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Overview of Activities for January

Much work on curriculum projects and professional development took place this month with our professional development day on January 2 and the curriculum half day on January 25.

January's Spirit Day focused on sports. Children supported their favorite team. Various activities took place in classrooms ranging from biographies of famous sports figures to poetry about their favorite sport. Mrs. Remillard's class created the infomercial now airing on local cable access

The Books and Beyond Program kicked off on January 18 for 4 weeks. This year's theme is Charlotte's Web. We are tallying the number of students participating by affixing spiders on huge webs in the cafeteria. The webs are beginning to fill up.

Under the direction of Mrs. Dimmick and Mrs. Seagrave, Taft Physical Education classes are participating in the School Walk for Diabetes. Interested students pledged money to be donated to the American Diabetes Association.

Subject/Course/Classroom Activities

Ms. Bruneau's students presented a series of fables to the first grade classes.

The Plasti-Van program came to Grade 4 students for the second year. This program, a traveling science lab that visits schools, helps to inspire kids to consider science and engineering careers. Utilizing exciting hands-on experiments, the program teaches students about the chemistry, history, processing methods and environmental issues of plastics. This program was cost free to the district through a grant.

Professional Development Activities

January 11, 2008 – Rosemary Campbell attended Open Circle Training, the third of four sessions in Wellesley, MA

January 16, 2008 – Linda Benoit attended MCAS Alt. Training. The training was held in Marlborough, MA

January 16, 2008 – Sharon Proulx-Bruneau attended Open Circle Training, the third of four sessions in Wellesley, MA.

January 17, 2008 – Sharon Manz attended Open Circle Training, the third of four sessions in Wellesley, MA.

January 25, 2008 – Susan Donatelli attended a workshop on Violence Prevention Issues. The workshop was held in Marlboro, MA.

Classroom teachers, reading specialists, and special education teachers participated in two professional development opportunities on Empowering Writers on the January 2, 2008 PD Day and January 25, 2008 Curriculum Half Day.

PTO Reports and Information

The PTO is selling Raffle Calendars during January for \$10.00. There will be daily drawings in February.

PTO Newsletter Attached.

Next Meeting February 14, 2008 at 7:00

Upcoming Events

February 1, 2008	Principal's Coffee Hour 9:30 – 10:30
February 8, 2008	Father Daughter Dance – 6:30 p.m.
February 11, 2008	Friendship Week (activities in class during week)
February 11, 2008	All About Kids Assembly - for students
February 13, 2008	Mr. Davis' and Mrs. Bandstra's classes will be singing seasonal songs at the Uxbridge Senior Center
February 14, 2008	PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
February 15, 2008	Leadership Club Bake Sale during 4 th grade lunch
February 15, 2008	Books and Beyond Ends
February 18, 2008	President's Day – School Vacation Week
February 29, 2008	School Assemblies to Celebrate End of Books & Beyond
February 29, 2008	Dr. Seuss Night (Read Across America) 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

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