



Peek at Polk ~ November 21, 2021

Turkey Trot:

On Monday (rain date Wednesday) all students will participate in the Turkey Trot to raise funds to replenish our outside recess equipment. You can send in cash or check (made out to the Polk Activity Fund) or- NEW- pay using Venmo to the PTO (@PolkPTO). Please be sure to write Turkey Trot in the memo line. Please read [here](#) for more information about this event.

Fire Prevention:

Last week, Fire Marshal Kim Calabrese came to Polk and met with students to discuss fire safety. Students reviewed basic fire safety rules, such as stop, drop, and roll, and the importance of having a meeting place with their family should they need to evacuate their home. In addition, the Fire Marshal discussed the importance of fire prevention and how it's everyone's job, every day. All 4th and 5th grade students are invited to participate in the statewide fire prevention poster contest. You can read more information about the contest [here](#), and submissions are due December 6th.

Giving Tree:

Thank you to all of the families who selected tags for the local Giving Tree! As a reminder, unwrapped items are due to Polk by December 4th to ensure they're delivered on time.

Science Professional Development:

Our 3rd grade teachers recently participated in a training with CREC (Capital Region Education Council) staff developers about the new science units. Along with their Judson counterparts, teachers had a chance to unpack a science unit, make meaning of the standards and expectations, and deepen their understanding of the experiments and assessment techniques. We look forward to having 4th and 5th grade teachers participate in this training in December.

CT Christmas Tree Growers Association Contest:

Congratulations to 4th grader, Emma Howell, who won a free, fresh Christmas Tree with her art submission to the CT Christmas Tree Growers Association contest.

Art Room News:

Check out the latest happenings in the art room from Mrs. Field [here](#).

Wishing you all a happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. Galik
Principal



4th Grade Emma from Watertown, CT

Upcoming Events:

Monday, November 22nd	Turkey Trot (weather permitting) Deadline for Silvergraphics Early Dismissal - Conferences from 5-7
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	BOE Meeting- 7:30 @ WHS
Wednesday, November 24th	Turkey Trot (rain date) Early Dismissal- Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 25th and Friday, November 26th	No School- Thanksgiving
Friday, December 3rd	Polk Spirit Day- Dress in your Polk gear or blue and white