

Dear School Board and Superintendent Guardipee-Hall,

Monday, November 3, 2019

At the colony schools we had a busy month of October. Along with the normal events in school we had Fire Prevention Week, Red Ribbon Week, and Halloween happen. We also had visits from the Glacier National Park Rangers, the school nurse, Mr. Andreas, Mrs. Salois, Mrs. Conway, and the Browning Fire Department. Students were so excited to have visitors and have a chance to learn new things. Unfortunately, the weather turned on us and we were unable to have the 4-year olds from KW/Vina visit. Our students were saddened by this, but we will surely have a nice visit in the spring at Big Sky with the 4-year olds.

Our students are continuously learning and are improving in behavior and academics. We have had no major behavior incidents this school year at either school. At Big Sky we are using Splash Math and Khan Academy to help assess our students' math understanding in grade-level materials. Students are also getting more practice in areas of weakness in math from these programs and will hopefully help academic growth for our students. We're using this data and data from Read Works to find areas to focus on and continue assessing in school. Glendale will soon be doing Splash Math and Khan Academy; they are already using Read Works to assess student comprehension, ability to find main ideas, infer/analyze, and identify key concepts.

Both schools are getting ready to do their Christmas programs in December. Students and staff are working together to help the programs run smoothly We hope that the programs are worthwhile and enjoyable and that some school board members are able to attend the programs this year.

Hope everyone is staying warm and safe.

Thanks,
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Student art at Glendale



Student art from Big Sky and students