



Altoona Intermediate School
Altoona, Wisconsin



May 2021 Newsletter

From the Principal, Andrea Steffen:

Can you believe it's already May? We finished Forward testing at the end of April and will get your child's progress report late summer to early fall. Report cards will be sent home with your child on June 3rd. Class assignments, school supply lists and other details for next year will be mailed in August.

Fourth graders can start thinking about signing up for Safety Patrol next year. It's a fun way to take on some additional responsibility and there are adults at the intersections that show them what to do.

Fifth graders going into 6th grade will be moving over to the middle school. They had to choose between band or choir. Both are great choices!

There will be one more PBIS celebration in May. It is called "Super Students at Specials" and students are earning stickers for our Altoona-Land Game board. The goal is 210 stickers. We are currently over 130 stickers!

There are summer programs available for grades K-8. Registration started at the end of April. Be sure to check your email for information on how to sign up if you are interested.

Also, there will be a Blue Ribbon Ceremony on May 21st from 2:00-3:15 pm. The kids will all get to participate and are encouraged to wear blue. We are so proud that the intermediate school received this honor. It is the highest award a school can achieve in the nation! Only eight schools are awarded in Wisconsin and only 367 are awarded nationally. Way to go AIS!

PBIS Kids!

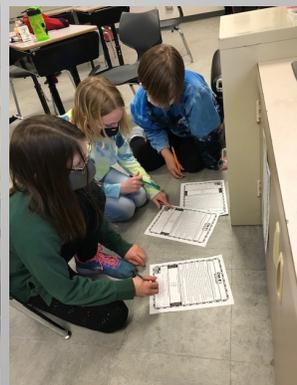
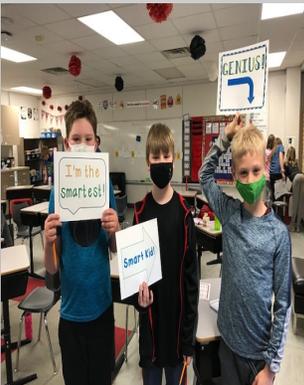
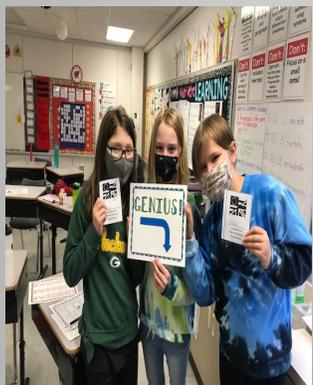


What did 4th Graders learn in April?

American Revolution Unit By: Vivienne Olson

In AIS fourth graders are learning in language workshop about the American Revolution. We first did an activity where 1 of us was the king/queen and there were also 2 taxmen/women. We all had 10 jolly ranchers and as the king/queen made taxes we lost our jolly ranchers (ex. Give the King/Queen 2 jolly ranchers if you have a sister.). We did that activity to learn how the patriots felt when the king made unfair taxes. Then we did a few worksheets in a packet our teacher gave us. We learned how the patriots sent messages (in secret) to others and how they found out the loyalists plans and deflected them. We then

learned about *King George the III* and *George Washington*. Turns out they're actually really alike! Such as, *George Washington* is a farmer, and *King George the III* likes agriculture! We also learned the different words for the patriots and the loyalists such as, for patriots there is, sons of liberty, rebels, whigs, and colonials. For loyalists there are, Tories, royalists, and the king's friends. Then we watched a few videos about the American Revolution and we learned that Britain's side was wearing red all the time, so we always called them lobsterbacks, or redcoats.



Mrs. Drescher's students are using clues about the Boston Massacre to complete an escape room!

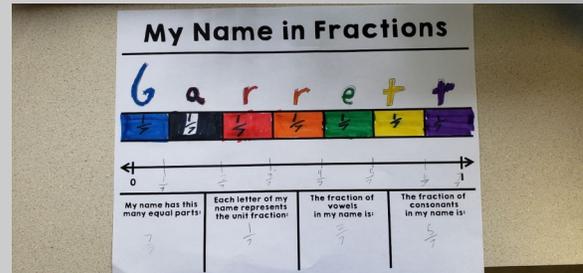
4th Grade Math By Gavin Duncan and Garrett Gunderson



In fourth grade math we are working with fractions and we did this activity called My Name in Fractions. This is an activity where you had to write your name above the fraction boxes and write what fraction each letter of your name is. You had to answer questions and these are the questions we had to

answer. How many equal parts does your name have in it? How many unit fractions does a letter in your name represent? What is the fraction of vowels in your name and what is the fraction of consonants in your name?

Here is an example of the sheet.



Fractions are the part of something that you have. For example here is $\frac{4}{8}$. If you have this fraction you have four pieces of something that you cut into eight pieces.



Lunch Bunches with Donut!





The 5th Grade Safety Patrol students celebrated the year with a pizza party. Fourth graders can start to think about participating next year!

Fifth grade safety patrollers are doing a great job keeping students safe as they cross the streets. Great job AIS!



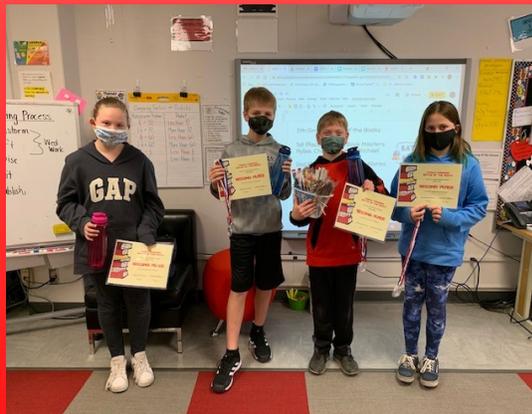


Fifth Grade students watched Mr. Kruszka give demonstrations of the instruments they can pick if they choose band!

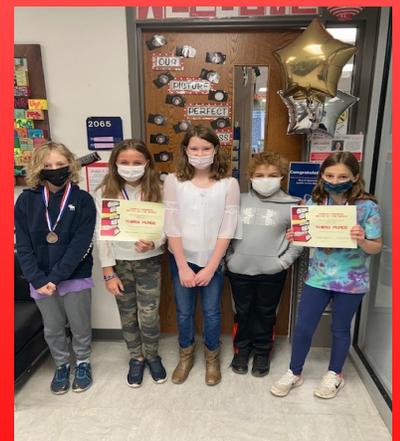
Battle of the Books Winners!



1st Place—Mrs. Brahan's room



2nd Place—Mrs. Bain's room



3rd Place—Mrs. Gagnon's room