

# TROJANS NEWS

**OCTOBER 2023**

## **GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS TEA - THANK YOU!**

A great big thank you to all the grandparents and special friends that came to our event on Friday, October 20th. Our students were so excited to see all of you and have you come to our building.

## **VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY**

You will be receiving an invitation soon for any veterans in your family to come to our Veteran's Day assembly on Friday, November 10th at the high school. The assembly will start at 10:30 that morning. Classrooms will also be doing activities to educate the students about Veteran's Day.

## **SKIP CHILI SUPPER AND BINGO FUNDRAISER!**

Our elementary SKIP organization will be hosting a chili supper and bingo night fundraiser. This will be on Saturday, November 11th from 5-7pm at the Graham Community Building. The first Bingo game will start at 5:30 pm. Chili supper is \$8 for Adults and \$5 for Kids. Bingo cards are \$1 each. There will be prizes for every age!! Veterans & any hunters that show up in their camo gear will get 1 free Bingo card.

This is going to be a fun night and all proceeds will go to the students of Nodaway-Holt Elementary!

## **CAR RIDER DROP-OFF**

We have been having an issue with students being dropped off before they get to the gym doors and then they are walking between cars that are entering and exiting the parking lot. We also have had people parking right by the front door of the building to drop off students between 7:35 and 8:00 and when they back out, it has almost caused a few accidents. Please make sure you are either driving all the way to the gym doors to drop off your student, or

dropping them off by the sidewalk on the west side of the building (where they come out for car riders at the end of the day) to avoid getting in an accident or a student getting hit by a car.

## **NEW PLAYGROUND**

Our new playground equipment should be delivered any day and will start getting set up next week! Once it is all up and finished, I will take some pictures of it and put them in our next newsletter for you to see.

## **OUTDOOR RECESS**

The weather is starting to change to cooler temperatures more consistently now. I thought this would be a good time to remind everyone of a few things when it comes to outdoor recess and what students are wearing:

1. Students will need a coat - a hoodie is not enough when the temperature gets cold. If you are need of help getting a coat for your child, we've had several donated to us, so just let your child's teacher, someone in the office, or myself know and we will get your kiddo a coat.
2. Stocking hat and gloves - students will need these when it gets cold outside. Again, if you are in need of these, just let your child's teacher, someone in the office, or myself know and we will get your kiddo a stocking hat and gloves.
3. No shorts - students will not be allowed to go outside when temperatures are cold if they are wearing shorts.

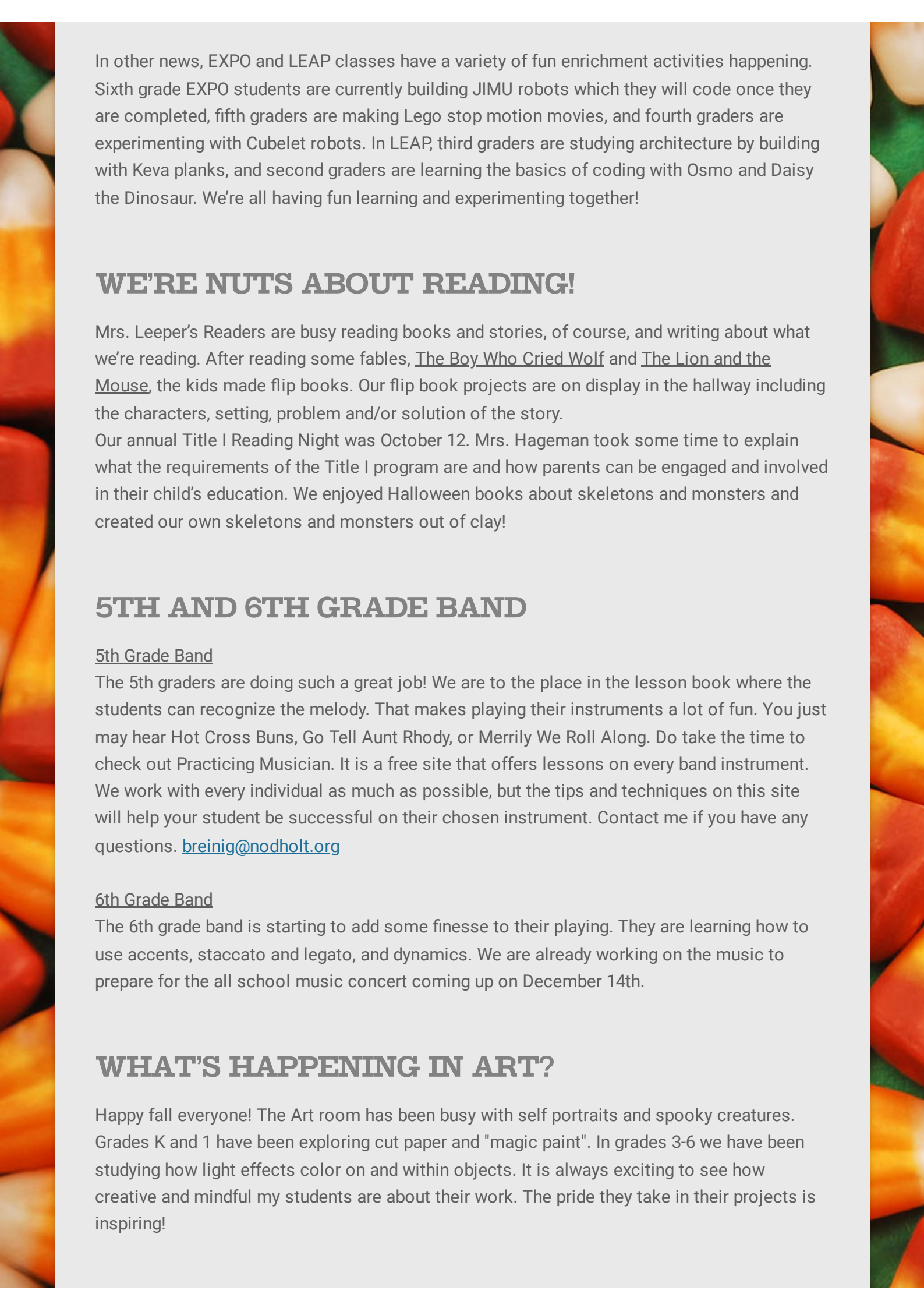
## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN PE?**

We have started physical fitness testing in elementary PE. All students will complete the flexed arm hang (upper body strength), curl up (abdominal endurance), sit and reach (flexibility) and the PACER (cardiovascular endurance). We will do these again at the end of the year to see how students have improved throughout the school year.

After testing is finished we will begin practicing shooting free throws in preparation for the Elks Hoop Shoot, the winner for each age group will compete in the county contest on November 19th. We will then begin our archery unit for the older students, while the younger grades complete fitness related activities.

## **OCTOBER 2023- LIBRARY, EXPO, AND LEAP**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our fall book fair a success! We will be getting half of all profit made back in Scholastic dollars. That means lots of new books for the library! The Lollipop Surprise fundraiser also made a lot of money to help pay for the 4th-6th Grade Lock-in at the end of the year, not to mention I gave away 75+ free books as prizes! Twenty kids in 4th-6th grade have already read at least one Mark Twain or Truman nominee book towards the seven required to attend the Lock-in. I expect a large group this year!



In other news, EXPO and LEAP classes have a variety of fun enrichment activities happening. Sixth grade EXPO students are currently building JIMU robots which they will code once they are completed, fifth graders are making Lego stop motion movies, and fourth graders are experimenting with Cubelet robots. In LEAP, third graders are studying architecture by building with Keva planks, and second graders are learning the basics of coding with Osmo and Daisy the Dinosaur. We're all having fun learning and experimenting together!

## WE'RE NUTS ABOUT READING!

Mrs. Leeper's Readers are busy reading books and stories, of course, and writing about what we're reading. After reading some fables, The Boy Who Cried Wolf and The Lion and the Mouse, the kids made flip books. Our flip book projects are on display in the hallway including the characters, setting, problem and/or solution of the story.

Our annual Title I Reading Night was October 12. Mrs. Hageman took some time to explain what the requirements of the Title I program are and how parents can be engaged and involved in their child's education. We enjoyed Halloween books about skeletons and monsters and created our own skeletons and monsters out of clay!

## 5TH AND 6TH GRADE BAND

### 5th Grade Band

The 5th graders are doing such a great job! We are to the place in the lesson book where the students can recognize the melody. That makes playing their instruments a lot of fun. You just may hear Hot Cross Buns, Go Tell Aunt Rhody, or Merrily We Roll Along. Do take the time to check out Practicing Musician. It is a free site that offers lessons on every band instrument. We work with every individual as much as possible, but the tips and techniques on this site will help your student be successful on their chosen instrument. Contact me if you have any questions. [breinig@nodholt.org](mailto:breinig@nodholt.org)

### 6th Grade Band

The 6th grade band is starting to add some finesse to their playing. They are learning how to use accents, staccato and legato, and dynamics. We are already working on the music to prepare for the all school music concert coming up on December 14th.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART?

Happy fall everyone! The Art room has been busy with self portraits and spooky creatures. Grades K and 1 have been exploring cut paper and "magic paint". In grades 3-6 we have been studying how light effects color on and within objects. It is always exciting to see how creative and mindful my students are about their work. The pride they take in their projects is inspiring!

# SING ALONG IN MUSIC!

All the vocal music students are starting to gear up for their Christmas concert. Songs are anywhere from Jingle Bells to the third and fourth grades' Latin song, Dona Nobis Pacem. Come and enjoy our evening of Christmas music on December 14!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 10th** - Veteran's Day Assembly at High School
- **November 11th** - Veteran's Day
- **November 11th** - SKIP Chili Supper & Bingo Night @ 5:00 pm
- **November 15th** - SKIP Meeting at 4:30 in Elementary Cafeteria
- **November 20th** - School In Session
- **November 20th** - Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast
- **November 21st** - Schoolwide Thanksgiving Feast
- **November 22nd-November 27th** - No School - Thanksgiving Break
- **November 30th** - Memorial Birthday Party for Mrs. Marcy Ingram Buckles & Mark Twain



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