

LITTLE CHIEF NEWSLETTER

IROQUOIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

STAR BASE CURRICULUM

5th grade spend week with science and technology

The fifth grade students had the opportunity to participate in a great program called STARBASE. This year's 5th grade class is the first from Iroquois to participate in this program. The basis of the program is emphasize science, math, and technology and was an eye opening

experience for all involved. The students were challenged to make a space seat for an egg using their creativity and imagination. If their egg did not survive they used the

setback to investigate other ideas. Other challenges were shooting straw rockets, taking tests using remote controls, creating their own space station, and investigating the contents of

sand. It was interesting to track the student's progress as they learned from the many setbacks. The students worked with wire that had "shape memory" and would straighten itself out. Measurement was a huge part of the week using a wide variety of units. Nanometers to meters

were utilized and students were shocked when a billion nanometers fit into a meter. The teachers for the week used a wide variety of

teaching techniques and students earned medals for their accomplishments. The four days traveling to Huron proved to be a great experience for the students.

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SARA HEFFNER, 5TH GRADE



MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

From all of us at Iroquois School District we would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas!! We consider it an honor to educate your children. Thank you for this opportunity.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Dec 28 - 7:00 BBB @ Swiftel Classic
- Dec 29 - 12:00 GBB @ Fair City Classic
- Jan 2 - 10:30 GBB/BBB @ Big Bo Classic
- Jan 4 - DH @ Lower Brule
- Jan 5 - GBB @ Wolsey
- Jan 7 - Booster Club Meeting
- Jan 8 - NO SCHOOL
- Jan 11 - GBB @ Lake Preston
- Jan 12 - BBB @ Wolsey
- Jan 13 - FCCLA Districts
6:00 School Board Mtg
- Jan 14 - BBB v SBA
- Jan 15-21 - 281 Conf Trny
- Jan 21 - NO SCHOOL
- Jan 22 - SCHOOL IN SESSION
GBB v SBA
- Jan 25 - GBB @ ORR
- Jan 26 - JHBB v W. Springs
- Jan 29 - BB DH @ Highmore
- Jan 30 - BBB v Canton

HOME CURRICULUM

Provide resources to assist parents

In the coming months, Iroquois elementary is hoping to construct a bank of resources to parents of our students. The purpose of these resources will be to provide assistance for parents to provide additional educational opportunities for their children.

Many times we hear from parents that "It is taught different than when I was in school" or "I just don't know how it should be taught". The Home Curriculum will provide tools for parents to guide their students and encourage educational development. It is not intended to replace the school curriculum and will not be overly time consuming. We are hopeful it will encourage students to be learners and thinkers all the time.

As the calendar turns in the next few months, we are hopeful to encourage more home based activities. We feel this will allow us to get our students up to the level we believe they can reach. It will also help in our quest to be more coordinated with our parents working jointly for a common goal – quality education for our students.

“SPIDER GUY” VISITS

Dr. Patrick “crawls” back into Iroquois elementary

Dr. Brian Patrick, a professor in biology from Dakota Wesleyan University, visited Iroquois Elementary in November. Dr. Patrick brought along arthropod and arachnid specimens, as well as his pet tarantula, Rosie. He explained that has the best job ever

because he can dig around in the dirt, look for bugs and spiders, and still get paid for it. He encouraged the students to pursue careers in areas they are interested in, and he talked about different careers in the areas of science and math. Students in kindergarten,

first, and fifth grades participated this year. This is Dr. Patrick’s fourth year coming to Iroquois. One of his main goals is to educate students about spiders and the benefits to the environment. Thanks Dr. Patrick for visiting our school.

WEBSITE AND PORTAL

Enhanced communication is major emphasis

By the time our second semester starts on January 4, we hope to have the new school website published and active. The district has been actively working with representatives from Creative Printing in Huron to overhaul the school

website. An important rationale of this endeavor is to provide up to date, accurate information to our students and parents. We hope to assist this by providing a new look for our school. In addition, the parent portal has a mobile

application as well. Parents are able to download the app and access important information for their children from anywhere. Contact the school if you are interested in this option.



Starbase activity