

Field Mighty Mice Miller Moments

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This letter is to highlight and celebrate Field! I think this is a great way to end the year prior to the winter break.

Congratulations to Ms. Wilson and the student council members for hosting a fun middle school dance on Friday, December 9th. I have heard a lot of positive comments especially about the mannequin challenge. Since when is the Harlem Shake a throwback dance?

The 5th grade ballroom dancers did a fabulous job presenting their dances to their parents and other invited guests. All 130 5th graders showed their dance moves through seven different dances. A group of spotlight dancers then competed Sunday, Dec. 11th, and did an awesome job. The parents in the crowd were so excited about their dancing 5th graders, as were Teresa and I. The first round, the dancers new what dance they were going to dance, but for the second round the dance name was drawn out of a hat. They did get to perform the line dance, the “Stomp”, as the final dance. All of the students from all of the participating schools danced together. There were many smiles to go around.



I want to give a huge thank you to all of our families who helped with the Holiday Helpers. Field families helped 34 other Field families. That is up from 23 families last year. We would not have been able to pull it off without the leadership of Betsy Chastain and Traci Lyngstad.

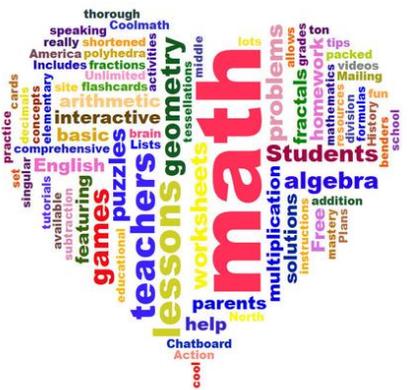
While I’m thanking people, I also need to thank the Field community for voting in support of the referendum and with your generous donations to the Hale/Field Give to the Max Day. We are truly appreciative.

Our Math Team competed in meet 3 of the MNJHML (Minnesota Junior High Math League) at Valley View Middle School in Edina, with some pretty fantastic results. The team put up another stellar performance, and I couldn’t be more proud of them. They’re still in second place in our division, but are starting to pull away from the group in third. Additionally, our second team, anchored by only one member this week, was able to achieve a higher team score than 4 teams of 6.

We also had two students score in the top 10 this week coming in 3rd and 4th in the division respectively!

Our team was the only team to achieve a perfect score in the team round. Based on Mr. Hamilton’s observations of other groups that he has seen compete, there is a cohesiveness that our team brings to the table, and a spirit

of collaboration that you can sense is missing in other groups. **I’m going to give that credit to all of the teachers here at Field.** Our kids can work in groups. They’ll be employable. Go Field!



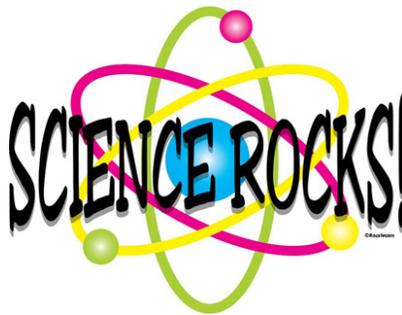
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Our GSA group of 30 students had an opportunity to go to the University of Minnesota and participate in a great event called Qquest which talked about creating safe places in the school which are inclusive of everyone. There were also breakout sessions with different aspects of support and safe spaces for students to ask questions as well as a resource fair.

Minneapolis kids is hosting a Charity Event this Friday, Dec. 16th, from 4-5:30 in the Commons area. It is a festive theme of giving back. Here are the stations:

- *A Hot Cocoa Stand to raise money for Doctors Without Borders*
- *Make Boo Boo Bunny Ice Packs to donate to the Good Samaritan Society*
- *Make Giant Candy Cane Decorations to Brighten The Children's Hospital*
- *Create Wreaths for doors at Mount Olivet Senior Home*

- *No-Sew Blankets Beds for animals to sleep on at the Animal Humane Society*
- *Package Hygiene Kits for the Dorothy Day Shelter*



Other things that are celebration worthy are: GEMS/GISE, Science Bowl, 8th grade Weismann Museum and our music program.



I want to take this moment to wish everyone a restful and peaceful vacation and a Happy New Year!



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