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BEACON clubs are popular

By Gryffin Gazette staff

Now that the first trimester is over, BEACON after-school clubs are getting started again.

Several HMK teachers agreed that the BEACON after-school program is great, because it offers students the chance to spend extra time doing something that interests them.

“It gives them a place to go besides home, and they get to do things they don’t normally get to do,” said 2nd-grade teacher Robin Johnson. “It gives them a place where they can have fun, play, and learn.”

Among the many popular clubs that started this fall was the robotics club, where kids made working robots out of Lego kits and motors. Ms. Linda Grawet was the adviser for that club.

Another fun club was the newspaper, which produced the *Gryffin Gazette*. “The students have all enjoyed collecting information and writing the news for their fellow students and teachers to read,” said club adviser Jeff Richards.

Another thing that BEACON program can help with is added support for academic tutoring, giving kids needed help with homework and other skills.

Said 1st-grade teacher Mrs. Belinda McKinnon: “The teachers put in a lot of work.”

Ms. Joanne Savoie said she likes that the clubs help kids learn, and that she would like to see a hiking or walking club

“More kids should take advantage of these after-school opportunities,” said art coach Bruce Hucko.

Some of the suggested new clubs include: music, chess, hiking, cooking with insects, reading, line dancing, origami, holiday crafts, making desserts, theater, babysitting, tetherball, rollerblading, photography, video games, horseback riding, swimming, financial awareness, and scrapbooking.

5th-graders ready to party

By Corrina Kause, 5th grade

Fifth grade is celebrating a Christmas party on Dec. 16. They will be at the bowling alley for three hours. The classes will get buses to and from the bowling alley. Some of the students’ parents might be joining and will be bringing some of the supplies for the party. The students will be supervised by their teachers. Mr. Lewis’s class will be having a party at his house instead. HAVE FUN FIFTH GRADE!

Alyssa’s Cheesecake

By Emma Millis, 4th grade

Alyssa Keogh would like to wish you a Merry Christmas by selling some cheesecake. If you’re on Facebook go on and look up Alyssa’s Cheesecake and you’ll find her site to order some cheesecake. Here is a list of kinds: Nutella, New York, pumpkin, Reese’s, Snickers, almond, and much more. She also makes cheesecake pops, cookies and even brownies!

Christmas concerts held

By London Richards, 5th grade

On Dec. 14-15, students performed musical concerts for parents, other students, and community members.

The hour-long programs featured many students singing a variety of Christmas songs. Teddy and Kevin Park played the piano, and others played drums. The programs were appreciated by the audiences. Good job, everyone who practiced and participated!

Spelling bees to be held after holiday break

By Ana Castner, 5th grade

Are you all excited about Christmas? I bet there a lot of presents piling up under the tree for you and other family members and friends. Well, we don’t have to go to school for two weeks through the holiday break, from Dec. 17 through Jan. 2.

After HMK students get back, it will only be a few days away from the annual class Spelling Bee for the upper grades. If you are doing the Spelling Bee, you better practice a lot. The 4th grade Spelling Bee will be Jan. 4, the 5th-grade one will be Jan. 5, and the 6th-grade one will be on Jan. 7. All three events will start at 1:30 p.m.

At each Spelling Bee, the students will spell until there are six left. Then, the top six spellers from each grade will compete at the school-wide Spelling Bee on Feb. 3 at 1 p.m. Parents and other community members are free to come watch any of the spelling bee competitions, which will take place in the gym. Good luck to all!

BEACON play produced

By London Richards, 5th grade

One of the BEACON after school clubs was the acting club, which met twice a week at the Youth Garden Project next to Grand County High School.

There were seven kids from HMK in this club: London Richards (5th), Corrina Kause (5th), Kenobi Clapper (4th), Aspen Darcy (5th), Ombra Gruszkewicz (4th), Nataly Tangren (4th), and Shelena Warden (5th). The club was taught by two advisers, both of whom have had experience in acting and performing.

The students recently adapted a book and made it into a play which was called “Ace Lacewing: Bug Detective,” which they performed on the afternoon of Nov. 10.

“The acting club was a lot of fun, and we had a great time performing our play!” said Corrina.



Features + Fun



Horoscopes

By Emma Millis, 4th grade

- Aquarius – Your crush will like you.
- Aries – Santa will take all your toys.
- Libra – Karma will take you, so watch out.
- Scorpio – Rudolph will barf candy down the chimney.
- Cancer – Your enemy will be nice to you.
- Virgo – Pop open a soda and relax.
- Sagittarius – Your friend will surprise you.
- Taurus – A candy cane will eat you.
- Pisces – Sugar will have its revenge.
- Capricorn – Chocolate will love you.
- Gemini – Red is your color
- Leo – Your future of Christmas is presents.

Scented Half Moon

By Isabel Becerra, 5th Grade

Christmas is around the corner! If you want to save a lot of money I suggest you make your ornaments! There are easy and fun! You and your family can make these easily. If you want to make them, this is the thing for you. Here is a nice smelling ornament you and your household will love! It is called Scented Half Moons. Here are the steps for making them: What you need: two or more oranges, an adult, a knife, cutting board, and ribbon. Step 1: Have an adult cut up two or more oranges into half moon shapes. Step 2: After your adult has cut up your oranges, let them dry for five days. A radiator is an ideal place to let them dry. Step 3: After they have been dried have an adult make a little hole at the top of your orange. Step 4: Use your ribbon and slide it through the hole you made. Step 5: Decorate!! I hope you liked this idea. :)

Top 5 Christmas Safety Suggestions

By Jessica Anderson, 4th grade

1. Keep fire away from the Christmas tree and if you don't, get some water!
2. Don't get to many presents or your house will overflow!
3. Keep secret presents away from EVERYBODY or someone might tell about or steal them!
4. Put some Christmas lights up or your house will be dark.
5. Keep the tree steady or it will fall on you, your pets,

Holiday Jokes

By Jessica Hernandez and Josie Wakefield, 4th grade

- Q. What did Adam say on the day before Christmas?
A. It's Christmas, Eve!
- Q. What did the big angel say to the little angel on Christmas Eve?
A. Halo there!
- Q. What do you get if you cross Santa Claus with a detective?
A. Santa clues!
- Q. A snowman loses weight in what way?
A. He waits for the weather to get warmer!
- Q. What is the snowman's favorite cereal?
A. Frosted flakes!
- Q: what's a child's favorite king at Christmas?
A: A stockING!!
- Q: Why did the duck cross the road?
A: To quack open the ice!
- Q: Why is it difficult to keep a secret at the North Pole?
A: Because your teeth chatter
- Q: Where so snowmen go to dance?
A: A snow ball!
- Q. A snowman loses weight in what way?
A. He waits for the weather to get warmer!
- Q. What did one snowman say to the other snowman?
A. Can you smell carrot?
- Q. How do you know Santa is a man?
A. Because no women wear the same attire every year!
- Q. What do monkeys sing on Christmas Eve in concert?
A. Jungle Bells, Jungle Bells!
- Q. When Santa doesn't move, what should he be called?
A. Santa Pause!
- Q. Do you know any bird that can write?
A. A pen-guin!

