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## Bucks Bulletin: So much to be thankful for November

By Michelle Kanipes

1. Congratulations to Ms. Johnson's 2020-2021 4-5th graders Jaida, George, Allison, TJ, Jaylyn and Xander. Their 2020-21 school year poetry pieces were published in the "2021 Young American Poetry Digest." The books have finally arrived, and the students have been enjoying reading their poems.

2. Thank you to ELA teacher, Ms. Kayla Mann, for finding and uploading the library book check-out application that helps the district to keep track of books that students will loan from the school library. She cataloged all the titles, and selected the hand scanning device that registers the books into the app.

3. Congratulations to Ms. Miranda Dahlke (science) and Ms. Michele Welke (math) for their nominations to the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. They will now move onto the national application process. Awardees join a network of outstanding educators from across the nation. Since 1983, more than

5,100 teachers have been recognized for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. Awardees serve as models to their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of STEM education.

4. Congratulations to Ms. Alyssa Wagner (1-2nd grade teacher) for being recognized by the eSpark Foundation for being the highest mastery eSpark classroom. Founder and CEO David Vinca awarded her a certificate of congratulations for her work this year.

5. Good work to the seven high school juniors and seniors who accepted the challenge and rigor by registering to take dual enrollment classes this school year. These students are enrolled at NWTC in these online courses. They are also taking an NWTC two semester courses at school, called Tech Math 1a and 1b. To date this is a total of 18 classes, for 54 college credits.

6. Kudos to Mr. Verboomen's chemistry class. The students are

on the district web page presenting their periodic table of elements projects. I was invited to their classroom to watch them deliver these websites. They did a great job with their amazing web pages, links, information, and fun facts. Their published works are on our district webpage for everyone to view. What a novel way to learn about the Periodic Table that engages students in the elements that make up the chart.

7. I was asked to write a letter of recommendation for the Door County Economic Development Corporation regarding a grant initiative to support the creation of a business-culinary-hospitality incubator that would provide course work and programming for students to learn how to set up and run a business, cook, serve, and operate a food truck. The menu would be exclusively the foods of Door County which have historical significance to the Door County community. The food truck would travel to

local schools providing the intern students a chance to showcase their products, hone soft skills, and build capacity in terms of a future workforce, employment, and business opportunities for young adults from Door County.

8. Thank you to the Albatross for 16 student gift certificates for ice cream cones. We appreciate your support of our students.

9. Thank you to the Altrusa Club of Door County for their donation of two scientific graphing calculators to our math department.

10. Thank you to Virginia Thomas, Cheri Moitke, Joyce Olin and the Flammstead family for their generous donations. They provided nearly \$1,000 worth of new books that helped to fill our library shelves with relevant, current, and timely literature from across multiple genres for students to select and read.

## Academic Decathlon team advances to regionals for the third consecutive year

By Coach Dahlke

Washington Island is one of the top 50 Academic Decathlon teams, out of about 90 teams, in the state of Wisconsin.

On Tuesday, Nov. 9, Academic Decathlon students competed at the local level. Each team member takes seven multiple choice exams containing questions about this year's topic: Water-An Essential Resource. The subtests include music, art, math, science, social science, economics, and literature.

For the first time, one of our decathletes earned a ribbon based on their score at local competition. Within each of the seven testing categories the top three scores earn ribbons. Aidan earned a second place ribbon in the art category this year. (Keep in mind, this is out of every student who tested on all 90 teams.)

Regionals will be all virtual this year at the beginning of January. Students will not only continue studying the topics they were tested on at local competition, but now prepare to give a speech, prepare for an interview, and write an essay about the themes present in this year's novel study: "The Sea Wolf" by Jack London. If our team scores as one of the top 20 teams in Wisconsin, we will move on to state competition.

Congrats Andrea, Breanna, Jocelyn, Fisher, Spencer, Aidan, and Jake!



The 2021-22 Washington Island Academic Decathlon team.

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# Ballads of Our Heroes

By Leila Nehlsen

The epic poem about an Anglo Saxon hero, Beowulf, was passed down orally for hundreds of years. Just as Beowulf is remembered from his oral story, to ensure the memory of someone each student loves, they wrote a ballad about that person to be sung and placed in the Washington Island archives. A few of the students' ballads are included in this issue.

## Ballad of Papa Will Krueger (Tune of: "You Are My Sunshine")

By Breanna

Chorus:  
Some call you Will, Others Bill,  
Kap to few, and husband too,  
Dad to many, Captain sparingly,  
But Papa is your favorite name of all.

Born in Milwaukee, in 41',  
To Willard and Doris, he was son,  
Moved to Illinois, when he was ten,  
Alfonzo was his very best friend.

Chorus:

Roller Skating, round' the rink,  
But in school he caused a stink  
Left school early, to join the Navy,  
There he learned discipline and bravery.

Chorus:

Met Max, Lois's father,  
Built a race car from the-ground proper,  
Lost his first race, but ten years later,  
The championship made his life greater.

Chorus:

He has a house, good mem'ries of life,  
His love is Lois, his wife  
Running Kap's Marina, cleaning, and docking,  
His seven children keep his life rocking.

Chorus:

## Ballad of Hans Lux Sr: Dear Opa To the song "Tarantella Di Napoli Napoletana," by Joel Francisco Perri

By Joseph

Chorus:  
Dear Opa, Dear Opa!  
Friend of many friends.  
Thank you for all you have done for us.  
Our friendship will never end.  
Oh Opa, Oh Opa!  
You're the headlight above my eyes.  
With your smile extra bright,  
Your guidance bold and wise.  
Born in Saarbrucken, Germany,  
1930 was the year

On the fifth of February.  
Then America, you came here  
Chorus  
You proposed to a woman  
The mistress named Emmi  
You became inseparable  
Nourished your children of three.  
Chorus  
Suddenly, the tides began to change.  
Deployed to Korea in the Army.  
Oh!  
Hans! They shout out his name.

We shower his grace with this song of glee.  
Chorus  
All is done, war is gone,  
An inspiring retiree,  
Enjoying life, with your wife,  
Your face gleams with glee  
Chorus  
A proud member at German Fest.  
A patron to his community.  
An electrician and hero at his best.  
Filled with love and generosity.

Chorus  
As your family greatly expands,  
Your humble heart greatly grows.  
You hold your love in open hands  
To share with everyone you know.  
Chorus  
The epitome of a hero of deeds  
Your love for all is hard to contest  
And, always helping those in need.  
God sing you to your final rest.

# Slime Time!

By Alyssa Wagner

The first and second grade students have recently been learning about matter in science class. They studied the three states of matter—liquid, solid and gas—and the five properties of matter—color, shape, hardness, texture, and flexibility.

To wrap up and review their learning, the students made their own slime! Using glue, baking soda, water, food coloring, and contact solution, the students carefully mixed the ingredients and worked it in their hands to create giant globs and strings of slime. After having plenty of time to play and explore, the students were asked to describe the unique properties of their slime creations.

It was an awesome hands-on experience that solidified their understanding of the science unit, and one they will not soon forget. Thank you Dr. Caroline Reiter for donating the contact solution for this experiment!

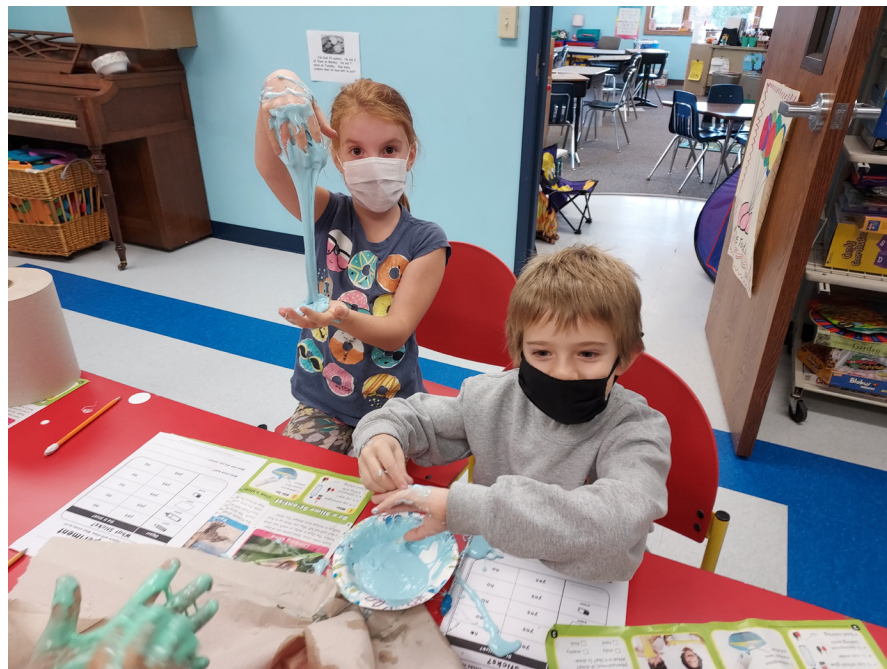


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**Blue, slimy, gloopy, smooth, and flexible were some of the words these two students used to describe their slime experiment.**



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**Nothing but smiles and laughter from these two as they stretched and played with their slime the entire time.**

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# A peek into the 4K and 5K classroom

By Kaitlyn Stoller

Do you know the characteristics of a right triangle, rectangle, or square? If not, the 4K students can help.

## What are the characteristics of a right triangle?

One 4K student said, "A right triangle has three sides and three corners." Another added "It must have a right angle. If that is tricky, make an 'L' with your fingers to check."

## What are the characteristics of a rectangle?

A 4K student told us "A rectangle has to have four corners. It has two long sides and two short sides."

## What are the characteristics of a square?

"A square has four sides and four corners," one student informed us.

The kindergarten students have been exploring weather and climate. For their final project, they were challenged with creating a video to show off all they have learned. Students were able to explore the job of a meteorologist. They studied weather reports to find key information that a meteorologist would share with their viewers.

After this, they were able to research and document their weather findings. Along with sharing the weather, they thought it would be important to share what types of clothing a person would have to wear. Some days, students said we should pack our rain boots, snow boots, and tennis shoes because of the drastic changes in weather. Along with clothing, they shared any major weather events that could impact their travel.

After reviewing projected weather and recording data, we turned our classroom into a film studio. We recorded our very own weather broadcast.

"Good morning! We are coming to you from Channel 12. Monday the temperature is going to be a high of 39 degrees and a low of 34 degrees."



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Kindergarten students practice their news broadcast.

## Chairman Lux speaks to government class

By Aidan

On Thursday, Nov. 11, Town chairman Hans Lux visited and spoke to our 11th grade government class. He began by giving us an outline of federal and state governments, then he dove into local governments.

Our local government includes the town chairman and the four other town board supervisors: Martin Andersen, Bill Jorgenson, Debbie Thielke, and Dick Tobey. We learned that these individuals are in charge of our town. They oversee the town's 30 departments and make decisions as a group on budgets and plans to better our town. Chairman Lux explained to us how he and the board were working to get five miles of Island road repaved, with an approxi-

mate cost of \$1 million. He explained that our local land tax is divided into parts for the county, state, school, and local government and the vocational school. He helped explain to us the process of working on and voting on our town budget.

He told us how the town is working to forecast expenses and save in advance for expenses they know are coming. Finally, he explained that the new administrator will supervise the departments, write grants and work on the budget.

Our class wants to thank Chairman Lux for coming in. His position requires a lot of time and effort with minimal compensation. He makes a large impact on our community.



This 4K student is feeling confident about her shape knowledge!



4K students practice sorting their shapes into categories.

## Remember to dress up!

### Spirit Week

Monday, November 29 - PJ Day

Wear school appropriate pjs

Tuesday, November 30 - Decades Day

Dress as your favorite decade

Wednesday, December 1 - Elderly Day

Dress as a senior citizen

Thursday, December 2 - Thankful Day

Dress up as a person you are thankful for

Friday, December 3 - Formal Day

Dress up in your finest clothing

**WASHINGTON ISLAND  
OBSERVER  
FALL OFFICE HOURS**

**Tuesday-Friday  
8:30-11:00 AM**

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## Catching up with Washington Island School students



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After studying about Rock Island, the Native Americans that lived there, and the fossils from the Silurian Age, the third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students got a special tour of the Jacobsen Museum from Jeanie Hutchins in October. Only one of the six students had said they had been there before, but now all six say that they will return again. Thank you so much, Mrs. Hutchins!



All the students were interested in hearing the story about when Jeanie was 20 years old and worked as a telephone operator on Washington Island.



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Students who recently took a field trip to the Jacobsen Museum stopped to meet Jens Jacobsen's grandson at the Veterans Day program. He's the oldest man on the Island and the only WWII veteran living here. Freya, standing third from the left in the back, and Owen and Jaida, who are pictured sitting in the front next to him, are the great-grandchildren to two of Dewey Jacobsen's sisters, Mary (Jacobsen) Sorensen and LaVaun (Jacobsen) Mann.



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Elementary students work as a team to build a three-story hula hoop house.

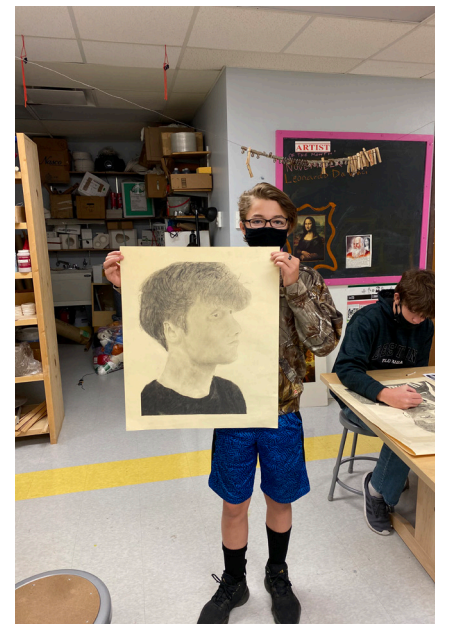


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Freshman, Fisher, poses with a graphite drawing of his hero.

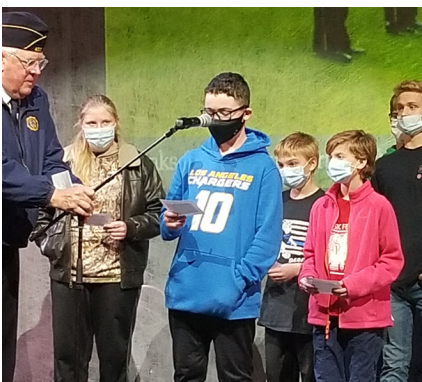


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Middle school students added a new feature to this year's Veterans Day program by compiling and reading the names of current Island veterans.

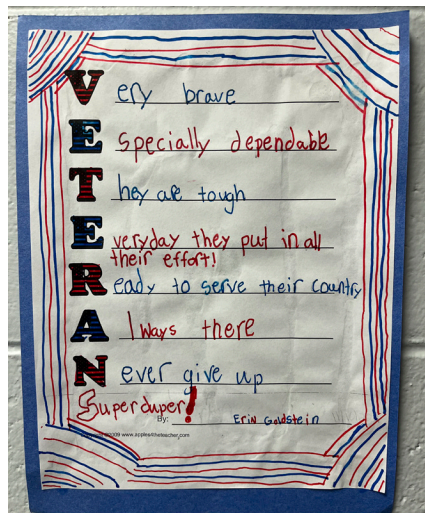


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Third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students wrote acrostic poems to express their feelings about veterans.



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Inspired by pop artist Claes Oldenburg, sixth grade students get to work drafting the label for giant paper food sculptures.