



Aronimink

in Action

January 2021

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January Events

- 1/4 **Return to School**
Mon.
- 1/18 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**
Mon. school closed
- 1/26 **School Board Committee Mtgs.**
Tues. 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.

Above: Snowperson by First grader Kasia M.



Save the Date

- 2/18 **President's Birthday Weekend**
school closed
- 2/22 **Home and School Meeting**
Thurs. 7 p.m.



Principal's Message

Dear Aronimink Families,

Despite the virtual start to the school year, Aronimink Elementary School continues to be a fun, yet supportive place where students are focused and inspired to learn. Our families have been up for the challenge, serving as a tremendous support to our children. Our students returned from a long, winter break ready to get the new year started off right! The end of the January we will see a return to some normalcy, opening our doors for students in kindergarten through third grade as we transition to a hybrid model of instruction. We are so very excited to welcome our students back!

I am thankful for our strong school community and awesome Aronimink Home and School. Although we have been unable to host our traditional school activities, we are excited to introduce the Great Aronimink Bake-off, a fun way that families can virtually engage in baking/cooking challenges at home and share with our school community. Please be on the lookout for these bi-weekly challenges and have fun some fun! I can't wait to see all the awesome creations.

The end of January is also a time where our students complete their mid-year Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments and take the Aimsweb+ assessment. It



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is exciting to see the growth that our students have made this school year despite this new way of learning. Your child's results will be shared at the end of the 2nd marking period. Thank you for continuing to support your children and serving as a tremendous resource for our teachers. Keep up the great work! Kudos to you!

I look forward to an awesome second half of the school year!

Best Regards,

~Josh Rehak, Principal

Kindergarten News

Happy New Year to all our kindergarten families! We hope that 2021 brings health and happiness to you! The kindergarteners continue to do an amazing job navigating learning in a virtual setting. They start each day with happy faces, eager to learn and have fun. In Reading/ELA, students have been reading and discussing stories that help answer the question: How can I be the healthiest me? The students are learning about topic, central idea, and details. Phonemic awareness, letter sounds, and letter formation continue to be important as the children develop early reading skills. Ask your kindergartener to show you how to tap out three letter cvc words. In Math, we practiced adding to 10 and now we are beginning to subtract. It's really exciting to see how much the students are learning and we are looking forward to more growth in the weeks and months ahead!

~Mrs. Symnoski, Kindergarten Teacher



First Grade News

Happy New Year! The first graders came back to virtual sessions ready to learn after having a little break from school. It was great to see their smiling faces!

First graders continue to practice their math skills. Ask any first grader how to find a missing addend and make a true equation!

Please continue to read, read, and read with your child! Oral reading, choral reading, and repeated reading are all great ways to help build reading fluency.

~Mrs. Paris, 1st Grade Teacher



Fifth Grade News

Fifth grade just wrapped up module 3. We learned about natural disasters and how they affect communities. We also wrote persuasive essays discussing whether we would stay or leave if a natural disaster came to our area. In the essay you had to give three reasons why you would stay or leave. Many students were persuasive and made excellent points.

In Math, the students are ready to take their chapter 5 test. The fifth graders have learned several ways to divide numbers with a 2 digit divisor.

~Mrs. Woodbridge, 5th Grade Teacher



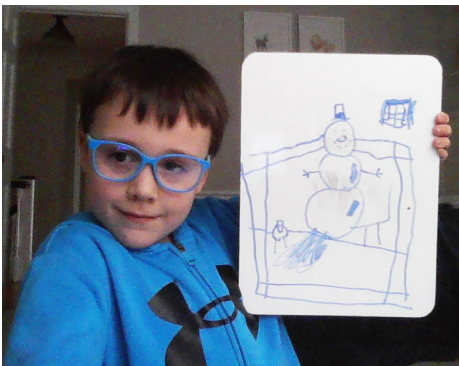
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Art News

First and second graders explored value and creating depth in their snowpeople pictures. Third graders started developing their own original cartoon characters and they will write their own comic strip. Fourth graders are using the letters in their name to create a pattern. Fifth graders are recognizing how artists use various techniques to show the use of space in their still life compositions.

~Mrs. York, Art Teacher/Librarian



Clockwise: Snowpeople First and Second graders by Ellis H., Sanvi V., Brian R., Arden M., and Matthew W.

Physical Education News

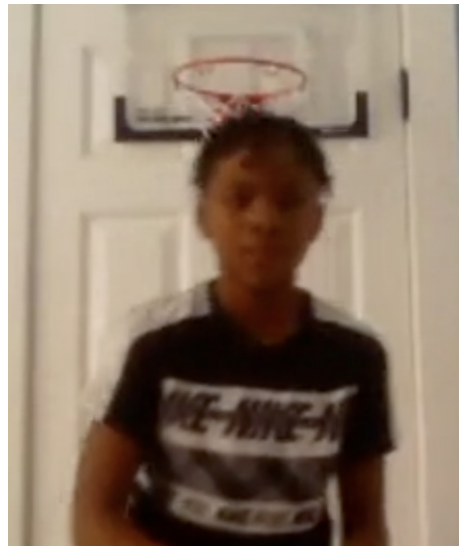
Aronimink students are reaching new heights in virtual PE class! Below are pictures from a vertical jump PE flipgrid challenge:



Library News

January ushered in snow and Black History Month and exploring the resources in the student's Library Schoology class. All resources can be located on the links located on the Library bulletin board. Check them out!

~Mrs. York, Art Teacher/Librarian



Above clockwise: Snowpeople First and Second graders by Milana M., Kevin D., Emma L, Bella M.-B., and Waly B.