

Bucks Bulletin is a project of the students and staff of Washington Island School.

Principal's Report: November School News

By Tim Verboomen

With Gratitude

Though this will not be published until December, it was written on Thanksgiving morning (with the Macy's Parade on in the background.) As I write this, then, it seems appropriate to begin by expressing thanks for the support of our community. We are grateful for your support...

at the District's Annual Meeting, on the operational referenda we need to pass every couple of years, and for the more general support we frequently hear from around the community. We - the students, families, and faculty of your Washington Island School - are very thankful! Your support is a meaningful affir-

mation of the good work our school has done, is doing, and will continue to do for our students, families, and community.

Veteran's Day

Our students were also invited to attend and participate in the Veteran's Day program organized by our American Legion, Post 402, on November 11. One of our ninth-grade girls led the audience in singing our National Anthem, and our elementary and middle school students were led by Mrs. Kari Gordon in the singing of patriotic songs. Our students also learned from the first-hand accounts of Island Veteran (and School Board Member), Terry Foster. The program culminated in an Honor Guard Salute and the playing of Taps. It was an excellent way for our students and staff to honor all -especially our island- veterans and their service to our country.

Head Coach, Josh Mann & Assistant Coach, Matt Grandy; and Girls' Head Coach, Sara Gibson & Assistant Coach, Marisa Kehren. We're also excited to announce that each team will again be participating in the Great Lakes Islands Basketball (GLIBB) Tournament (12/7-9), hosted by Mackinac Island, Michigan this year.

You can view our most current/ updated calendar for extra-curriculars by visiting our website (<https://www.island.k12.wi.us/parents/calendar.cfm>) and scrolling down to the **Extra-Curricular Calendar**. We are hoping to add a few more games and this webpage will be the easiest place to find the latest updates!

Holiday Events

Our Student Council is planning the return of "The Polar Express" event in December. Look for more details posted around the community or on our Facebook page. The last week of school before the holiday break in December will be highlighted with a school spirit week and with our Student Council hosting a Community Holiday Breakfast in partnership with WICHP. The breakfast is being served in our commons on December 18, and we look forward to seeing many of you there at this fun community event.

Partnering with our School

As always we continue to look for new ways to partner with you -our community- as we strive to give our students even more exciting, memorable, and meaningful school experiences. If you have any thoughts on how we can partner to do good things for our students, please contact us at school. We look forward to hearing from you.



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Student Council members: Magnus Purinton, Julia Pratt, Tommy Pratt, Mason Isaacson, Rita Valentincic, and Emily Nickchen attended the Wisconsin Association of School Council's Fall Leadership Tour at the University of Green Bay.

Basketball Season

Our Bucks basketball season began on November 6th, and will run through February 10th this year. The Bucks' first games were played at home against the girls of Green Bay West on November 18th and 19th. Our teams will end their seasons with home games on February 9th and 10th, for both the boys' and girls' teams, against students from Faith Christian School (from Coleman, WI). We will host a third weekend of home games against the Delta County Knights (of the Escanaba area, MI.) on January 19th and 20th. Our student-athletes love your attendance/support at their home games, and we hope to see many of you there!

We are excited to have our returning coaches this year: Boys'



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The third, fourth, fifth, and sixth-grade students sang two songs led by Kari Gordon to honor the Veterans at the Veterans Day Program at the TPAC. Weeks before the program Kari Gordon, Judy Baseman, and Cheri Miotke met with the students during their scheduled music classes at school to prepare them for this day.



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Emily Nickchen led the community at the Veterans Day Program with the National Anthem. Behind her are Pastor Edward Baseman, Terry Foster, and Doug Hansen.



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Fall 2023 Math Update

By Pam Josifek

I would love to thank all of the families and the community for a warm welcome to the island. I have enjoyed getting to know all of the students and also learning more about the area. I've already learned so much about the history of the island and the local environment after the fall field trip to Plum Island tagging Monarchs, the Rock Island adventure, and now listening to all of the family traditions for Thanksgiving and the holiday season.

Teaching math for all levels from 5th grade through 11th grade is a

wonderful way to see how the curriculum aligns throughout the years.

Our 5th grade students are currently working on fractions and using area models to see the concepts in action. In 6th grade we are building on the multiplication and division concepts by bringing in real life problem solving skills.

The 6th grade class just completed Challenge 1 for the Hardest Math Problem Student Contest. In this submission they were asked to determine costs to add in green space around a parking lot. The 7th and 8th

grade classes are also participated in The Hardest Math Problem Student Contest this week looking at costs to create a habitat - planting trees, perennials, and building small birdhouses for a fictional wildlife area.

The High School classes - Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 - are taking math to the next level modeling situations with linear and quadratic equations. It is wonderful to be in the classroom with them this year!



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Juniors practicing factoring with a Thanksgiving Day puzzle.



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An area model designed by our 5th grade class.



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A couple of our 8th grade students focused while working on The Hardest Math Problem competition.

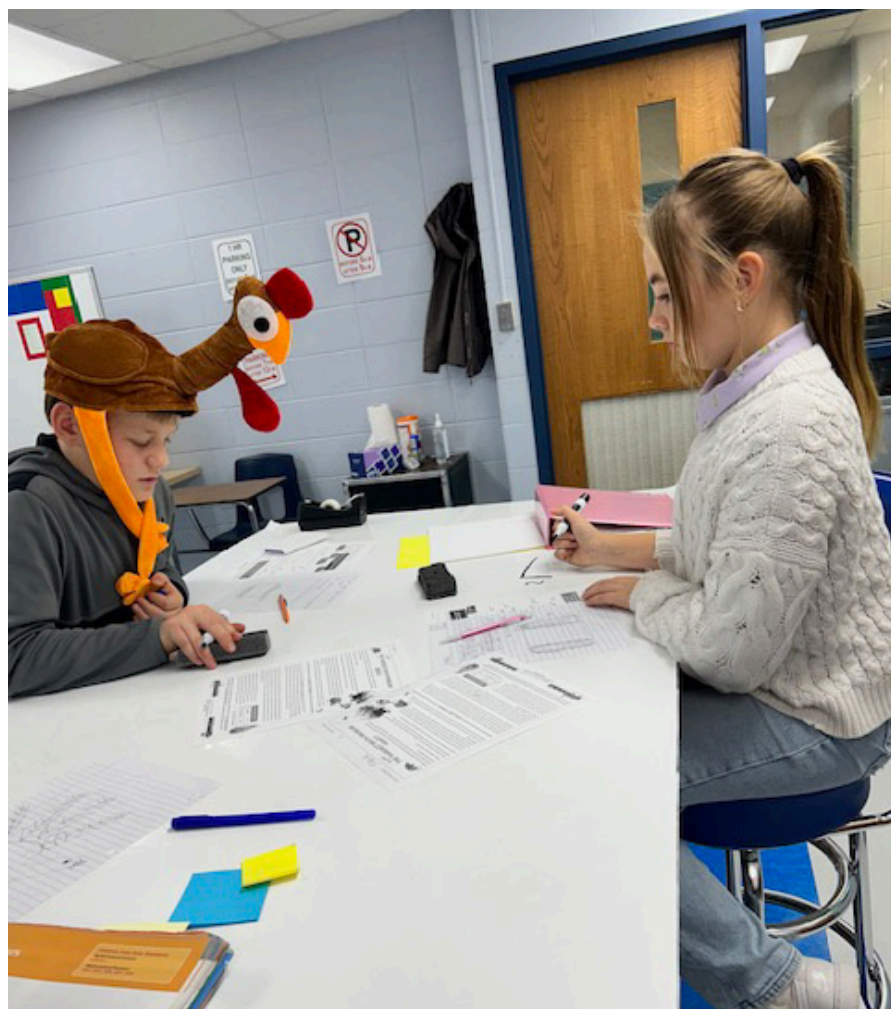


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The 6th grade class in deep thought working on The Hardest Math Competition competition.

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A Peek into the Elementary Classrooms

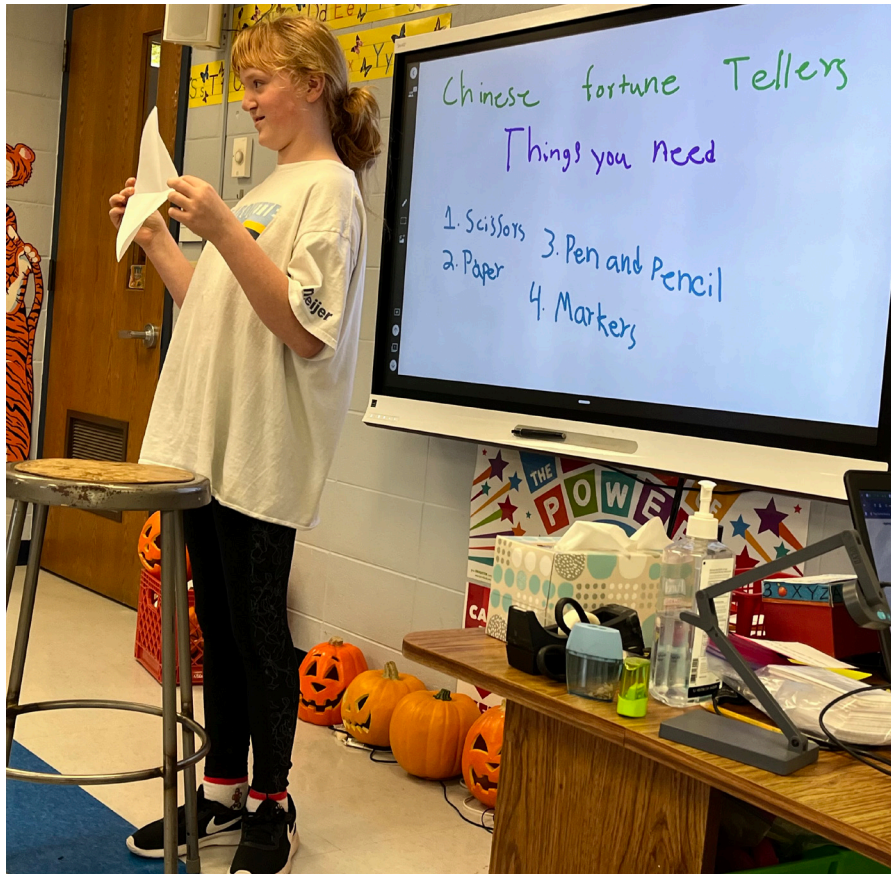


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With confidence, Nia led her class through the step by step instructions for making Chinese Fortune Tellers. As you can see, she was organized, repeated instructions when necessary, gave help to those who needed it, AND kept the students on task! Whooo Hoo! Way to go, Nia! Ms. J sees teaching in your future fortune!

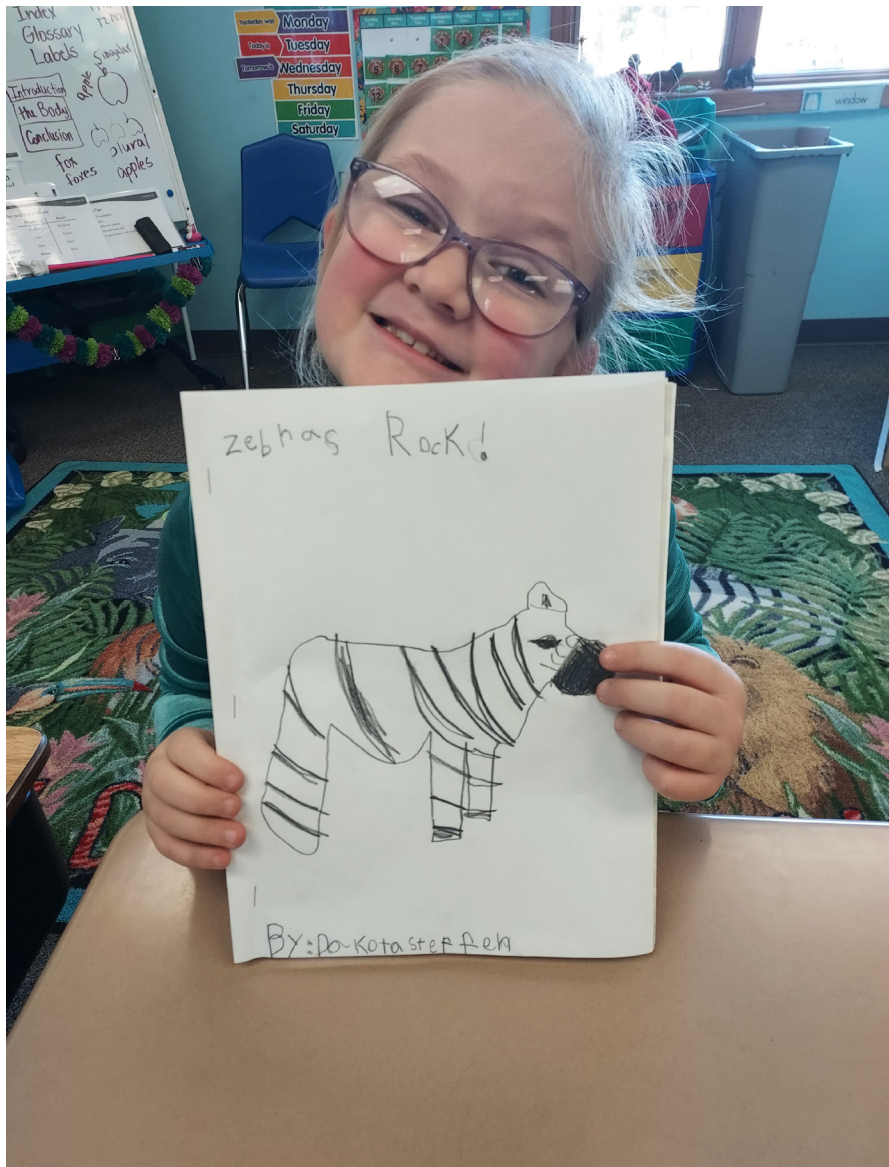


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The First Grade students recently finished their nonfiction writing unit and wrote a nonfiction book on the animal of their choice. Complete with a table of contents, three pages of facts, and a cover, these students published their books and were able to read them to the class. Here Dakota proudly holds her book all about zebras titled, Zebras Rock!

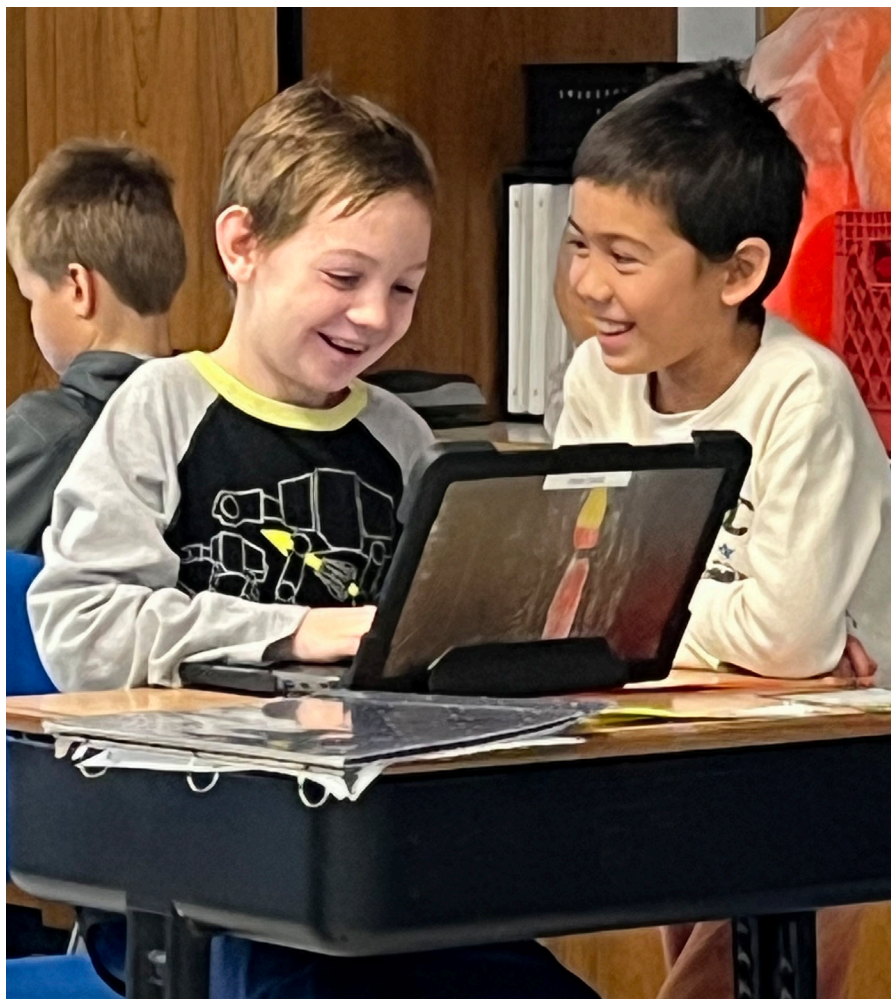


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Two friends, Williamson Gillespie kept Owen Farm accountable to keep his fingers on the correct keys and his eyes on his computer screen while he tested his keyboarding skills.



PHOTO BY ALYSSA WAGNER

The first and second graders had a little fun on the last day before Thanksgiving break and made cute little turkey decorations.

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Creatvitiy in the Art Department



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Williamson and his lovely landscape painting.



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Kinsey poses with her scratchboard drawing of a raccoon. After researching wildlife photographers and picking a picture to inspire their work, middle school students learned about shading techniques to capture various textures and values of the animal.



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Joslyn shows off her construction paper landscape.

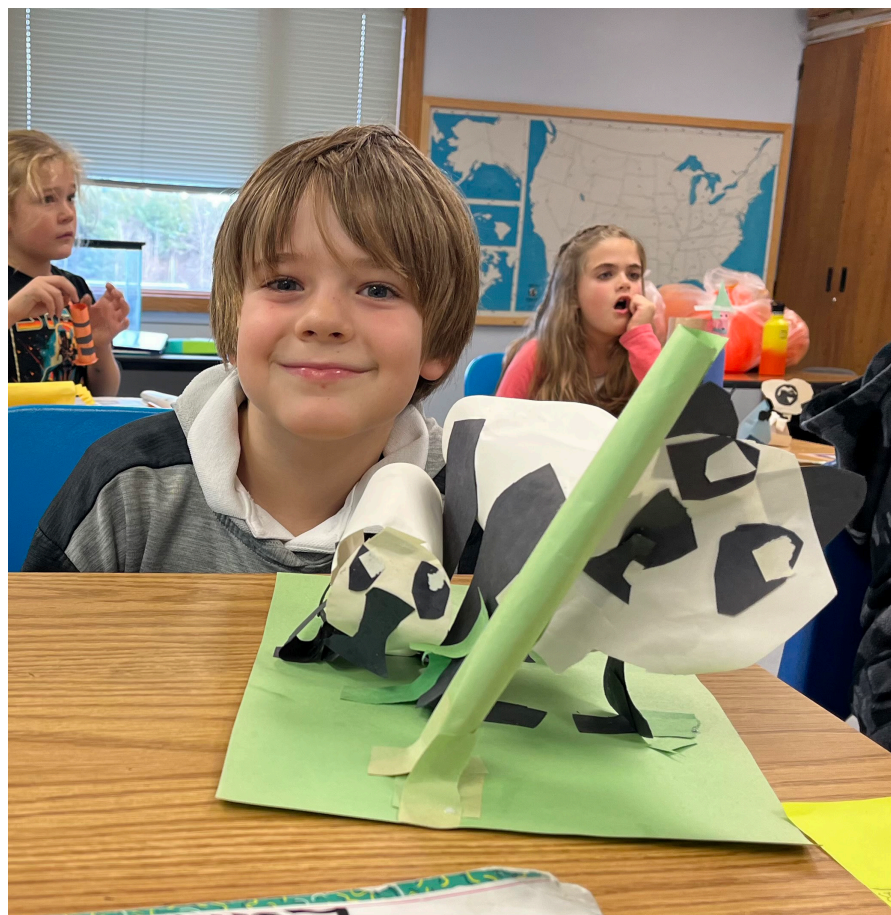


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After experimenting with different paper building and folding techniques in Art Class, the third, fourth, and fifth-grade students selected an animal to construct sculptures out of construction paper and glue!



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Tug and Tilly with their scratchboard drawings.