

# Primos Press

Monthly Newsletter



## Upper Darby School District

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday -**

**Schools Closed**

Jan. 20, 2020

**PRIMOS -H&S Bingo**

Jan. 24, 2020 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Elementary Progress Report #2**

Jan. 31, 2020

**Elementary School Early Dismissal (12:30 pm)**

Feb. 5, 2020

**Professional Development Day; No School**

Feb. 14, 2020

**Presidents Day Holiday - Schools Closed**

Feb. 17, 2020

## Upcoming Events

Month of February

Our Second Annual School Wide Research Project for Black History Month

Each class will select a famous person to research using Pebble Go. Classes will display their projects throughout the month.

Look for an update in next month's newsletter!

Students of the Month



Eve Sheehan Maggie Nespoli Kerber Parker Khyle Baxter Leslie Williams Tessa Steveline Kayden West Ava Anderson Aliyah Bartley Jillian Ros Roshini Abdul-Jameel Anthony Parks	Janai Johnson Sandra Alama Khaijuan Richardson Jake Rodgers Amber Page Gabriel Diamond Zoya Chabbra Kalyx Phillips-Christian Ibrahim Mirza Ruth Zerit Allyss Gomez-Gonzolez	Emilee Allen Isabella Jones Isaac Brima Lily Turkelson Prathyush Karthikeyan Paige Brink Alexandra Harper Joyce Yancy Terrell Swinton James Summerville Tessa Steveline
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December Kindness Award:

Ava Anderson

Lily Turkelson

[Kar & Mac Comedy Corner](#)

By Prathyush Karthikeyan and Mrs. McIntosh

Mrs. McIntosh: How does a penguin build a house?

Answer: Igloos it together!

Prathyush: What kind of cars do elves drive?

Answer: Toy-otas

[Kindergartener Elijah Dougherty- next month!](#)

Apologies to our Kindergartens! We forgot to cover your fabulous Thanksgiving Feast.

On Friday, November 22, the Kindergarten students enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast!! The students invited guests to our feast to end American Education Week. They were able to work together in the cafeteria on crafts and then delight in many treats for the feast! Every guest took home their very own "Kindergarten Turkey!" Everyone had a great time, the students looked terrific dressed as turkeys and our Annual Kindergarten Feast was a huge success! We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with their families!





**As New Year 2020 approaches, what resolutions have you made?**

Ms. Hennessy: My daughter has challenged me to read Little Women before she visits again in April. I made her read it when it was on her DHMS summer reading list!

Mrs. Venit: I like that challenge! Since I taught Mary's daughter in 4th grade, I will read Little Women too. Tell Katie thanks for the idea!

Ms. Massimo: My New Year's resolution is to cut back on my shopping trips to Marshalls.

Mrs. Pawloski: I'm going to try to find out what happens to all the pencils that go missing in my classroom!

Ms. Cheng: Keep my teacher table clean! I also want to read more books for fun.

Ms. Bartlett: Go to the gym at least three times a week

Ms. Omo-Osagie: Drink soda only once a week instead of everyday (baby steps), make less trips to Marshalls, TJ Maxx, and Home Goods, and start going to the gym that I have been paying for almost a year and never attended.

Mrs. Nunan: Let go of the things that are out of my control.

Ms. Kagan: Read 1 non-fiction book a month

Mrs. Mooney: Drink less soda and more water.



The Primos Student Council hosted a Dance-A-Thon on Tuesday, December 17, 2019. Students had a chance to have fun with their friends, get fit, and help others. 100% of the proceeds benefitted Primos families this holiday season.

In total we raised, \$1,848 for our Primos families. Add to that the generous donations of gifts from teachers who sponsored families and we have reached the highest amount of holiday donations in Primos history!

Mrs. Venit declared a tie in the dance-off for Mr. C, Mr. P, and Mr. White. **HOWEVER**, Mr. White claims he was the clear winner with his dance moves.



New Year Resolutions were made by Ms. Millett's fourth grade class. They made personal goals and school goals for 2020. Everyone vowed to try to keep their resolutions. We will check back to see how they are doing.



Mr. Papatsiaras opened the Rock Wall for physical education classes in December. The Rock Wall is always a Primos favorite activity.

## Meet Mr. Matt Downing K-8 Technology Coach

By Ceyoni Winnegan Berthau

Fact 1: Mr. Downing comes every few weeks to help us out with Chrome Book assignments.

Fact 2: Ms. Hennessy and Mr. Downing work very hard to work with the students in room 221.

Fact 3: Mr. Downing has helped us with many, many assignments in class.

Fact 4: Mr. Downing is a very nice friend to help Ms. Hennessy and her class with Chrome Books.

Fact 5: Mr. Downing has done a snowman project with us on the Chrome Books.

Fact 6: Mr. Downing comes to teach us about the sources on the computers.

Fact 7: Mr. Downing has taught us how to use Ms. Hennessy's pages on Google Classroom.

Fact 8: Mr. Downing has done Google Slides with us on the Liberty Bell.

Fact 9: Mr. Downing has taught us how to move pictures and graphics around the computer with the keyboard.

## News from Mr. Kulp

### 2020 UDSD Gala

On Saturday, January 18th, a select group of 5th Grade students will be performing in the Upper Darby Arts and Education Foundation Gala. They will be performing as members of an Honors Chorus, Honors Band, and Honors Orchestra made up of students from all over the school district. This is a big event in Upper Darby, and many of the students have been attending after-school practices at Garrettford to prepare for it. We are very excited for this year's Gala performance!

On January 28th, Kaushik Sureshkumar will be representing Primos at the PMEA 5/6 Strings Festival, held at Unionville High School. He will be joining 7 other students from Upper Darby schools, as well as, students from 35 other school districts in the southeastern Pennsylvania region! The orchestra is made up of the most advanced 5th and 6th Grade string students from around the region. They will spend the day receiving instruction from various teachers, and in the evening, they will give a performance at Unionville High School. Congratulations, Kaushik!

### December Fun Day Activities

Mr. White's class does a lot of exercising on our Fun Days.

Mrs. Cheng's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class learned about Hanukkah and Kwanzaa for Fun Day. In January, the Tech Coach Mr. Downing, will be visiting with some of these first graders to build a snowman using the Chromebooks.

Room 221 worked as teams on a STEM lesson to build free-standing Christmas trees using gum drops and toothpicks



The first graders in Room 111 had an exciting Fun Day on Friday before Winter Break. They started the day with making batter for Pizzelles with everyone having an opportunity to add and mix all the ingredients. While working independently at their desks, each student got to make 2 cookies on the pizzelle iron. The best part of the day was eating the warm pizzelles while listening to relaxing holiday music. We had many visitors that day due to our sharing of the pizzelles. It was a great way to start our Winter Break!







In celebrating our Multicultural Holidays for our 'Fun Day' in December Ms. Ceribelli thought it would be a nice time to complete this project. Each student would create a "banner" with symbols, pictures, or written information about culture, traditions, or holidays they celebrate with family and friends. Students shared some of their own traditions, holidays, and family celebrations.

The many pennants are hanging in our front hallway. Students and staff shared their banners with each other.



And lastly, Mr. Rogers' Second Annual Snow Welcome to students and staff before our winter break.