

HANKINS' HERALD

Our vision is to strive to become the premier school district in the state by growing our tradition of pride through excellence. We exist to give all students hope for a better tomorrow by helping them reach their potential.

Mark your Calendar

Jan 13-24 - **iReady** Testing
 Wed., Jan. 15 - 2-hour **Early Release** at 12:45 AM; **Goal Getter's Party** & report cards
 Thurs., Jan. 16 - Q2 Lion's Club reward - Magician/Juggler
 Fri., Jan. 17 - PTO **Hat Day** \$1
 Mon., Jan. 20 - **MLK, Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL**
 Wed., Jan. 22 - **Q2 Awards Assembly** 3rd-5th 10:50 AM
 Thurs., Jan. 30 - **Council for Drug Free Youth** performance
 Monday & Friday - P.E.
 Tuesday - Music
 Wednesday - Art
 Thursday - Library/SS Tech

Quote: Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?
 ---*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

Teacher Information

The best time to contact me is during my daily planning period from 8:15 - 9:00 AM. Please use the school office phone number at **(573) 659-3175**. You may also send email to:

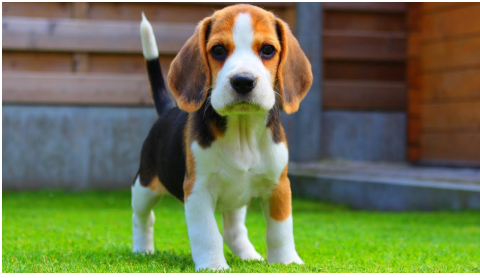
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Shout Outs & Reminders

- This week and into next, students will begin taking the mid-year iReady diagnostic tests for both Reading and Math. It's a wonderful opportunity for your student to demonstrate his/her academic growth. They have worked so hard this first semester, so I really want that to shine through. Please help them to be well-rested and encourage his/her best effort & focus.
- Fifteen of our classmates earned the **Goal Getter's** reading incentive that will be celebrated Wednesday morning. *So proud!*
- Please take a moment this week to talk with your student about his/her responsibilities at school. In this last half of 5th grade, we are focused more than ever on using respectful words, treating

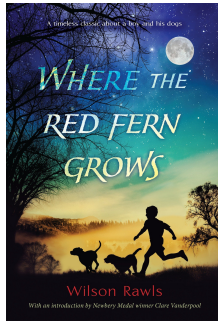




Spotlight Student

Natalie Price

- Favorite Color: Orange
- Favorite Subject: Math
- Favorite Food: Ham
- Favorite Sport: Fox Hunting
- Favorite Season: Summer
- Favorite Book: *Where the Red Fern Grows* by Wilson Rawls
- Favorite Ice Cream: Birthday Cake
- In her free time, she likes to be with foxhounds.
- Someday she wants to be a veterinarian.



Character Plus Monthly Trait:

Hardworking/Motivated

The willingness and desire to work with commitment. Synonyms: diligent, studious, conscientious, driven, or inspired.

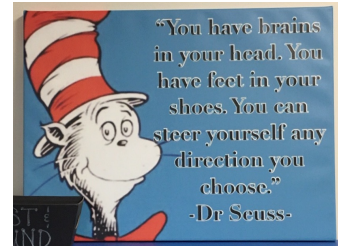
people the way we want to be treated, and using our time effectively, so as not to disturb others...all of which will help us to do our absolute best learning.

• Last week I sent home a letter/reading log regarding the **Read to Succeed** program sponsored through Six Flags. They offer a free ticket for students who read & record 6 hours of reading. Sign up is different this year. Parents are asked to register online by visiting the website: sixflags.com/books and using our classroom code: **BHNNN**

What's going on in our classroom this week?

FYI...Mrs. Schulte worked with our class last week on how to open a combination lock (like what they will have on their 6th grade lockers). It was very exciting!

Reading/Writing: In addition to working on iReady testing this week, I hope to do a better job at getting students to complete the rough drafts of their informational papers on Native Americans in order to begin typing and adding images with captions and a reference page. Our reading lessons last week covered the 5 types of nonfiction text structures, so this week we'll work on determining author's purpose, identifying main idea, and growing our thinking through nonfiction.



Math: After taking the Unit 5 test over *Dividing Decimals* and the mid-year assessment in iReady, we start our new unit on adding and subtracting *Fractions*. You may remember from Parent/Teacher conferences in October that I mentioned a large portion of the 5th grade report card standards focus on fractions. We start with discussing vocabulary, how fractions relate to parts of a whole, and a review of several concepts covered in 4th grade.

Science: Students continue to work with the "Layers of the Earth" more specifically with the geosphere this week. Be looking for some different colors of flashcards in his/her Take Home Binder to begin looking over in the evenings.

