

Happy New Year Bywood Students and Families.

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break and a great start to the new year. To say we are excited about the return of our first- third grade students on January 19th is an understatement. It will be music to our ears to hear children in the halls at Bywood Elementary. I know our staff along with myself have been patiently waiting for this day to arrive.

We want to continue to keep everyone safe at Bywood and to ensure everyone's safety, we need our students to understand that they must wear a mask while in our building. Please remember to screen your children before leaving for school in the morning. Children who exhibit symptoms should stay at home. We also ask any parent that comes onto the property at Bywood Elementary to make sure you are also wearing a mask as well.

Please also make sure that your children know their dismissal plan if they are planning to return to in-person instruction. It is important that we know their plan, since we are unable to come back into the building once we are dismissed.

I look forward to all the wonderful things that will take place in the new year! Here's to 2021 !!!

Kristin Meehan

Mrs. Meehan's Principal's Corner

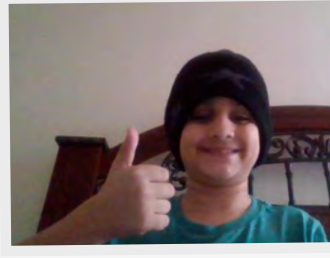
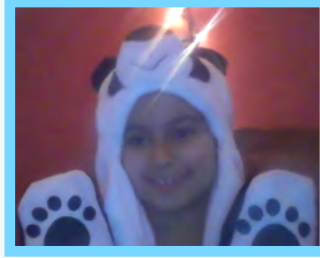


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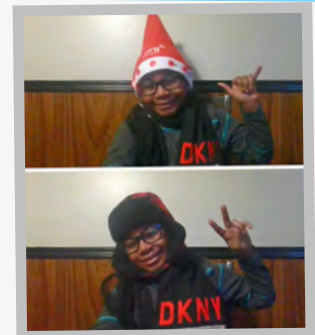
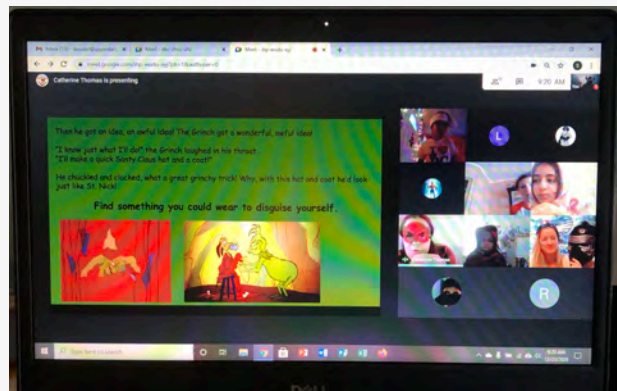
WONDERLAND

WEEK

These students participated in our Winter Wonderland & winter activities the week before break!



Mrs. Francis's 3rd grade class did freeze yoga for Fun-Friday!



Mrs. Thomas's 5th grade class did a scavenger hunt before winter break!

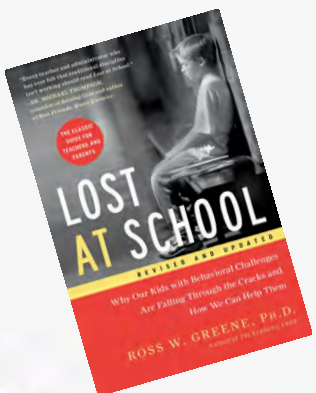
VIRTUAL PARENT BOOK CLUB

Thursday January 21st, 2021

Parent Book Club will be held the 3rd Thursday of every month until April!

3:30 P.M.- 4:00 P.M.

Any questions please contact Mrs. Janet Newby
jnewby@upperdarbysd.org



Welcome Back 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Grade Students!

We can't wait to see our 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grade students on January 19th!

Here is some important information about your return!



-Doors will not open until 8:45 A.M. for the morning Cohort and 12:45 P.M. for the afternoon cohort

-First and Second Grade students report to the playground for entry and dismissal

-Third Grade students will go to the bus loop and enter/dismiss from door 4

-All students should wear their mask and practice social distancing

-Please be sure to have a dismissal plan for your child.

Students must vacate the playground immediately and no children will be brought back into the building.

Principal- Mrs. Meehan

Lead Teacher- Mrs. Newby

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Classroom Corner

Physical Education:

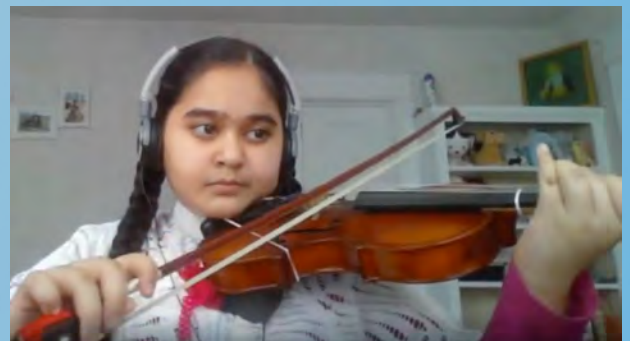


Students in Mrs. Ingram's physical education class have been using things they can find around their house to work on tossing and catching. In this photo, the students from Rooms 202 and 210 used plastic bags to practice their skills.

Orchestra:

Three students from Bywood Elementary School took part in a district-wide elementary winter performance which combined the orchestras at 5 elementary schools. Students recorded themselves playing "Ode to Joy" by Ludwig van Beethoven. The students featured are Vien Zhao, 5th grade, Joicy Batres, 4th grade, and Rasleen Kainth, 4th grade.

It was not easy for students to record the song with perfect notes and rhythms. If a mistake was made, they had to practice their part and re-record. It was a great lesson in perseverance, patience, and aiming for one's personal best. Ms. Nelson is proud of all who sent her recordings. The opportunity will be offered to students again in the spring.



Band:



Some of Mr. Geist's band students are pictured to the left working on rhythms, articulations, or note-reading exercises to help them prepare for learning their next piece of music."

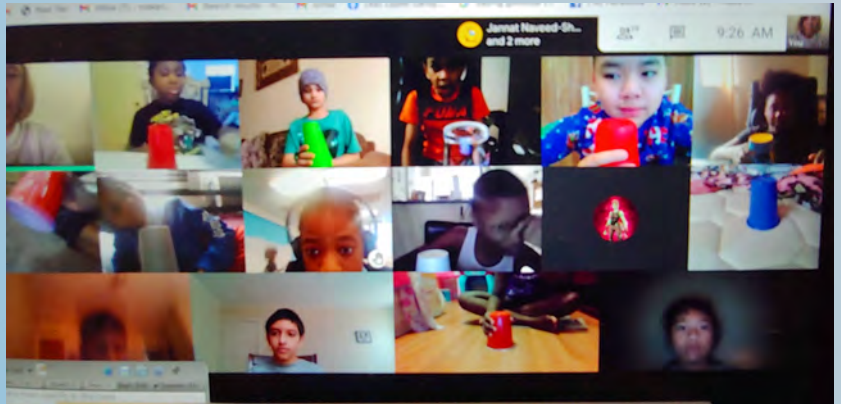
Classroom Corner

Music:



This month children in Dr. Kane's upper music classes will identify personal goals through writing a rap using their own vocal beat-box syllables as the accompaniment.

Children in the younger classes will learn the song "This Little Light of Mine," the chant "A Little Cow Jumped on the Train," and the notation for quarter notes and quarter rests.



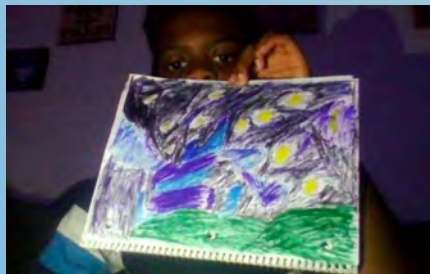
Pictured to the right: is a picture of students using rhythm cups during music class!



Art:

Students in Mrs. Gryn's art class created a recreation of Van Gogh's "The Starry Night" and "Sunflowers".

Students learned about Vincent Van Gogh and created their own inspired version of two of his most famous works.



LOOKING
AHEAD...

**Monday
January 18**

**Tuesday
January 19th**

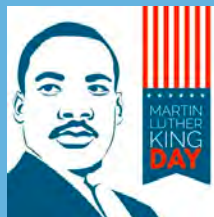
**Tuesday
February 9th**

**Monday
February 15th**



**Martin Luther
King Holiday**

NO SCHOOL



**First day of
Hybrid
Learning for
1st, 2nd, 3rd
grade only**



**100th Day of
School!**



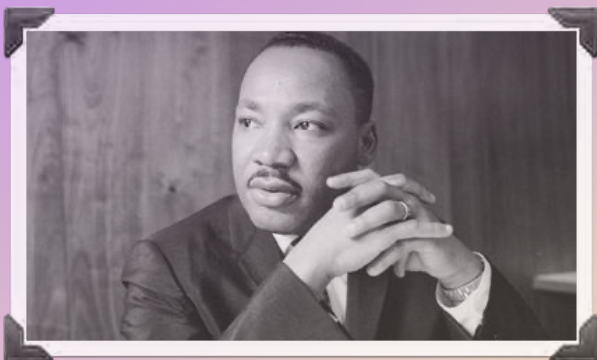
**Presidents
Day**

No School



On Friday January 15th students will be participating in lessons about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in preparation for Monday January 18th's holiday!

To the right is a poem from LakeShoreLearning.com you can read and discuss with your children about Martin Luther King Jr.!



Martin Luther King Jr.

We remember MLK,
Honored on this special day,
He had a dream that we would stand
United together in this land,
That we would strive to find a way
To live as friends in peace today.
He wanted each of us to see
The beauty of equality.
He taught that right overcomes wrong,
That hope can turn the weak to strong,
And showing love instead of hate
Would make our country truly great.
His message, meant to set us free,
Was filled with hope for you and me.
So on this day let freedom ring,
As we remember Dr. King!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Be sure to take a look at Mrs. Hyman's Counselor's Corner on Schoology! She is highlighting students who are doing a great job each week.

Ayanah Bass 5-2
Brycen Snape 5-2
Bill James Sawbo 5-2
Abdoulahad Ndiaye 3-206
Jearibel Boria 5-1
Keenan Heard Williams 2-209
Kaylee Ross- McDaniel 1-III



Jordyn Lloyd 2-204
Leilani Horsey 3-207
Neria Lavala 2-204
Jordin Perez 2-204
Melody Jiron-Hamilton 4-9
Josiah Jones 4-108
Charlotte Odeniyi 4-9
Nathan Mangal 5-4



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