



Sage News

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Connecting classroom , community and a sense of place.

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EVENTS & DATES

LATE START	Jan 8th
NO SCHOOL	19th
NO SCHOOL	23rd
Parent Conferences	28-29
BOOK FAIR	26-30
LATE START	Feb 5th
NO SCHOOL	13th
NO SCHOOL	16th

JOIN THE SCHOOL BOARD AT OUR NEXT MEETING

- Be involved with school decisions
- Be involved with fiscal planning
- Meet new people

Upcoming Meetings

January 22

February 26

6:30 pm at Sage

Thank You

Three cheers for the volunteers who installed the **monkey bars** Gary Hepper, Lance Letner, Michelle Burkhardt , Chyenne Banks, and Sierra, Jed & Wendy Kincaid. Students love them !!!!!!!!



Thanks to those of you who took the time to complete the **Parent Surveys**.

The information is of high value to the school.

Community Visitors and Volunteers

If you haven't heard about any of our community visitor visits, here is a list of the fantastic folks that have shared their interests and talents....

Miki Piper/ Art

Jay Otero/Travels to Africa

Regina Dohman/ Sign Language

Christy Ekstrom/ Music

Michelle Durant/Local Archaeology

Alison Litts/ Opera

Perry Chocktoot/ Stories

Regular community volunteers who help consistently in the classrooms are appreciated more than they know....Roger Culver, Lisa Emard, Janelle Emard, Paulene Dill, Ron Busby, Sarah Day, Kay Perrin.

Janelle Emard/ Dance

Don Gentry/Water (Tribes)

Susan & children/4H chicken and falconry

Lance Letner/ Mycology

Mary Gentry/ Klamath Agency

Tribal Elders/Klamath Agency memories

Barbara Kirk/ Klamath Agency

What is "PBL"?

Each teacher sends home a newsletter about their Place-Based Learning experiences. It is all so wonderful I wanted to share a little of each with everyone. See page 3 and 4 for details.

Strategic Planning

The Future of Sage Community School

If you would like to be a part of this exciting planning process, please call Sandra at the office.

Book Fair

Sage will be hosting a *scholastic book fair* during the week of

January 26-30.

Please visit when you are here for *Parent Conferences* .

Students will come home with wish lists.

This is a great opportunity to buy great books at a great price.

"You are today where your thoughts have brought you, you will be tomorrow where your thoughts take you."

~James Lane Allen

Library Corner

MathStart series

by **Stuart J. Murphy**

MATH=FUN

Let It Snow



Well did it snow?! We missed the program in December. Now it's a warm January and we could use a little more snow fun. Thank you for joining us in a delightful evening of winter celebration!



STUDENT COUNCIL

WINTER Representatives

- Grade 1— Darian V
- Grade 2— River D
- Grade 3— Kobe P
- Grade 4— Sierra K
- Grade 5— Cameron K
- Grade 6— Lukas E

Sage T-shirts & Sweatshirts

Student Council is leading the t-shirt & sweatshirt sales. Look for order forms to come home soon.

Family Corner

One Sage parent let us know that her children's attitudes and schoolwork have changed for the better since they lowered their sugar consumption and ate good breakfasts.



PBL

Place Based fun in PK - Kindergarten



We read stories about snow—the solid state of water. After reading Lois Ehlert’s Snowball, we used different materials to make our snowmen.

We also had experiments to observe the changes among the states of water. After learning the formation of snowflakes, we made our own paper snowflakes.



To learn more about how people in different countries celebrate holidays, we read books about Christmas and discussed what we do at Christmas.

While learning about local critters, we acquired counting and sorting skills through various math activities.

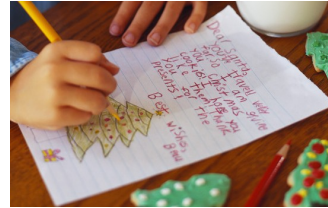


We had a nature walk and collected pine cones to make glittered pine cones. Michelle Durant taught us to make decoys using tulle.

We read books about Thanksgiving Day and learned the connection among Indian culture, agri-



Grade 1 / 2 collected and shared winter traditions that are practiced with their families, their roles in these traditions, and how they make them feel. Ms Bridget made a class book using their writings, pictures and special recipes. Each student also gave a presentation to the entire class.



"In my family, a favorite holiday tradition is to choose and cut a Christmas tree together. We have a Santa tree top we use every year for the top of our tree." ~ Tahj M, Gr.2

"It makes me feel happy and loved by my family."
~ Zoe L, Gr.1

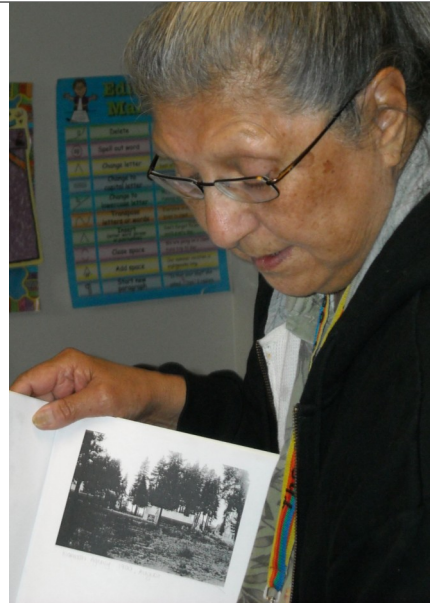
"Our family goes to the forest to cut down a tree. We also make a snowman if there is enough snow. Mom and I decorate the tree after Dad puts it up." ~ Cate H, Gr. 2

"Our neighborhood friends, sled, ice skate and make a bon fire. We drink cider that we pressed in early autumn. My first Christmas was in Baja Mexico where we camped for a month on the beach. My stocking had a sandman instead of a snowman on it." ~Nathan G, Gr. 2

"We make pumpkin pies. I get to wrap presents."
~ Jayden F, Gr. 1

"Dad is a forester. He likes to cut trees. I help cut the tree. Great-Grandma made cookies every Christmas." ~ Sherman D, Gr. 1

This fall Grade 3/4 began a history project, exploring the very place where our school sits. The Klamath Agency holds many stories, not all of them pleasant. It is important for students to learn the value of our past, and how to discover it through primary sources. They interviewed Tribal elders, looked at historic photographs, and will map the Agency as it was over 60 years ago. Our final product will be a class book.



Guest elders include: Barbara Kirk (above), James Coburn, Clayton Chocktoot, Marilyn Hall, Daryl Ortis, Sunflower Ortis, Mary Gentry, Barbara Wright

The Caves

cinquain poem & artwork

by Katahna Lang

Grade 6

Based on their trip to the
Oregon Caves this fall.

