



# Westdale News

**From the  
Principal:**

Dear Westdale Families:

The weather certainly is not cooperating with us having school so far this month! Family Math Night has been rescheduled to January 26th. Pizza and drink will be served at 6 p.m. and math games will begin at 6:30 p.m. Each family that attends will receive a math game kit to take home.

On January 24th and 25th, we will be testing our students in reading and math on an assessment called AIMSweb. This will help us measure each student's progress so far this school year. This information will be shared with you by your child's teacher. It is very important that your child be in school on these days and on time.

Because of the snow day last week, the Dental Bus visit had to be rescheduled. They will be here on Thursday, January 26th.

In February we will start a Box Tops for Education drive. Please look for a note to come home at the beginning of February with details.

Karen M. Volk

Westdale Elementary Principal

## January 2017

### Important Dates

- January 20th–  
Popcorn Sale
- January 26th–  
Family Math  
Night
- January 27th–  
Popcorn Sale
- January 30th–No  
School
- February 10th–  
Popcorn Day
- February 17th–  
Students dis-  
missed at 10:55  
a.m.
- February 22nd  
&23rd Hearing  
Testing(Y5s, K,  
and 2nd Grade)
- February 24th–  
Popcorn
- February 27th &  
28th Parent  
Teacher confer-  
ences

**Join us for AMAZING Science and Art Entertainment!**

### STEAM Night

**When: February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Where: Westdale Gymnasium**

**Time: 6:15-7:15**



Your family will have the opportunity to choose from fifteen exciting science and art activities that will enrich your thinking and keep you entertained. You don't want to miss out on the fun! Watch for more information in classroom newsletters and flyers about the event. We are looking forward to seeing you!

We are focusing on  
the Life Principle of

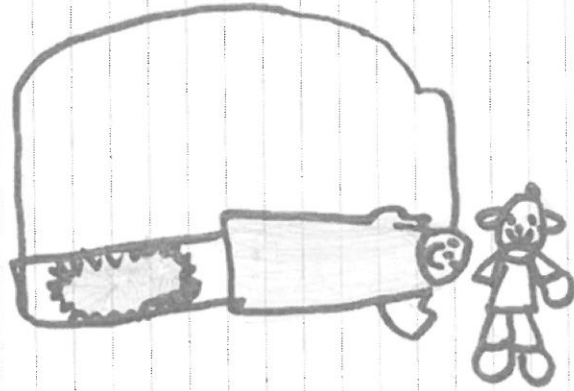
### Honesty

this month.

Honesty is being  
truthful.

**Regan Naessens- Young 5's**

*I can sleep with my number one blankie and Nemo.*

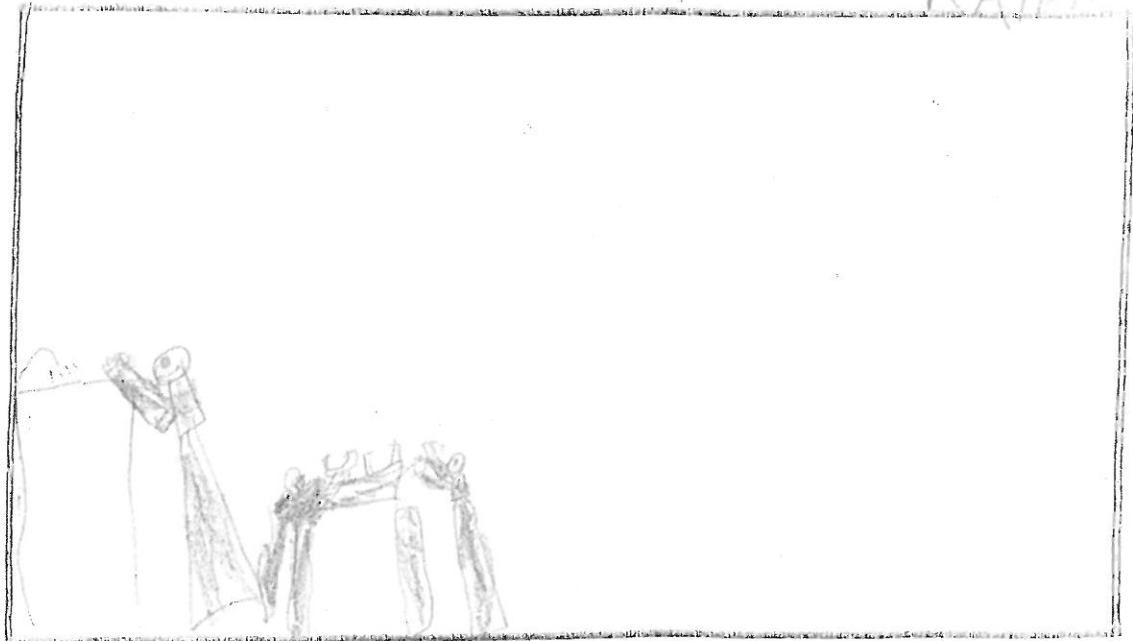


I Can sleep With my  
 hmbrr one blke and Nemo .

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**Kalen Davis-  
 Mrs. Romain's  
 Kindergarten**

*I made a little  
 pizza with my  
 dad and broth-  
 er.*



I made a little pazzza  
 With my dad and bruxhr.

Madalyn

Madalyn Massung-Ms.  
Watt 's Kindergarten

I buy pets! I can buy a  
kitty at the store.

I buy Past!

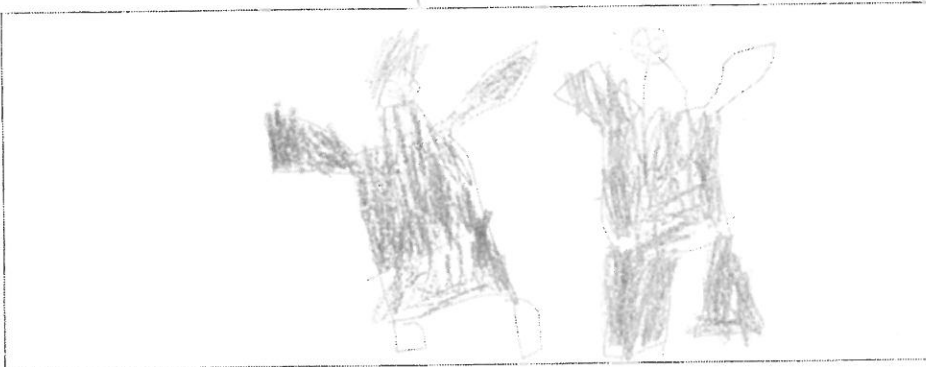


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Joseph Kerreos-Mrs.  
Wolpert's Kindergarten

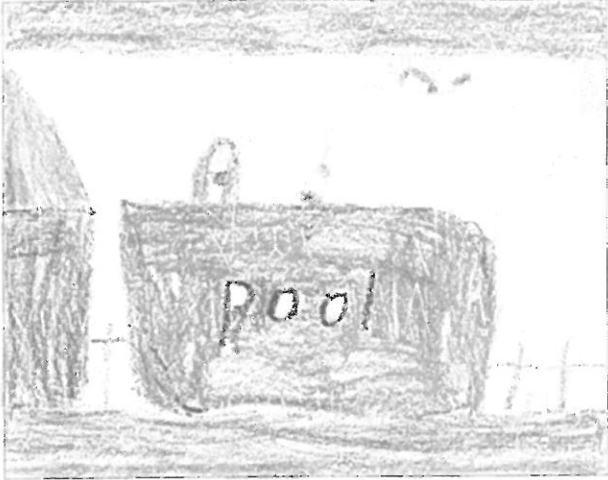
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my dad.



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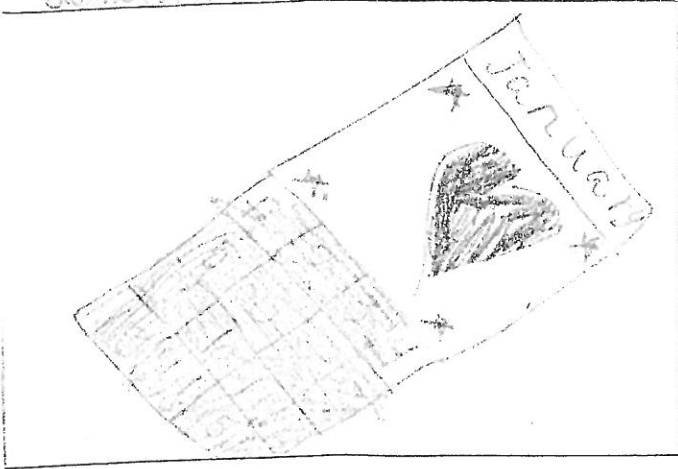
WITH DAD

Marlea 1/9/17 Summer



I like summer  
better than winter.  
I love to go to  
Neisa's house. I like

Samantha Mills

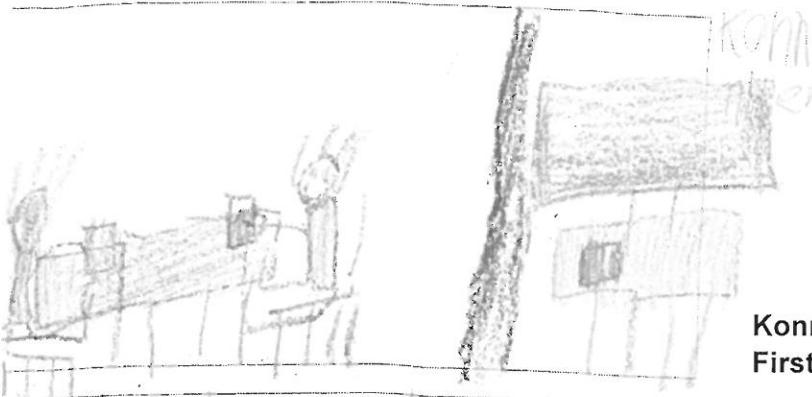


I do NOT want  
three days in a  
weekend because  
I wud miss  
school too much.

to <sup>go to</sup> my Grandmas  
house and play with  
her stuffed animals.  
I really really love to  
swim! And that is why  
I like summer better  
than winter.

Marlea Pachecho- Miss Dep-  
cinski's First grade

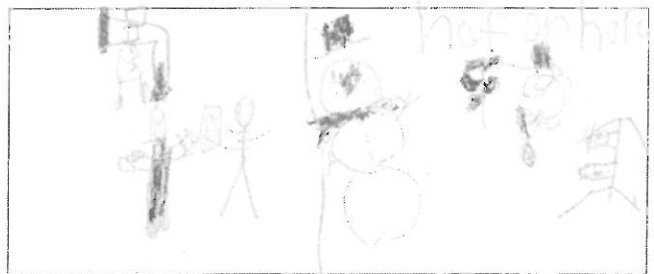
Samantha Mills- Mrs. Hartwick's First  
Grade



Konner Prescott- Mrs. Kowalski's  
First Grade

last night me and my brother  
played in the snow. We played  
snowball fight. It was a hipe.  
When we went inside  
we had hot cocoa it was good.  
We watch tv. It was a  
fun night.

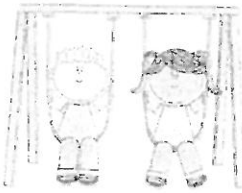
Name: Mason Salazar Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Class number: \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Mrs. Volz,  
I would like a letter  
please. I want  
to play with my friends.  
Please. I want to see you.

Mason Salazar-Mrs. Rendon's First Grade

I love peeces becu's his fun.  
Take you for fishing sincerely,  
Mason



Swings

OR



Slide

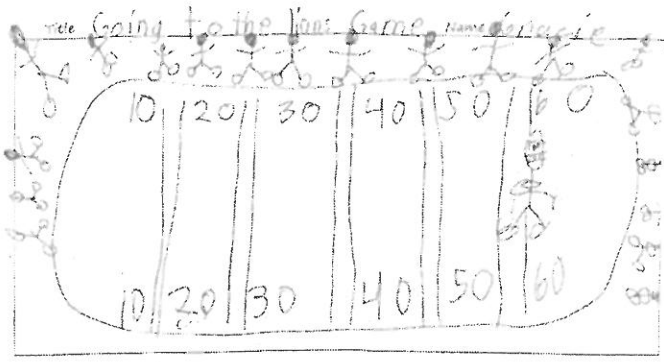
My favorite part of the playground is the swings I love how low I can go. I love how I can almost touch the sky. When I go so high I get butterflies in my stomach. The swings are the best part of the playground.

**Paige Bekemeier– Mrs. Goidosik's  
Second Grade**

### Oh No! My Snowman Melted!

By Anna Egerer

On a cold, windy day I gathered all of my winter gear to build a snowgirl. She had three layers of snow, a carrot nose, two stick arms, a hat, mittens, coal eyes, and a blue scarf. Her name was Ivy. I built her a little too far out of the shade. Poor Ivy! The next day I came out to see... Ivy had sunbathed and melted. It was Ivy's end. It wasn't a good idea to build Ivy out of shade, so next time I'll build her under shade.

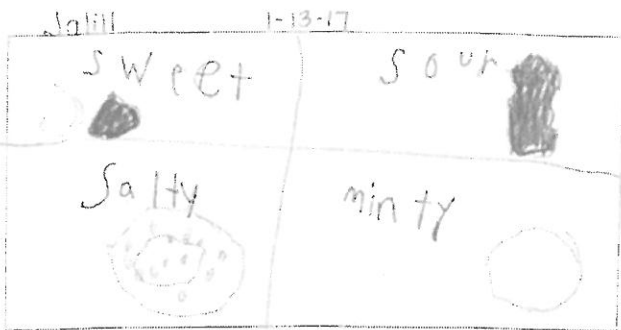


and we got our snacks. Then the game started. I was thinking that they were going to win. The game ended shortly. The score was 25 to 16. The lions won! We got home and let our dog outside and we all took a nap. I want to go again next year.

Gracie Egerer, Mrs. Mikoleizik's second grade

**Gracie Egerer-Mrs. Mikoleizik's Second Grade**

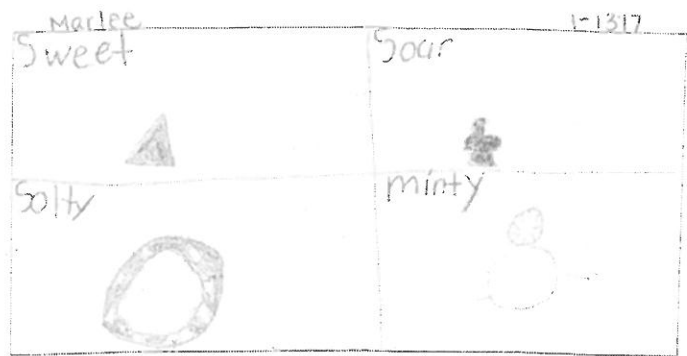
Have you ever been to see the Detroit Lions play? It was a long long drive to Detroit. I said "Are we there yet?" We had to park our car one mile away from Ford field which is where the lions play. First we got our seats



The best taste is sour. One reason sour taste is good is that it is so tingly in my mouth. second the sour patch kid feels like I want to have more. As you can see sour is the best taste.

Mrs. Miller 2017

**Jalill Sanders-Mrs. Miller's Second Grade**



The Best taste is minty. One reason minty taste is good is that I like how the minty flavor makes my mouth feel fresh. I also like minty because at the end it gets really crumbly. As you can see, minty is the best taste.

Mrs. Miller 2017

**Marlee Bouliw- Mrs. Miller's Second Grade**



# Join us for Weiss Family Fitness Night!

What is your New Year's Resolution? Does it include living a healthier lifestyle? If not, proper nutrition and physical fitness are still things that we want to promote in our young people. Healthy living promotes better brain function, which helps learning!

Join us for a FREE event to learn about healthy living from some local experts and to just HAVE FUN!

**Plus giveaways!  
Free gym memberships and fitness gear!**

- WHO:** All STCS elementary families
- WHAT:** Attend FREE breakout sessions to learn fun, easy, and kid-friendly fitness routines to use at home and try FREE delicious healthy food!
- WHEN:** Tuesday, January 24th from 5:30-7:00pm
- WHERE:** Weiss Elementary gym and classrooms



**W**ellness &  
**E**xercise  
**I**mproves  
**S**tamina in  
**S**chool





**Winter Community Education Classes: Register online @ [www.celighthouse.org](http://www.celighthouse.org) -OR- call us at 797-1847 -OR- send in the registration form below (checks made out to STCS)!**

Junior Engineer Classes - Pre-K to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**JUNIOR ROBOTICS: Adventure Stories**

This class is a perfect mixture of fun and learning, using LEGO™ WeDo Robots. Using LEGO™ bricks, students build a dancing bird, a smart spinner and a drumming monkey.



They also learn how to program and operate their creations using a laptop. **Please Register by Jan. 18**

Location: Heritage HS      Dates: Jan. 23-Feb. 27  
 Time: 6-7 PM      Days: Mondays  
 Class Fee: \$88      Class Code: 17W610-1

Apprentice Engineers Classes 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**ROBOTICS: Robo Battles**

During the LEGO™ Robo Battles classes, students create, program and control robots designed to perform challenges such as the SumoBots Challenge, Jousting Challenge and the Catapult Challenge. Students use LEGO™ Robotics and computers to learn principle of robotics, computer programming and teamwork. **Please Register by Jan. 18**

Location: Heritage HS      Dates: Jan. 23-Feb. 27  
 Time: 6-7:30 PM      Days: Mondays  
 Class Fee: \$95      Class Code: 17W620-1

**KIDS' WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP: Cartoon Creators**

Learn how to draw and paint popular cartoon characters, as a stepping stone to creating your own colorful comics or cartoons. Supply fee: \$8 paid to instructor first night of class.

Instructor: Andrea Hewett. **Please Register by Jan. 25**

Location: Heritage HS      Dates: Jan. 31- Feb. 14  
 Time: 5:30-6:30 PM      Days: Tuesdays  
 Class Fee: \$35      Class Code: 17W630-1

**Annual Family Dance for Valentine's Day**

K-5 girls & boys! Invite your special adult for a night of music and dancing! Cost includes the Rusch Entertainment DJ, refreshments and a photo booth for picture-taking! Location is the Arrowwood Conference Center. Date is Friday, Feb. 17. Time is 7 - 8:45 p.m. Cost is \$29 for one child; \$19 for additional child\*\*The event is limited to first 60 couples, so please register early!\*\*

**Mid-Michigan Nature Explorers for 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

Come join Naturalist Chrissy for some fun-filled nature-inspired adventures! Through games, crafts and other activities, we will examine how everything is connected in

nature. With games like the White Tail Deer Olympics, Bird Call Bingo and the Frog Chorus, there is sure to be something fun and educational for everyone. Wear your comfortable shoes, as some of the activities involve movement. Some activities involve snacks, so please inform the instructor of any dietary restrictions. All programs will be held indoors due to the time of year but temperature and time will not stop us from having some exciting adventures! Programs include:-The Web of Life, -Mammal Mania, -Calling all Birds, -Wetland Wonder. Naturalist Chrissy Cannon earned her Masters of Science Degree in Environmental Science, worked as a naturalist for both Michigan and Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources and currently teaches Environmental Science and Ecology for Northwood University. **Supply Fee: \$4 paid first night to instructor. Please Register by Jan. 25**

Location: Sherwood      Dates: Feb. 1-22  
 Time: 6-7 PM      Days: Wednesdays  
 Class Fee: \$24      Class Code: 17W645-1

**Kids Yoga - Ages 7 - 11**

Yoga is fun and....Maintains flexibility and strengthens growing bodies, Enhances concentration and focus, Increases self-esteem, Teaches present moment awareness, Gives tools for stress management, Cultivates a peaceful, relaxed state of mind and body, Sparks creativity in ripe imaginations, Enhances body awareness. Please bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. You may borrow a mat if needed. Be prepared to practice yoga with bare feet. Instructor is Jennifer Clor, Certified Yoga Kids teacher. **Please Register by Jan. 18**

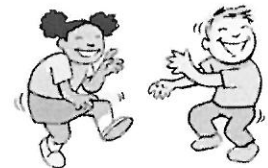
Location: Heritage HS      Dates: Jan. 26-Feb. 16  
 Time: 6:00-6:45 pm      Days: Thursdays  
 Class Fee: \$40      Class Code: 17W650-1

**Fit Kids Dance Party**

This fitness dance class is designed for K-5th grade boys and girls! Students will dance and exercise to fun, age-appropriate music, all while learning new moves and techniques. This class provides fitness with dancing - they'll have so much fun they won't even know it is exercise! Instructor: Deb Jackson.

**Please Register by Jan. 18**

Location: Arrowwood  
 Dates: Jan. 24 - Feb. 9  
 Time: 5:15-5:45 PM  
 Days: Tues. & Thurs.  
 Class Fee: \$36  
 Class Code: 17W660-1



**Winter 2017 Community Education Classes: Mail to 3465 N. Center Rd, Saginaw, MI 48603**

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ Amt Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_