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THE TATANKA TIMES

ENGINEERING OUR FUTURE

IMPORTANT DATES

Minnesota History Month

We are learning all about what makes Minnesota so special this month!

5th Grade Field Trip

BHS Performing Arts Center
January 26

Teacher Workshop Day- No School

January 28

THANK YOU!



Our brilliant **1st graders** show off their building skills after learning about the properties of sand, soil and powdered clay. They learned how to mix mortar and build their own walls after learning about The Great Wall of China!



Thanks to the **generous donations** of our **Tatanka Community** we were able to fully furnish our **Wonder Workshop!**

We are putting the final touches on it and even dabbled with our first mini podcast this week! We couldn't have done it without you all! The students love the space and we can't wait to maximize it for lots of learning fun!



Our Kindergarteners were proud to show off their adorable Penguins!

Amplified Leadership

In December, our **3rd-5th grade leaders** lead their classroom in discussion surrounding traditions and celebrations. Students were able to discuss traditions and celebrations that are important to their families while also learning about the traditions and celebrations of their classmates. Students were also able to express what traditions/celebrations they are interested in learning more about! This was extended in **January** as our leaders **facilitated discussions** about our **differences**.

They used critical thinking to explore the following questions:

1. In what ways are people different and in what ways are people similar?
2. Why is it important that people have differences?
3. How can we celebrate our differences?
4. If you do not have the same opinion as someone else, how can you handle it?
5. What can teachers do to help you learn more about your classmates?



Our fabulous **4th grade** students loved learning about American history by playing board games!



MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

If your child is unable to attend school due to an appointment or illness, please make sure to notify Tatanka by calling our attendance line at **763.682.8641**.

COMFORTING CORNER WITH MRS. LANDRUS, SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

When experiencing uncomfortable emotions, negative or worrisome thoughts are often to blame. Some of our students know this negative thinking as having a "story snake". We talk about the need to write a better story to fight our story snakes. One way to do this is by using the High 5 Strategy. Work with your child to identify the negative or worry thought. Then think of 5 positive thoughts RELATED to the situation, sticking up a finger with each thought on one of your hands. Once you reach 5, give your child a high 5! Continue to practice these positive thoughts to help train your child's brain to think of them on their own.

Mrs Landrus has a new phone number! Her new number is **763.682.8630**.



ARE YOU INTERESTED?

In support of Wright County Health & Human Services, we wanted to help spread the word that there is a need for foster parents right here within Wright County. If you are interested or would like more information, please reach out to **Robin Dorf** at **763.684.8414**