>th</sup>? Our beautiful weather this winter really has the school year passing by in a blink!

A reminder to log into PowerSchool and check the grades of your student(s). I have been very proud of how hard these kids have been working this year, in the classroom, with distance ed, and with college coursework.

We have our **Spring Student-Led conference on March 27<sup>th</sup>**, leading into an extended Easter break. We truly hope to see 100% attendance for this—as your students get to showcase their learning and we feel it is important for parents to help them celebrate their struggles, their successes, and be more aware of the educational platform. I will be sending home a matrix and if you are unable to attend, I ask that you call me so I can line up another day and at times with the staff to meet within that same week.

Academic competitions happen throughout February and March. We had the Regional Mathcounts competition last month, David Still and Cassidy Knoke represented Edmore School. This year we have the Academic Olympics contest on March 5<sup>th</sup> in Hatton.

Next week we are taking the kids on a trip to the Bottineau Winter Park. We have had a ton of fun going to Bottineau the past few years. They have fun for all ages, including tubing, skiing, and snowboarding. The Philippine teachers will experience something new and we will be sure to share pictures of the fun.

We have our big “end of year” schoolwide trip set in stone. We are headed to Custer, SD. We had to adjust the dates just a bit (apparently SD doesn't get moving as quickly as ND in the Spring). We are leaving Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will be returning on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will be taking a charter bus and will be planning a very educational trip of the surrounding area.

We need to continue wearing winter gear until the snow is gone, so please continue sending elementary students and students who ride the bus with their snowpants, boots, hats, and mittens.

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Martinson, Principal





MARCH 2024

# K/1 NEWSLETTER

Ms. Umali's Class



## The Past Month

For the month of February we learned double-consonant letter spellings in both kindergarten and first grade ELA. We also added lots of tricky words for K-ELA such as, funny, all, from, and was. First graders learned punctuation marks used in statements and questions. First graders also learned about different habitats in ELA knowledge while we learned about Christopher Columbus and the Pilgrims in kindergarten. In K-Math, we learned about the two-and-three-dimensional shapes and first graders added two-digit numbers with and without regrouping. We also had a very interesting and fun Science lesson as we learned how adult animals protect and feed their young. In Social Studies we had a glimpse of the things we have long ago and compared it to what we have now. In writing, we wrote informative texts about the animals in African Savanna. K1 did some experiment engineering projects in STEM. It is so fun to see them appreciate things that makes our daily lives easier.

## This Month

This month in K-ELA we will learn how to write uppercase letters and new tricky words such as, where, no, what, and so. And will learn about the lives during the Colonial Time. First graders will continue learning about spelling alternatives and will start writing opinion paragraphs and build simple, declarative sentences, using adjectives, prepositions. They will also learn elements of a fairytale. In K1 Math they will learn to measure and compare objects while first graders will continue learning how to organize and sort data and will learn how to tell time. In Science, we will discover the things in the sky during daytime and nighttime and will observe the patterns in the sky. In Social Studies we will hear stories about different culture and will learn about American Indians and Immigrants. In writing we will continue writing about animals in African Savanna and will start writing about animals in Arctic habitat.

## Reminders

This month we will begin new lessons in almost all of our subjects. Please continue practicing reading and writing.



Alam mo ba?  
(Did you know?)

Philippine National Leaf, anahaw or anahau (*Livistona rotundifolia*) is an erect round-leaf fountain palm that grows natively and widely in the islands of the Philippines. It can reach a height of 15 to 27 meters and 25 centimeters in diameter.



## February Snapshots







# 2ND & 3RD GRADERS!

## *Journey*

by: Ms. Alayssa Agaloos



And just like that, February came to an end!

Let's take a look at the things we have uncovered thus far.

We read words with a schwa sound in 2nd grade ELA. We also learned about sentences and their parts. Moreover, we also wrote journals about the U.S. Civil War. Currently, we are starting to read about human body systems.

In 3rd grade ELA, we mostly focused on comparing and contrasting words and texts about our solar system. We also wrote a reader's theater script using the text we read. In addition, we learned the suffixes -less and -ful; we reviewed quotation marks. Currently, we are continuing to read informative texts about our solar system.

In addition, both grades have a weekly spelling; however, a review of spelling words is done if the week is short.

Shapes were the main topic of our third-grade math lesson. We described rectangle, square, parallelogram, polygons, and congruent shapes. Moreover, we also learned how to get the perimeter and area of a polygon. We also use the Power Up exercise to continuously review our previous lessons with Ms. Worley. The next topic will be understanding geometric shapes, length and mass units.

On the other hand, in 2nd grade mathematics, we learned about measurement units, focusing on centimeter, inch, and yard. Sorting, organizing, and making graphs will be covered next.

In science, we learned about the different environmental changes that affect organisms' survival. Next, we will study the life cycle of organisms starting this week.

In social studies, we learned about America's first people and early explorers and how they established communities. Our next goal is to learn about government, landmarks, and symbols.

In PhyEd, we practiced dribbling the ball and hula-hooping. In health, we learned ways to overcome weaknesses and how to handle problems. In our STEM class, we did a cargo boat experiment and an index card tower challenge. We also took home some books during our library time.

In our writing class, we are still working on our research paper about biomes.

Let us be reminded of this quote from Jane Fonda: "Stay curious, keep learning, and keep growing. And always strive to be more interested than interesting."



## FEATURED FILIPINO CHILDREN'S GAME:



## BUWAN-BUWAN

A rough circle is drawn on the ground, and one person from the group is tagged. He is not allowed to enter the circle, but instead has to touch one of the people inside the circle without having entered it. If he succeeds, he can enter the circle, and the person touched becomes the next one tagged.

# THE ELA CORNER

by: Ms. Ellen Lagunzad

## Reading



The students are all working in analyzing their selected novels/short stories in class. They are developing their comprehension and analytical skills in every story they are currently reading.

In 6th grade, a reading of narrative and informational texts focusing on the study of Indus Valley and Ancient China is done. We are reading about the Ancient Greece next.

The students in 7th grade are done reading the Gothic poems and stories of Edgar Allan Poe. They are to read about the tumultuous marriage of Mexican artists - Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera.

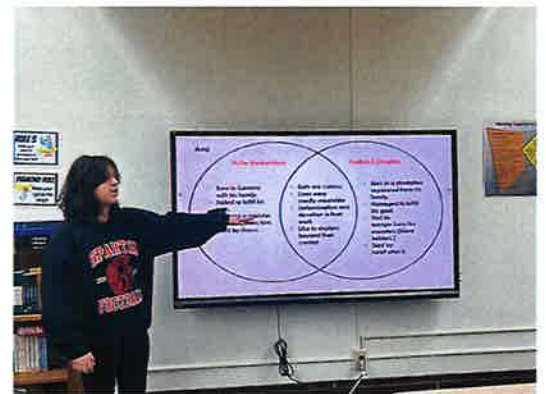
In 8th Grade, they just finished reading Frankenstein. We are now reading a Holocaust novel, The Boy in the Striped Pajamas.

The world of the Jazz Age and star-crossed lovers is being read through The Great Gatsby in 9th Grade.

Moreover, the 10th Grade just finished reading two Shakespearean plays. They are now in Dystopian Literature and reading The Hunger Games.



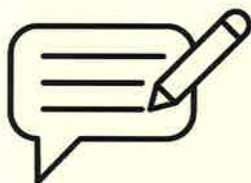
Tristen and Cassidy of 7th Grade preparing for their debate about the narrator's life in The Tell-Tale Heart by Edgar Allan Poe



Ava of 8th Grade presenting the similarities and differences of Victor Frankenstein and Frederick Douglass

Topics on Adjectives, Adverbs, Active and Passive Voice are given emphasis this quarter.

Also, emphasis on correct usage of pronunciations are still being reinforced.



## Research Writing

The students are able to submit their rough drafts. Final drafts submission will be on March 13.

They are to present their research works by making trifolds. Presentations will be on March 19.

## Featured Filipino Word of the Month

# Manalig

[verb]

meaning: to believe; to have faith in oneself

*"It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live."*  
— J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone



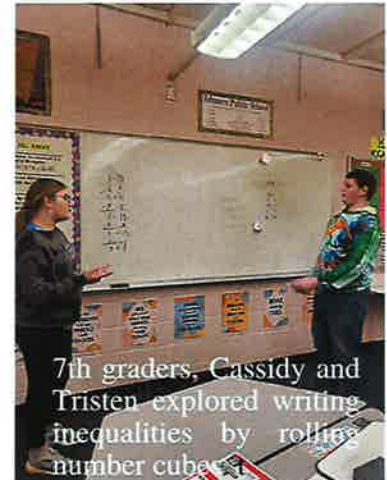
# MATH CORNER

by: Mrs. Maricar Hernandez

March 2024

## Classroom Highlights

In 6th grade, we are working on finding the area, surface area, and volume of solids. We start every lesson with drawing, cutting, and finding nets that lead to the derivation of formulas. It is important to understand how the dimensions are used to find the area, surface area, and volume of solids and how the formulas relate to each other.



The students in 7th grade focus on measurement, reasoning, and angle relationships. They explore the relationships of the circumference and the area of circles. Then, they apply their understanding of circumference and area to composite figures. They also construct geometric shapes given conditions such as side lengths and angle measures and use facts about angle relationships to write and solve equations for an unknown angle measure.

Linear function is being tackled in 8th grade. Students identify a function as a relationship between two sets, input and output, where each input is paired with exactly one output. The pairing may be a mathematical rule such as "double the input and add 1." The pairing may also be contextual, such as a person's name and eye color. They also focus on representing functions in various ways: words, equations, input-output tables, mapping diagrams, and graphs. Given a verbal description, students analyze and sketch a graph without numbers to represent the situation.

The 10th graders have been learning right triangles and trigonometry. They used the Pythagorean Theorem to find missing side lengths of right triangles and to solve application problems. They have investigated relationships in special right triangles. The focus in trigonometry involves trigonometric ratios - tangent, sine and cosine, and inverse trigonometric ratios. These are important to find unknown side lengths and angle measures of right triangles. Many real-life applications are presented.



The Hundred Islands National Park is the first Philippine national park and a protected area in Alaminos, Pangasinan. The islands, totaling 124 at low tide and 123 at high tide, are scattered in Lingayen Gulf, covering an area of 16.76 square kilometers (6.47 sq mi). This natural wonder showcases diverse marine life, crystal-clear waters, and lush greenery. Visitors can explore caves, snorkel in vibrant coral gardens, and enjoy panoramic viewpoints.





# THIS MONTH IN SCIENCE AND SMARTLAB

by Ms. Ang

## Life Science

### Our Learning Focus:

In our 6th and 7th grade classes, students have learned about fossil record, common ancestry through embryology and anatomy, and evolution. They too have uncovered the connections between different species and tracing the evolutionary paths that have led to the diversity of life on Earth. At present, they're crafting a story that pieces together the ancestral lineage of selected birds, using analyzed fossil data as their guide.

## Earth Science

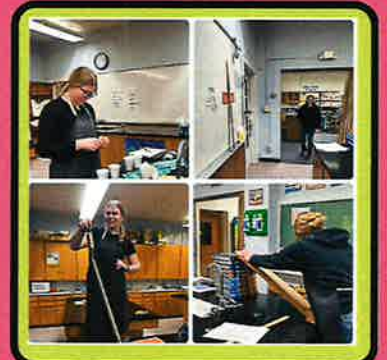
Using the engineering process, our 8th grade students designed earthquake-resistant structures and constructed a levee system. We gained an understanding of the significance of this in preventing natural hazards from heavily affecting communities. Understanding the distribution of resources on Earth and how human activity affects these resources is now part of our lessons. At the end of this unit, it is expected that they have a better understanding of their responsibility to preserving these resources for coming generations

## Physical Science

In physical science, we have learned about forces and motion, work and energy, simple machines, as well as momentum and impulse. We too have solved sample problems to be able to describe the motion of an object. As part of a project, we are applying these concepts by designing and constructing carriers aimed at safeguarding an egg from breaking. This activity is expected to enhance our understanding of scientific concepts and sharpens our ability to solve problems and come up with solutions.

## Biology

In our 10th grade class, students are immersing themselves in the topics of air quality, water quality, threats to biodiversity, and conservation efforts. They too are gaining an understanding of the environmental challenges facing our planet today. From analyzing pollutants in the air and water to exploring the causes of biodiversity loss, students are uncovering the interconnectedness of human activities and their impact on the natural world. As they delve into these topics, they are also seeing the importance of current conservation practices in preserving our planet's ecosystems for future generations.



## SmartLab

Two Smartlab projects have been completed by middle school students. For their second project, they constructed model circuits to investigate renewable energy, motors, and generators. In their third project, they used IQ key to create a strong climbing car and a fast car. They have completed showcasing their effort. This month, a scale model of a home will be constructed using the architectural design process.







# SCHOOL NEWS

**March 6<sup>th</sup>-**  
Track Practice  
Begins

**March 14<sup>th</sup>-**  
School Dental  
Sealant Day

**March 15<sup>th</sup>-**  
End of the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Quarter

**March 18<sup>th</sup>-**  
Softball  
Practice Begins

**March 27<sup>th</sup>-** Early out  
@ 1pm- Student Led  
Conferences

**March 1<sup>st</sup>-** NO SCHOOL

**March 15<sup>th</sup>-** NO  
SCHOOL-PD

**March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>-** NO  
SCHOOL

# **March 2024**

*\*Menu subject to change. Salad Bar served at lunch daily. Milk served with all meals.\**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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4 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Pancake Wraps Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Corn Dogs Tater Tots Green Beans Fruit	5 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Cereal Toast Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Chicken Alfredo Peas Fruit	6 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Hard Boiled Eggs Toast Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Pulled Pork Beans Fruit	7 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Bagels Fruit Smoothies <b>LUNCH</b> Field Trip	8 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Oatmeal Toast Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Fruit
11 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Waffles Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Hamburgers French Fries Green Beans Fruit	12 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Cereal Toast Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Chicken Bacon Wraps Corn Fruit	13 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Cheese Omelets Toast Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Beef Stroganoff Squash Fruit	14 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Muffins Yogurt Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Chicken Burger Hashbrowns Peas Fruit	15 
18 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Pancakes Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Orange Chicken Fried Rice Peas Fruit	19 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Cereal Toast Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> BBQ Green Beans Hashbrowns Fruit	20 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Egg Bake Toast Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Knoephla Soup Sandwiches Fruit	21 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Bagels Fruit Smoothies <b>LUNCH</b> Turkey Mashed Potatoes Stuffing Buns Creamed Corn	22 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Scrambled Eggs Toast Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Fruit
25 <b>BREAKFAST</b> French Toast Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Meatballs Mashed Potatoes Corn Fruit	26 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Cereal Toast Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Chicken Nuggets Rotini Peas Fruit	27 <b>BREAKFAST</b> Egg Muffin Toast Fruit/Juice <b>LUNCH</b> Pulled Pork Beans Fruit	28 	29 

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# March- Activities

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 No School	2
				State Girls Basketball @ Jamestown TBA		
3	4 Regional BBB @ Devils Lake TBA	5 Regional BBB @ Devils Lake TBA	6 Track Practice Begins	7 Regional BBB @ Devils Lake TBA	8	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12	13	14 State Boys Basketball @ Minot TBA	15 No School-PD End of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	16
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Softball Practice Begins	19 First Day of Spring	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 Early Out @ 1pm Student Led Conferences 1:30- 8:00	28 No School	29 No School-Good Friday	30
31 Easter						