SCHOOL NEWS

Ashland High School

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New officers of the Ski club elected for this year are Bob Hegdahl, president; Don Ross, vice president; Joan Drager, secretary; and Dan Parker, treasurer. Working with officers and members is the club's advisor, Mr. Apodaca.

Possible future trips are to Mt. Shasta, Klamath, and Crater Lake. The skiers also hope to highlight the year by making a trip to Mt. Hood.

On Dec. 7, representatives from all state colleges will visit Ashland High school to inform students on different phases of college. Among the colleges that will be represented are Souther Oregon college, Portland State, Oregon State, University of Oregon, Oregon College of Education and Eastern Oregon college.

Examinations will be given to 54 registered Ashland High students wishing to enter the 1961-62 National Merit Scholarship competition March 7, 1961.

Christmas spirit will ring through Ashland High school Tuesday, Dec. 20, when the orchestra and chorus, under the direction of Batnard Windt, will present their annual Christmas program.

The theme of the Christmas program will be "The Christmas Story" using traditional and lesser known Christmas music. In addition, the brass ensamble will play Christmas carols.

Service, sportsmanship and school spirit – these are the areas that denote S-S-S Day, which will provide a one-day's vacation in the spring for the class which contributes the most to these fields.

The winner is determined by a point system. The evaluation committee under the leadership of Bill Larence has been established to determine points allotted to each class.

Points will be given for attendance at class and club meetings, athletic games, competition yells and general spirit shown at pep assemblies, number of honor roll students, and general school conduct.

Howard School

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, students of Mrs. Dorothy Arney's first grade invited parents to visit school and have lunch in the cafeteria. Some who could not come on Tuesday visited on other days during Education Week.

We have three candidates for the November birthday party. They are Gregory Rawlins, Janet Bailey, and Norman Burton.

For Thanksgiving we have made three-D turkeys and Indian faces. We are learning some Thanksgiving songs.

Mrs. Margaret Mann's second graders have a praying mantis. It came from Chico, Calif. We have read books and seen movies about this insect. We found out that it is a useful insect. It eats bugs and flies. Another name for the praying mantis is the walking stick.

Miss Mary Klocker's first grade room had many parents visit during Education Week also.

Connie Clement has transferred to a school in Grants Pass.

Pilgrims, turkeys, and Indians hold the interest in the art work at this time.

Mrs. Ana McDaniel's second grade is studying about weather in science. We saw a film called "Seasons of the Year."

We have a new phonics book called "Reading with Phonics." We enjoy using it.

Thanksgiving art and stories are our main interest at this time.

In Mrs. Huldah Fisher's third grade room, some of the children have been reading about England. We found out that in England they have a lot of rain showers, so the grass is green and the flowers bright and beautiful. They also have a lot of fog in their country. In England one might see thatch-roof cottages, hedges for fences, small country lanes, many people riding bicycles, old buildings, moss-covered bridges, and village greens with sheep grazing.

We made some Thanksgiving turkeys to decorate our room for November. Each child made his own, and each one is different. We call them "Turkeys with Personalities."

We have learned many songs for Thanksgiving; some "fun" ones about turkeys, and some of the traditional ones that teach the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

In Mrs. Audrey Berry's room, we have been studying about clothing. We looked at some real cotton and studied pictures about how it grows. We had a bookle' about "Cotton" and its many uses and we were surprised to find that cotton had so many uses, even some of our foods have cotton seed oil in them. Many of our other materials have some cotton, too.

We saw a film, "Zoo Animals," and we learned much about how animals are taken care of, fed, and protected in our zoos.

We have spent much time discussing books, our library, and other things connected with National Library Week. Our library has some interesting books on display for this week. We hope to read many of them before the year is finished.

Our parents have been invited to visit our library Friday and see the many books.

In Mrs. Elva Edler's fourth grade we are studying about Egypt. It is interesting to read about the pyramids and the sphinx.

We had a film on Egypt and learned many things about the land, the people, and some of their customs.

In science, we are making reports on the planets and stars.

We each have a poem book. Sometimes we all put the same poem in them. Sometimes we copy one each of us likes. On Tuesday, each of us said a poem that we had learned.

In Mrs. Flossie Murray's room we have divided into five groups, and each group made a jungle mural. We used colored pencils, colored chalk, crayola, and felt pens on butcher paper. Each group had a chairman. The five chairmen were Jane Burns, Debbie Jones, Skipper Bucklin, Linda Fernau, and Kathy Frohreich.

We are writing letters to children is Lamoni, Iowa, for our English class. There are 23 children in Mrs. Carter's class, so we hope we will each get a pen pay to correspond with.

We hope we will hear from the children of Alba, Italy, before Christmas.

In Mr. Jack Bailey's fifth grade, we are learning how to work in committees to make social studies class more interesting. Joan Niemi, Greg Friesen, Russell Morgan, and Charlotte McIntire presented their first report to the class. Charlotte and Russell made a world map with latitude and longitude lines. Joan and Greg explained latitude, longitude, and altitude to the class, with the aid of the map.

In our reading class, we learned "The Arrow and the Song" by Henry W. Longfellow.

The sixth grade reading class will learn "It Couldn't Be Done" by Edgar A. Guest.

Mrs. Nita Birdseye's room is getting ready for the Christmas program. Mr. Lacy has made us a wire frame for our papier mache' donkey. After Thanksgiving, we will start putting on the layers of paper, until he will finally resemble a real animal. We are also planning a cathedral window for our church scenes. After Thanksgiving, the chorus will get down to practicing Christmas music, the play will be cast.

Mary Wong, Linda Ferns, Ramona Bielby and Kaye Porter have finished our hall bulletin board for Thanksgiving. It is a picture of a boy and girl saying a Thanksgiving prayer. The prayer occupies the center, and fruits and grains surround it.

In Mr. Ronald Quackenbush's sixth grade social studies, we have finished studying the country of Mexico. We enjoyed seeing several films related to the history and geography of this country.

One of our final activities was viewing slides and seeing souvenirs from Mexico. They were shown to us by Dr. Bert Elliot and his wife. It was interesting to find that many of the pictures they had taken showed the same things we had been reading about in our textbooks.

We took time out from our studies to vote for president. Jack Kennedy won by two votes.

Mr. William Colley reports that the fourth, fifth and sixth grade boys have finished playing intramural flag football. There are 72 boys in these grades and 64 of them played football.

Team captains were Johnny Smith, Pat Reagan, Richard Wolfe, Bill Stewart, Greg Gresham and Marvin Perdue.

Greg Gresham's team won the championship. The boys on his team were Chuck Pierce, Bob Kline, David Jack, John Reynolds, Ronnie Hovey, Raymond Wong, Rodney Taskey, Mike Harsh, Larry Marshall, and Cliffor Parker.

Richard Wolfe's team finished in second place.

The fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls have finished playing intramural soccer. Team captains were Marilyn Breazeale, Julie Cummings, Nikki Marshall, Linda Wolfe, Kay Porter, and Karen Nygren.

Marilyn Breazeale's team won the championship. The members of her team were Ramona Bielby, Shirley Reagan, Linda Corrigan, Jane Burns, and Deela Lewis.

Kay Porter's team finished in second place.

The boys started playing intramural basketball last Wednesday.

Talent Elementary

There are 61 boys and girls in the three first grade rooms. We have been learning how to read. Most of us are reading in "My Little Green Story Book." We especially enjoyed the Halloween stories.

In Mrs. Conger's first grade we drew pictures of our principal. He enjoyed them.

In all the first grade rooms we have been making turkeys.

In the second grade, we have been studying about safety. We saw a film "Safety in the School Building," and we have talked about safety on the way to and from school, safety on the bus, and safety on the playground. Safety we learned is "being careful for ourselves and for others."

On Monday, Oct. 31, our room mothers helped us with our Halloween party. We played games and had refreshments.

Recently, all of the boys and girls in the second grade took a "science walk" near the school and up Foss road. We looked for signs of autumn. We gathered many kinds of seed pods and leaves which we made into bouquets for our rooms.

Keith Fenton brought a caterpillar to school. It was black, white, and yellow. It ate milkweed leaves. One night it changed into a green chrysalis with gold dots. In 17 days it hatched into a beautiful orange and black Monarch butterfly.

In the third grade, we are still working on our adding and subtraction combinations in arithmetic.

For the last few weeks during health we have been studying about the seven basic foods. We had to plan a good breakfast, a good lunch, and a good dinner.

In science, we are studying about the spider. We drew a spider and its web.

Mrs. Corry's fourth grade is studying about foods in health class. We are learning the Basic Seven foods, and we are planning a menu for breakfast and dinner.

We also are learning about wheat: how and where it grows and its nutritional value. We plan to draw a cross section of one grain to show where the bran and wheat germ are located.

Our next study of foods will be of those which grow in warm and tropical climates. We will make tape recordings on our reports and will plan a bulletin board with visual aid materials.

In Mrs. Dews' fifth grade social studies we are studying the Erie canal. We also have a story in our reading book about it. We are going to make maps and put in the Erie canal and the cities East and West of it.

We had a Halloween party at which the room mothers, Mrs. Meadows, Mrs. Griffin, and her daughter, Mrs. Johnson, served doughnuts and apple cider.

We have 25 pupils in our room. We have not gained or lost anyone since school started.

In our readers we had the story of Johnny Appleseed and a poem. We learned the poem and then we wrote it and illustrated it. We also were fortunate to see a motion picture of it.

In science, our fifth grade tested many different kinds of tooth pastes to see whether they had an alkaline or an acid reaction. We also tested to see whether it was gritty.

Miss Samples' fifth grade class has been electing a good citizen each week. The good citizen leads the flag salute, takes the health check, and leads the class when they leave the room. Our good citizen for this week is Cherie Hollander. Our other good citizens have been Melody Mullin, Sue Cooper, Connie Smith, Sharon Ross, Terry Kinser, and Shannon O'Harra.

We have just finished a unit in science on the earth in space, and our space neighbors. We are now studying the teeth.

In geography, we are studying about the Northeastern states. We are making reports and drawing maps of each of the states.

Mr. Fader's sixth grade recently elected class officers. Those who were elected are Trudy Stone, president; Nannette Johnson, vice president; and Karen Engberg, secretary.

Mr. Fader's sixth grade won the ice cream feed for being the high room in this year's magazine sale. We went to the Talent Cafe for our ice cream.

In English we are studying about newspapers–the different kinds of newspaper stories and how newspapers are organized.

Mr. Zickefoose' room recently made self portraits from scraps of materials which we brought from home. We used buttons, leaves, pins, rubber bands and just about anything that we could utilize.

The fifth and sixth grade intramurals are creating lots of interest. The girls are competing in volleyball and softball. So far the Wildcats have won the most games. The boys are competing in touch football and soccer. So far no one team has a definite edge.

Griffin Creek School

A film "Charley's Haunt," was seen by Griffin Creek students at an assembly Nov. 14. The safety film was presented by Mrs. Valerie Perdue, of Pacific Telephone-Northwest. Later in the week, Mrs. Perdue presented key chains and address books to all the students. Mrs. Perdue was one of the three business personnel who visited Griffin Creek on E-B day in October.

Mrs. Vera Elmgren, nurse at Griffin Creek, reminded students of the danger of playing with sick animals.

Griffin Creek finished in second place in the Rogue Valley Football league. West Side won the league championship.

Letters were presented by Ronald Griffith to 18 boys who finished the football season. They were Marc Prentice, Ronnie Graham, Doug Spaulding, Joe Killingsworth, James Bryan, David Osborn, Warren Schliep, Charles Sander, Mike Cartwright, Dale Fowler, Nicky Briggs, Dwight Romanchuk, Carl Oswald, Steve McCulley, Denzel Carney, Benny Smith, Dave West, Gary Wells, and manager, Larry Briggs.

Letters were also presented to the yell leaders. They are Zellah Mason, Pat Eastwood, Linda Eckel, Marilyn Stokes, Carolyn Giles, Joan Johnson and Linda Youmans.

The November birthday dinner was Thursday, Nov. 18. Twenty-one children had birthdays in November. Mrs. Lois Stabler was hostess for the primary grades and Miss Pat Leek for the intermediate grades.

The fifth and sixth grades, under the direction of Mrs. Harriett Eitemiller, presented the Thanksgiving program Nov. 23. The chorus, under the direction of Miss Leek, sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Come Ye Thankful People, "Roll on Columbia," and "The Doxology."

The monthly meeting of the ASFSA was held at Griffin Creek school Thursday, Nov. 17. President of the group is Ruth Hurt of Lincoln. Mrs. Elsie Stowell of Griffin Creek is secretary. Approximately 60 cooks from the Medford school district were present. Tables were decorated with paper turkeys made by Mrs. Alma Austin's fourth grade and Mrs. Joan Williams' first grade. Mrs. Myrna Frink, principal, gave the welcoming speech.

The Gideons presented New Testaments to the fifth grade Nov. 8.

Mrs. Maurice Lindsay's and Mrs. Lois Stabler's third grades decorated the bulletin boards in the main hall for the month of November.

Mrs. Alma Austin, chairman of the Christmas program, reports that plans are complete and practice will begin after the Thanksgiving holidays. The first, second, third and fourth grades will present the program this year.

A new bell system is being installed at Griffin Creek. It will be in operation about Dec. 1.

Three From OSC To Attend Meeting

Ashland–Dr. Bill Sampson, director of teacher education; Dr. William Ward, director of student teaching laboratories, and Dr. E. C. McGill, director of academic affairs of the Southern Oregon college staff, plan to attend a meeting in Salem Friday with representatives of other state institutions and members of the state department of education.

The purpose of the meeting is to develop a proposal for the improvement of teacher education to be submitted to the Fund for the Advancement of Education, a national organization using Ford Foundation money.

Similar on-campus committees to the one composed of Dr. Ward, chairman, Dr. Sampson, Dr. Arthur Kreisman, Dr. Marshall Woodell, Dr. Elliott MacCracken, and Dr. McGill at SOC have been formed on all the state institution campuses. These groups are meeting frequently to discuss proposals for their separate schools which they wish to submit to the state department of education.

In addition, Dr. McGill reported that a member representing the cooperating school district will be included in the membership of the SOC committee.

From the composite of separate plans, a final proposal will be made by the State Department to the Fund for the Advancement of Education for a grant to support the Oregon project of teacher education.

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