



# Rock Lake School

## January News

### Early Years News

The Kindergartens continue to learn more letters as the year goes on. They are having fun learning the words to nursery rhymes. They have been using stick puppets as a means to learn to sequence and retell events of the rhymes. Grades 1-2 students have been learning about Living Things. They are learning about their needs and their characteristics. Grades 3-5 are finishing up their unit on Light by designing and building a periscope. Next, they will be learning about Sound. The students have also been researching topics of their choice, and making trivia questions for the class. In social studies, we have been exploring other cultures through food and enjoyed some Chinese shrimp dumplings and will be making Bannock later this month as we begin to explore Canada's past. Elementary art students did their first Japanese origami, they made a flapping crane and hopping frog. In elementary music, students are learning the beats to eighth-notes, quarter notes, half notes, whole notes, and rests. We will be learning the song, "I can do all things through Christ".

## Middle Years News

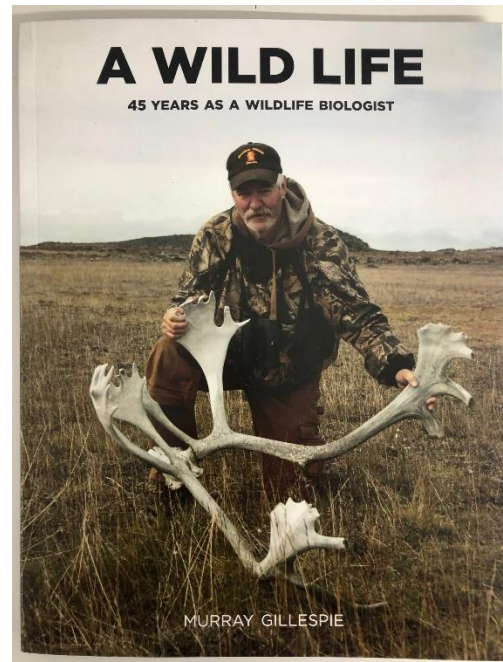
In social studies the middle years are working on creating Egyptian funeral masks. In Cooking class, the middle years learned how to make biscuits and the benefits of following a recipe correctly. Students are working on their descriptive writing and summarizing skills through a class project. We are recreating the novel, "Touching Spirit Bear," through student's summarization of key scenes and generating images using AI and a student description of the scene they are summarizing. In math we are tackling patterns and rules. In science, students are starting their own student-driven science experiments. In art the middle years are working on their self portraits as we just finished our tutorials on how to draw facial features.



## High School News

In English, the high school students are building their skills in writing by creating writing pieces in different forms such as legends, tall tales, comics, poetry, reviews, and lists. The finished writing projects will become part of a "Zine", a style of mini magazine about the writer.

Rock Lake students were privileged to have Mr. Gillespie, local animal biologist and author, come for a visit at the end of January. He brought his wide collection of arctic animal furs and bones and many stories of his animal encounters to share with us. He was also kind enough to donate his newly written book to our school.



#### *From the Guidance Counsellor:*

This month we talked to the students about the meaning of home and how blessed all of us at Rock Lake School are, in our daily lives. They are writing short stories or poems about what home means to them. For each story submitted from grade 4-6 students, \$10 will be donated to our local Habitat for Humanity. Our students along will have \$140 donated on their behalf!



#### *Important Dates to Remember:*

Feb 16—no school- Louis Riel Day

Feb. 20- Progress conversations