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Upcoming Events

December 20-31:
Winter Holiday Break!

January 3, 2005
Back to school!

Kindergarten, Room 4

After reading the Gingerbread Baby the children of room 4 have been very busy trying to find the Baby who has been in the room and around the school. The class decided it was time to catch the mischief-maker by building gingerbread houses. We had tons of fun creating our own house using cake frosting, graham crackers and lots and lots of candy. If you would like to know if our trap worked, ask a student in Room 4. The amazing children of Room 4 and Mr. Wilkie wish everyone a wonderful and relaxing holiday break.

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- **A Santa to Color**
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Allison and Bailey Room 7, Grade 4

For the holidays our class made wooden snowmen and Christmas popcorn balls. Our teacher is going to see a good friend. This Christmas Allison is going to Kingston for her Christmas party. Bailey is going to her grandparents' house. We both hope you all have a happy holiday!!

What does a cat on the beach have in common with Christmas?

Sandy
paws!

**Jamee
Room 25, Grade 5**

In math we're working on fractions, decimals, and percentages. In science we're working on go-carts, it's pretty fun, but it's frustrating sometimes.

Winter is my favorite season of the year because it always seems warmer—with the trees and the warm fire, plus the lights.

Who delivers presents to the dentist's office? Santa Jaws!



Stories, poems, articles, and great jokes from student news reporters at Arbor Heights Elementary School in Seattle, WA

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News from the classroom.....

**Charlie and Noelle
Room 12, Grade 3**

We are making paper snowflake directions in PowerPoint for our network in class. We are making snowflakes for the window shades. Our teacher is telling us that if we make enough, it will snow this winter.

What do you call a reindeer wearing earmuffs? Anything you want, because he can't hear you!

**Jeff and Kelly
Room 13, Grade 3**

Kelly's grandma is coming to visit. She lives in Rock Island. Jeff is going to invite friends over for a party, and they're going to play Play Station 2 all day long. Hannah has a headband for Christmas, and it will look cool.

Who delivers a cat's Christmas presents? Santa Paws.

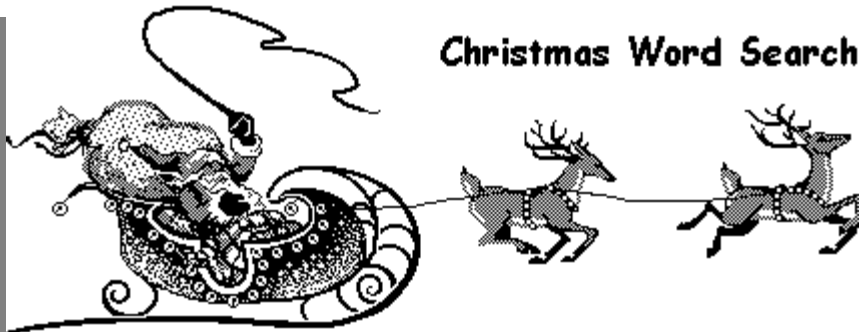
**Abbey and Giselle
Room 9, Grade 3**

In class we are making decorations. Our class is working on regrouping. Abby's mom came in and helped us make wreaths. Giselle is hoping for a bike for Christmas. Abby is hoping for a lava lamp. We are both very excited for Christmas!

What do you call Santa after he's been under a lighted chimney?



Crisp Cringle!



Christmas Word Search



s u b c a n d y
l s b a l l e k
e n e l f t e d
d o l l s e r k
t w l g t r e e
o w n i a x a i
y b m f r m w c
s a n t a f r b

ball elf snow
bell gift star
candy santa toy
deer sled tree

More classroom news.....

**Marina and Tyler
Room 24, Grade 5**

In class we have been typing up our personal narratives. In music we were practicing for the Winter Concert. The songs that the fifth graders sang were:

- You Raise Me Up
- Christmas and All that Jazz
- Ha Ba Na Ha Ba (Little by Little)

For the holidays Marina will be going to her grandma's house to celebrate Christmas. For the holidays Tyler will be going to stay at home and play video games. Our teacher is going to go snowshoeing and make a Christmas dinner for her family.

What do elves learn in school?

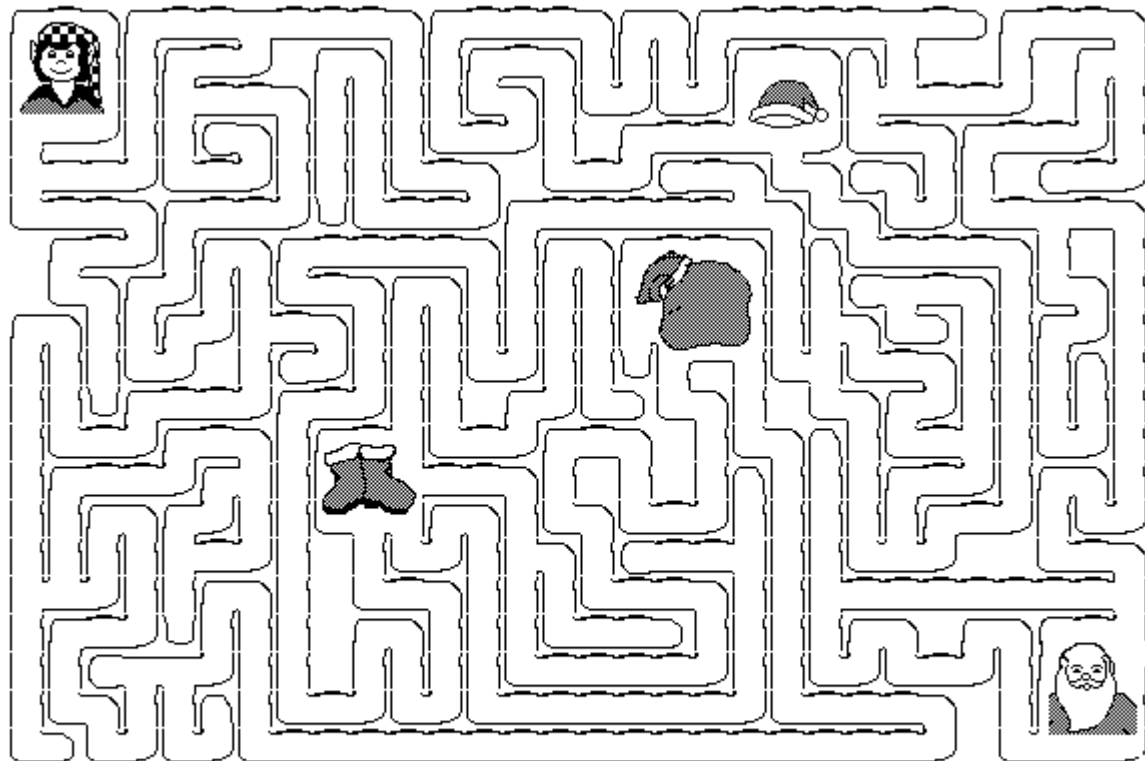
The alphabet!

**Tevin and Alice
Room 18, Grade 2**

We are still working on our skeletons. We made cards for the USS Abraham Lincoln. We are learning about Hanukkah. We are doing mini-writes for homework.

We wrote about why Santa wears a red suit. We will make a book with them. Room 18 wishes everyone a happy holiday season.

Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Joey!
Joey who?
Joey to the world, it's Christmas!



Help the Elf get Santa ready

Even more classroom news.....

**Elan and Steven
Room 22, Grade 5**

Our class is working on fractions, decimals, and percents. It's really easy. Fourth graders, it's ok! We are also going swimming, and we will hopefully go to camp if we raise enough money. We have done go carts for science, and if you twist back a rubber band, it will move!!!! Aren't we so smart!

Joke: An honest politician, a kind lawyer, and Santa Claus are walking down the street. One of them picks up a 20 dollar bill. Which one of them did?

Santa! The other two don't exist!

**Casey and Taylor
Room 15, Grade 1**

Mrs Long will be at home with her family. Mrs. Long plans to have a couple of Christmas parties. Mrs. Long wishes everyone good health during vacation.

**Emanuel and Dwayne
Room 23, Grades 4 & 5**

We wrote personal narratives in the Writers Workshop. It was fun to tell others about ourselves. We learned a lot from each other.

We are having a pizza party the last day before Christmas Break, because we put together a 500 piece puzzle. We put up a tree with candy canes on it.

We are hoping for some snow over the holidays. Ms. Hughes is going to Denver, CO to see her son and daughter in law.

Why does Santa always go down the chimney?

Because it soots him!



More news from the classroom.....

**Kayla and Emily
Room 1, Grade 4**

In science we are studying food chemistry. In Writers Workshop we are writing our personal narratives. Kayla is staying home and is inviting her cousins, aunt, uncle, and maybe her older sister. Ms. Cripe is going to holiday parties and to her parents'. Emily is just staying home for Christmas.

What kind of music do elves like like "rap", music, best?

**Ashley and Delaney
Room 21, Grade 4**

Hi! For Christmas we are decorating our classroom. We put up lights and drew trees. We also made gingerbread houses. Our teacher, Mrs. Boitano, is just staying home for Christmas. For class we are doing geometry. We are doing geometry for the gingerbread houses.

Where does Santa stay for the holidays?

At the ho-ho-hotel!

**Sydney and Vanessa
Room 19, Grade 2**

In room 19 we are learning about the Cinnamon Bear. We are on Chapter 4. The Characters are: Judy, Jimmy, Patty, Old Cinnamon Bear, Inkaboos, Willy, and Mother.

What 7 letters did the elf say when she opened the refrigerator?

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A Poem by Vanessa

Roses are red, violets are blue,
This is the best school I've ever been to.
The teacher's so cool,
And she is never cruel.
The kids are so good,
And some live in the neighborhood.
So if you want to see these things,
It's simple
Just come too.

Kindergarten, Room 3

The Gingerbread Baby has escaped from the pages of our book. We've gotten two letters from him and he lost his foot! He got it caught in a trap and it broke off. We made posters so everyone in the school can help catch him. He runs really fast and says, "Catch me if you can!" We're keeping our eyes open for him.

**Instrumental Music
BJ**

**An Interview with
Dr. Reineke**

BJ: Do you think that the number of instruments are balanced?

Dr. R: Yes, mostly. Another advanced sax would be nice, as would more advanced violins.

BJ: Do you think that there are too many beginning saxes?

Dr. R: No. The reason for that is that there are 91 kids in bands, so 9 saxes are fine.

BJ: Do you like the idea of after school tutoring?

Dr. R: Yes. The kids learn much faster, even those who don't participate. When a student in class hears another student play better, they think, "Hey, I can play that!"

At other schools, the instrumental sections aren't as large as Arbor Heights. For instance, Roxhill has 37, Concord has 45, and Cooper has 37. Arbor Heights is very lucky. Music students play at seven occasions, which is hard to do.



Arbor Heights Voices

Ideas, opinions, and more - from fourth and fifth graders

The Incredibles

A Review
By Allison and Bailey

We think that "The Incredibles" is a really cool family movie. It has comedy, reality, and a little bit of mystery, because you don't know what happens after the end of the movie.

Get the Pepperoni Back!

by Allison and Bailey

The first reason that we want the pepperoni back is that almost every kid in the school wants pepperoni back! We think that if everyone were only allowed to buy one pepperoni stick, then us kids wouldn't eat so much fat. The other reason we want the pepperoni back is because the pepperoni helps pay for the A.H. kids to swim, and if we don't sell pepperoni, there may not be enough for the rest of the classes to swim. That's why we want the pepperoni back!!!!

Junk Food Ban

by Élan and Marina

The junk food ban is just insulting. It's insulting because the school districts are saying that children cannot make right choices, and that those wrong choices make us obese. They are saying that more children are becoming unhealthy by their intake of food. Well, that's not their choice, it's ours, and our parents' choice. Even some of the fifth grade classes are writing to the Seattle Times on their report titled "Junk Food Ban Taking Bite Out of Budget". It was very important that we kids know what is going on.

Now to talk about the budget problem. At Arbor Heights we used to pay 50 cents for pepperoni. On each Wednesday (our pepperoni day) the school would get about \$100 to \$200. Now we don't have the privilege of getting pepperoni. So now things that kids pay for will cost more, and we won't get new supplies like books, gym/recess equipment, computers, paper, pencils, chalk, and erasers.

Recipe Corner

Snickerdoodles

By Kayla and Emily

Ingredients:

1 cup shortening (part butter/marg)
1 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
2 3/4 cups all purpose flour
2 tsp. cream of tartar
1 tsp baking soda
1/4 tsp. salt
2 tbsp sugar
2 tsp cinnamon

Heat oven to 400. Mix shortening, sugar, and eggs thoroughly. Blend flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt. Stir in. Shape dough into 1 inch balls. Roll in mixture of 2 tbsp sugar and cinnamon. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake 8 to 10 minutes. These cookies puff up first, then flatten.

Christmas Wreath Cookies

By BJ

Ingredients:

1/2 cup butter
3 cups miniature marshmallows
1/2 tsp almond extract
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
1 tsp green food color
4 cups corn flakes

Melt butter, add marshmallows. When mixture is smooth, add extracts, coloring, and cereal. Make into wreath shapes. Decorate with red cinnamon candies and silver balls.