

5th Grade Unit Newsletter



May Calendar Dates

- 3- Wear Yellow Day to support StingCancer
- 7- Milwaukee Zoo Trip (7:30-4:30)
- 15- Barlow Planetarium Trip
- 16- Band/Orchestra Concert (6:00pm)
- 17- FULL DAY OF SCHOOL (No longer an early release)
- 21- Play 60 Packer Trip
- 27- NO SCHOOL
- 28-31- Exploratories

June Calendar Dates

- 1- Aldo Legacy Day
- 5- Portfolio Showcase Night
- 6- Bike Trip to Voyageur Park
- 10- Last day of school

Exploratories Week is May 28-31!

We're excited to offer experiential focused learning! Students will select courses that interest them and have the opportunity to learn with different staff and grade levels. This is our week to honor Aldo Leopold. Through these classes we hope to teach students about the land ethic and our responsibility to be good stewards of it.

Ledgeview Cave Nature Center

We went to the Ledgeview Caves in Chilton. The weather was perfect and the students, parents and teachers had a blast spelunking! The kids loved getting dirty, belly crawling and trying to fit into small spaces. They were all cave warriors!



Fifth Grade Trip to the Brown County Central Library Untitled Town Visit

With Miranda Paul, Baptiste Paul and Tantoh Nforba
By Jonah Zeinert and Jesus Hernandez

The fifth grade unit went on a field trip to the Brown County Central Library on Friday, April 26. We were able to visit with Baptiste Paul and Miranda Paul. They brought their friend Tontoh Nforba. He is also called Farmer. He is from Cameroon which is in West Central Africa. The students especially enjoyed the shoulder dancing with Tantoh. Students had fun balancing water on their heads. Tantoh and Baptiste could even dance with water on their heads! We thought it was cool that Tantoh could imitate animal noises in an amazing way. If he wasn't standing in front of us, we would have thought we were in the zoo! Tantoh is giving people a healthier life by helping them build wells so they can have clean water. Then they will not get sick as he did when he got typhoid from unclean water. He thought he might not live long enough to graduate. For

seven years, he needed medical treatment. Tantoh said no one should get sick from something as essential as water.

It was really special to meet Tantoh. We learned a lot about how one person can make a huge difference.



Biking Field Trip to Voyageur Park- June 6

On Thursday, June 6, the 5th grade students are going on a Biking Field Trip. We will be riding our bikes on the Fox River Trail to Voyageur Park in DePere (round trip about 9 miles). This will be a full day trip that will include eating lunch at the park. Before the field trip, we will be teaching lessons on bike and trail safety.

Now that the weather is warmer, it would be a great idea to have your child start practicing their biking skills now so that they can build up their endurance.

All students and chaperones must wear a bike helmet so please plan accordingly if you do not have one yet.

Portfolio Showcase Night

Portfolio showcase night is June 5 from 3:30-5:30pm. Come with your child at any time during these designated hours. Students will be selecting work to go into their pass-on portfolios. All this work collected each year will go home with the child on their last day attending Aldo Leopold Community School. It's always fun to look back on all the favorite pieces from each school year!

Experiential Learning Fees

All of our field trips, guest speakers, and special school events happen because of our Experiential Learning Fees. These fees eliminate the need for parents to pay for each experience as it happens. If you have paid your Experiential Learning Fees, thank you for contributing to the cost of these Aldo experiences. If you have not paid yet, please visit alapro.org (Aldo Leopold Association of Parents, Teachers, and Others) and click on online payments to pay for your Experiential Learning Fee. Here is a list of what the fees paid for this year in 5th grade:

- Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya bussing
- Kohler Art Museum bussing
 - Baird's Creek bussing
 - Western Racquet bussing
- Weidner Center/Heritage Hill
 - Barkhausen
 - Barlow Planetarium
 - Ledgeview Caves
 - Art Show
- Milwaukee Zoo with Kindergarten Buddies
 - Exploratories