

Parent Council Meeting

December 6, 2022



The Festival of Light

One of Blue Oak's special Winter traditions is to celebrate a Festival of Light during the school day.

Many cultures around the world for ages past have been gathering to honour the light, either by calling forth the lighter days to come, or by reflecting and contemplating on our own inner light.

Throughout a week in December, several grades will host a celebration of *LIGHT*, which ties into the curriculum of their grade. We began the festivities with a (surprise) school-wide visit from Nicholas, the patron of children.

- ❖ *A Visit from Nicholas* ~ Tues Dec 6, school-wide
- ❖ *Hanukkah* ~ Wed Dec 7, hosted by Grade 3
- ❖ *Physics Light Experiment* ~ Thurs Dec 8 ~ hosted by Grade 6
- ❖ *Light Spiral* ~ Fri Dec 9 ~ hosted by the Kindergarten
- ❖ *Diwali* ~ Mon Dec 12 ~ hosted by Grade 5
- ❖ *Santa Lucia* ~ Tues Dec 13 ~ hosted by Grade 2



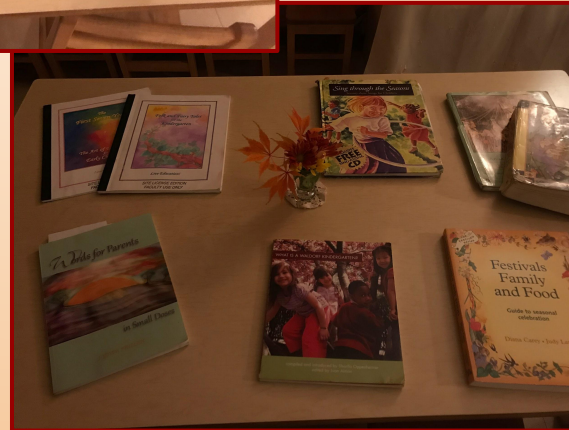
Ask your child's teacher how you can support this delightful event!

*When all around is dark and still, within the Winter night
The sun will rise within my heart, to shine a warmer light.*

Kindergarten Outreach Evening

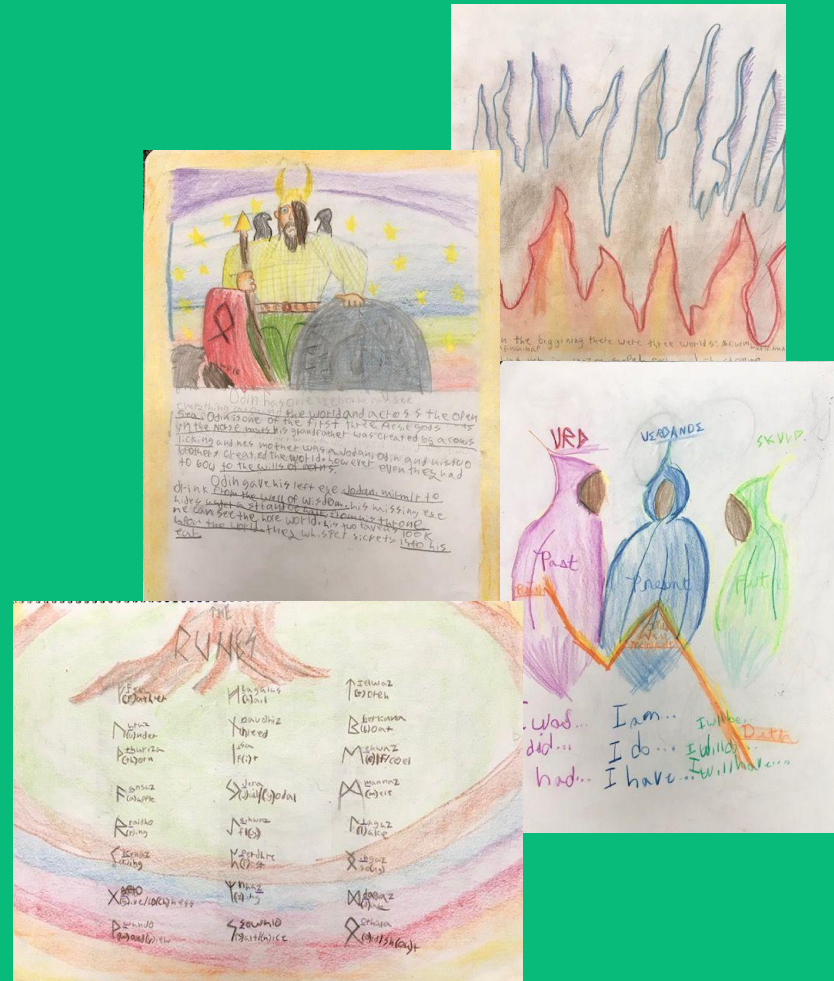


Many thanks to all who created and supported a lovely informational evening: Mrs. Domenighini, Alex, Kellie, Maggie, and their families, Chelsea, Trisha, Jackie, Joan, Ciaran, Ms. Sheila, Sarah Lee, Claire, Hunter, Kayla, Buck, Cheryl Parker, Teacher Susan. There were app. 2 dozen attendees!



Ms. Katie's Fourth Grade

Fourth grade has nestled into a triad of Norse mythology blocks, that will be taking us from fall break all the way to the end of January. Winter is the perfect time to dive deep into the fateful and time-tested tales of Norse mythology. Students have learned the Elder Futhark runic symbols, and have been learning Old Norse through our song Völuspá. Students seem to enjoy learning about each Norse God, which makes it easy to integrate ELA concepts like grammar, parts of speech, and punctuation in to each lesson.



5th Grade Lee

December:

Looking at Tall Tales
and narrative writing.



~ Middle School Electives ~

Every Friday morning, Grades 6, 7 and 8 students are given the opportunity to engage with others in the Middle School community by joining an elective subject. The first offerings:

- ❖ *Basketball with Mr. Meier;*
- ❖ *Board Games with Ms. Brianna Lee;*
- ❖ *Drawing, with Mr. Combs;*
- ❖ *Piano with Mr. Anderson;*
- ❖ *Soul Collage with Mrs. Jones; and*
- ❖ *Volleyball with Ms. Welch.*

If students have school work to complete, or are in a place of needing to improve their grade in a subject, Mrs. Madera provided a Study Hall space and support for them.

Classes ran for 9 weeks. New elective offerings began November 5: Beading w/ Mrs. Madera; Office help w/ our Office Angels, Table-top Games with Ms. Lee, Drawing w/ Mr. Combs, Piano w/ Mr. Anderson, Story Writing w/ Ms. Welch, and Study Hall offered by Mrs. Jones.

Basketball with Mr. Meier

We had a great time learning basic basketball fundamentals in our elective. The kids grew in their confidence and ability to play well together. By the end of the elective, we were able to have really fun and competitive games!



Board Games with Ms. Brianna Lee





Drawing ☆
Elective



Drawing with Mr. Combs

Music ~ Mr. Anderson

Students in the piano elective worked on technical exercises and repertoire of their personal choice.



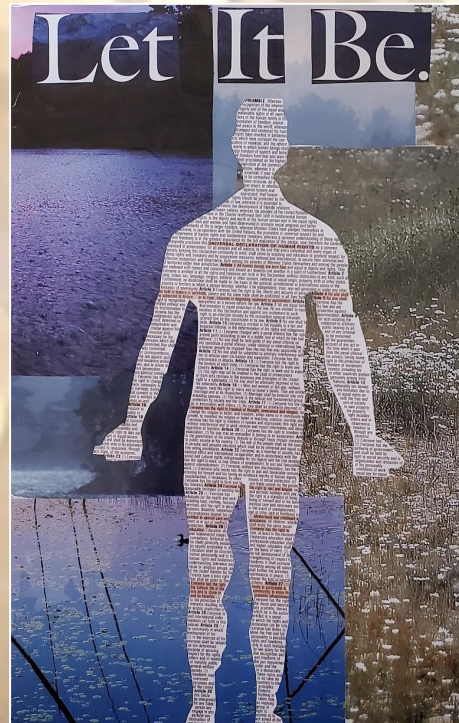
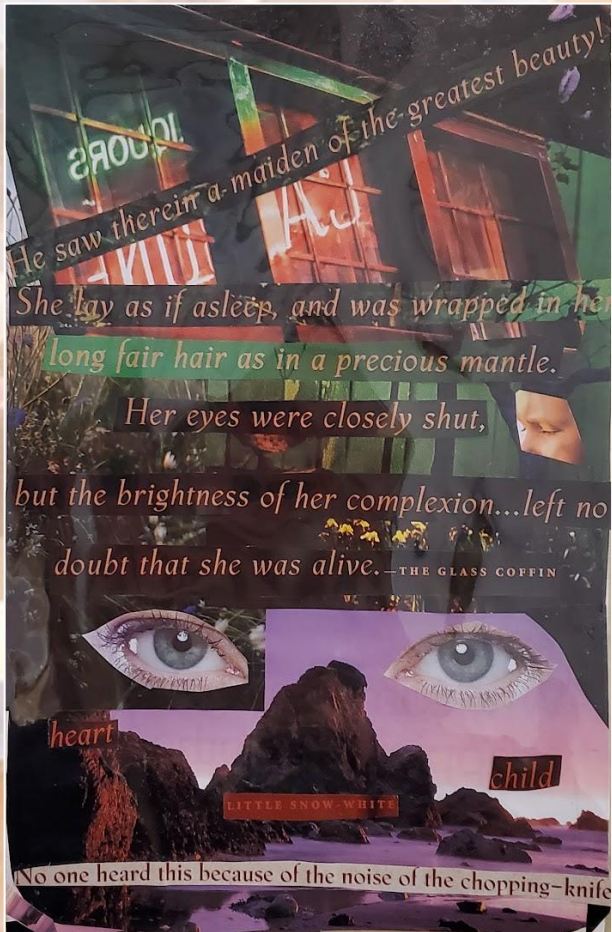


Soul Collage Elective

With Mrs. Jones

Soul Collage is an
intuitive collage
process for
self-discovery by
making decks of
cards for personal
use
from found
images.

Soul Collage card by Maddie, 7th grade



Soul Collage cards by Nicollette, 8th grade

Volleyball with Ms. Welch



Student Council

The Student Council, hosted by Mrs. Madera created some fun Spirit Days for the month of December. Last Friday was “Anything-But-a-Backpack” Day. The creative juices were flowing!

Coming up next: Moustache (facial hair) and Festive Winter Wear Days.



Holiday Offerings

Crafting Transparent Window Stars
Fri Dec 9 @ 2pm
Maple Rose Kindergarten - Room 18



Winter Light Spiral Walk
Sat Dec 10 @ 6pm, during Walk Into Winter
Room 21
~ up to 25 attendees, 1st come, 1st serve ~