

The "WHO's" News

Marvelous Math

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As you know, the fifth grade students switch classes for math. Not all students from one homeroom go to the same math class, so each student gets a variety of classmates.

Right now in math, we are working with algebraic equations with one variable. We are learning strategies to figure out what the variable (x) stands for. One way we learn algebra is by using a hands on method called "Hands on Equations". This method uses manipulatives to makes learning algebra exciting.

We are also studying triangles, quadrilaterals and polygons and how they can be classified. We learned the difference between classifying triangles by sides and by angles.

We are learning new and interesting things in math this year.



New in Fifth Grade

Bryan Powers
Trevor Dion



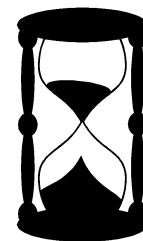
Wow! There are so many new activities , events, and people in the 5th grade.

Fifth grade students elected the 2011-2012 student council. The newly elected members are Bryan Powers and Seth Brown from 5H, From 5C, Anthony Drapos and Rachel Perry. D.J. Ferdinand and Emily Harding from 5W; and from 5S, Carter Bergeron and Alyssa Valentine. There were many other people who ran in the election. They should be congratulated for their interest, hard work, and for running a good election campaign.

Before the holiday vacation, all Dawson students participated in the performance of our Winter Concert. Our new music teacher, Mr. Engebretson (we call him Mr. E.), worked very hard to help us give our best performance. Thank you Mr. E!

Smoothies! Every Tuesday, fruit smoothies are offered as one of the new cafeteria items. They are served with a sandwich or cheese. These new treats are quickly becoming a dolphin favorite.

A Blast from the Past



Matthew Osmolowski
Ethan Walton
Kyle Norton

There were many explorers throughout time. A famous one was Christopher Columbus. Many people know that he landed in America, but he was technically not the first. Leif Ericson was the first to land in America in the year 1000. Columbus came about 500 years later. When Columbus sailed west from Europe, he thought he was in Asia after he was blown off course and landed. John Cabot came after Columbus, and in 1497 he also thought he was in Asia. But finally, explorer Amerigo Vespucci learned from Marco Polo's book. In 1499, Vespucci realized that the descriptions of Asia found in Marco Polo's book did not match what Columbus and Cabot described. Vespucci realized the land that Columbus and Cabot found was new land. All three of the explorers landed in the same place, but only Amerigo Vespucci knew where he was.

An Interview with Mr. E.

Grace Louder
Rachel Girard
Lila Singer



Dawson's new music teacher, Mr. Ryan Engebretson, is fondly referred to as "Mr. E" by his students.

Q: What have you enjoyed the most about teaching at Dawson School?

A: I'm lucky to have such talented students.

Q: What are a few of your favorite songs or bands?

A: I like all types of music, but my favorites would be the Beatles and Zach Brown.

Q: Are you excited about planning music performances? Why?

A: I am very excited because it is an opportunity for all of my students to show off their hard work.

Q: Why did you decide to be a music teacher?

A: Music was always my favorite subject in school. I had a teacher that was inspiring and that made me want to be a music teacher.

Q: How many years have you been teaching?

A: This is my fifth year teaching music. I taught for two years in Minnesota and three years in Massachusetts.

Q: Would there be anything else you would like us to know about you or our music curriculum?

A: In my spare time, I like to perform music. I also enjoy watching NFL games and spending time with my family.

A Look at the "Edges" of Our Day

Ryan Jackson
Hayden Smith

School Starter

When we get into the classroom in the morning, this is what we do. We usually start the day with morning geography or other BSW (before school work). A fifth grader then goes down to the office to do the morning announcements. 5H did them in November, and will again in March. After the announcements, we move to different centers. Some might tutor in the first or second grade, write this newsletter or receive extra help in reading, math or writing. At 9:30 we come back to complete morning BSW. Finally at 9:45 we go to our special. That is our morning in 5H.



School Wrap Up

At the end of the day, this is how we get ready to go home. We get back from either social studies or science, now we have social studies (every 16-18 days we switch). We pack our bags while some people do little plays or songs that they have written themselves. We call this time "stage time". Then we go into the hall and wait to be called for buses. That is how 5H wraps up its day.