

ALDEN ELEMENTARY NEWSLINE

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Upcoming Events

- ❖ Wed., Jan. 11 1-Hour early dismissal for teacher in-service
- ❖ Mon., Jan. 16 Alden School Board Mtg 6:30pm
- ❖ Wed., Jan. 18 1-Hour early dismissal for teacher in-service

Check out the calendar online:
www.ifacadets.net

Spring Pictures

Alden Elementary will have Spring Pictures on Thursday, February 16. All students are encouraged to have photos taken as we do receive funds for each picture taken. No order forms will be sent out prior to the picture date. When packages arrive, they will be sent home with the kids for you to decide if you want to purchase the photos by sheet or the entire package. If you need more than one package due to separated parent households, please contact the office to let us know. You can also order additional prints online upon seeing your child(ren)'s photos.



BEGINS WITH ME



Preschool students enjoyed having hot cocoa and snacks with their family and friends! They also received a visit from Santa!

Kindergarten students celebrated generosity the month of December by doing Random Acts of Kindness for people who make our school a wonderful place. We learned about how the 7 Habits can help us to be kind and generous. We also learned about the Grinch. We read the story, watched the movie, and did a writing project. We talked about how his Random Act of Kindness at the end of the story helped him to be a nicer creature.



6th grade students enjoyed playing games for their Winter Olympics! Mrs. Howard's class won the 6th Grade Winter Olympics!

WINTER WEATHER REMINDERS:

Just a reminder to send your kids with warm coats, mittens, hats, boots, and snow pants! The temperatures are dropping and we need to dress accordingly. Also, the recess duty person is outside at 7:45AM.



First Grade, Traveling Tales

Students in Ms. Richard's first grade classroom participated in an on-line writing project called "Travelling Tales", where writing happens around the world without walls. This project connects classrooms so they can collaborate to create a tale. First graders collaborated with schools from New Zealand, Luxembourg and Malaysia. Each classroom / school created a different part of the story. Using the 5-part story model, Alden first graders completed the ending for this project. Along with meeting standards and benchmarks in reading, writing, speaking, viewing and representing; this project also met ISTE standards (technology). To view our story, "The Adventures of Mack the Lego Maker", please check the following places: the direct link to youtube to Mack the Maker is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F7Q_oyDzzmw&t=32s

Traveling Tales youtube channel
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCooWA8GKxe7DVJmtlxQVm-A>

Or to the Traveling Tales website
<http://bevansjoel.wixsite.com/travellingtales/travelling-tales-media>

Counseling Corner Happy New Year!!!!

This is the time of year that many of us try to make resolutions for the New Year. Sometimes we do a great job in fulfilling them and sometimes we don't. This first week back to school after break, we will be focusing on goal setting. Goals are great to have and help us become successful in many ways. This year, I encourage, you can set goals with your children at home. Goals could include family game nights, evenings without electronics, group exercising/yoga, or whatever would benefit your family. We need to remember that goals need to be specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and bound with a time limit. Set your goal, write it down for all to see, make sure to have a chart to track your progress, and help each other to be accountable. I look forward to hearing your family goals!