



DECEMBER BASE NEWS 2011

Important Dates to Remember:

12/6 WPE-- Children's librarian K-1
12/7 WPE-- Children's librarian 2-4
12/8 SFE—Children's librarian all grades
12/22-1/3 Christmas Vacation

****There will be BASE December 21st****



December Birthdays:

Ty Lynn Bean	12/1	Mrs. Hufstedler	12/16
Miriam Mattsfield	12/4	Trinton Jones	12/17
McKenzie Mattison	12/10	Zachary Jones	12/17
Ryan Bryant	12/12	Caden Parker	12/21
Karsen Pierce	12/14	Mrs. Hicks	12/23
Hayden Pierce	12/14	Austin Welch	12/31



WPE: 1st grade students have been reading Thanksgiving stories and practicing sequencing of events of the story. Students are also building vocabulary skills from word search puzzles using words from the stories.

WPMS: Students learned about nutrition and created healthy menus. Students will begin robot construction the first week in December after having spent several days organizing the pieces. Students are also continuing to study Chinese.

SFE: South Fork students have been participating in games and worksheets that focus on building reading skills. Students are grouped according to grade level and then groups participate in the activity which also promotes social skills. The older students benefit not only from social interactions but are also developing mentoring skills when paired with lower grade students.



Youth Advisory Council

WPE: Members feel the noise level in the cafeteria is getting too loud daily. They suggested giving out stars to tables that are being quiet, did not make a mess, and have sat in their seats. The table with the most stars can have a popcorn party. Members are satisfied with the snack schedule and feel BASE "is going great!"

WPMS: Members are excited about the new projects being introduced such as a science test tube kit and their robotics unit. Students also enjoyed painting the pumpkins that were displayed in the library. One member stated he "truly loves everything about BASE!! Oh, except when you get into trouble."

SFE: Members discussed having a Christmas party sometime before Christmas break. Students suggested having a student of the week and picking the student who has most improved.



4H News

Both 4H Zizz Kids and 4H Clover Kids are finishing up their unit on small pets. Members will be bringing their own pets to 4H meetings on December 12 & 13.

"What BASE means to me!" Contest

The following excerpts were written by our students in each grade level and at all three schools. Congratulations to our winning responses. Here is why our students like BASE.

WPE Kindergarten

"I like computers." **Karsen Pierce**

"I like BASE." **Quincy Counts**

WPE First Grade

"I like Base because I like math. I like to do my homework and it is fun." **Emma Allen**

"I like BASE because my parents get time to work." **Lillian Ingram**

WPE Second Grade

“I always miss my friend. So when I started to go to BASE I felt comfortable! And was sooo happy. The children really need BASE. BASE is really good.” **Emma Allen**

“I like BASE because it’s a good place to go after school. And its fun to learn new things. And important to get help with homework.” **Sydney Owens**

“BASE is important to me because it helps you learn a little bit. I learn important stuff like improving in reading.” **Seth Buchinsky**

“BASE is awesome because you get your homework done. I get work done so I am getting smarter”. **Gabe Cotter**

WPE Third Grade

*No responses submitted

WPE Fourth Grade

“This is why I think BASE is important to the school. First, you get homework done, no distractions. Second, it’s a safe place to go after school. Third, you learn more adding on to what you learn during the day. Fourth, there is a lot of cool, neat activities to do like spelling games, educational games, and so on. Finally, it lets you sit down and watch TV, play board games, or video games when you get home. That’s why I think BASE is important to the school” **Erica Lamb**

“BASE is important because... First, you get your homework done faster. Second, it is a safe place to go after school. Third, you get to make neat activities for your parents to see. Fourth, it is a good place to be when your parents work late. Finally, you get some more knowledge into your head. This is why BASE is important.” **Ahren Ostermeier**

WPM

“I like BASE because we get to do our own homework in BASE. Also when we get home we will not have to do any of it because it will already be done. After we get home we will get to play. We like all of our BASE teachers even Mrs. Barcus.”

“On Mondays, we have Mrs. Schmidt with computers. On Tuesday, we have Mr. Johnson with robots. On Wednesday, we have Mrs. Cash with fitness but on the second Wednesday of each month we have Mr. Skeeters with character education. On Thursday, we have Mrs. Fain with her we go to the library then to the computer lab. On Friday, we go to Mrs. Strong but with her we get to have fun day! All of the days at BASE have

been really fun. I have made new friends and have met new teachers. We all love BASE.”
Hollie Cotter and Stacey Bradley

South Fork

“The one thing I like to do in BASE is play in the gym. I also like going outside. I like to play in the gym. In our 20 minutes of reading I read to Gabby. In computers I like to play games and do math. I also like to play on the Ipads and it is so much fun. Then, I like to get candy. Another thing I like is to play mancala.”

Annie Gaunt

Happy Holidays from the BASE staff!!

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