On January 14th, fourth grade students had a great time while learning about a special period in American history. Classrooms were arranged to welcome “The Colonists”, who were assembled in groups to rotate to different activities. Students enjoyed candle-making, pomander balls, colonial lettering, penmanship and slates, paper art and games. The students dressed up in their best colonial attire to enjoy this great learning experience! They also danced the Virginia Reel and invited parents to join in. Thanks to all the teachers and parents who made this day special. Special thanks to Audrey Mirsky-Ashby who sewed and donated so many colonial costumes so our students looked authentic!

**International Night!**

Reminder!
Everyone is invited to this great celebration!
Thursday, February 18th, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Children must be accompanied by parents AT ALL TIMES.

We are so proud of our staff and students for creating the masterpiece jingle and getting so many votes that won first place in the Michael and Son Jingle Contest! The managers of Michael and Son presented us with a $5,000 check. Students from Ms. Levis’ class along with Mrs. Haberland and Mr. James gladly accepted our prize money. With the grand prize of $5,000 we plan to purchase new instruments for our music classes and several new computers. Thanks to everyone who voted and rooted for Mosby Woods. Your support is greatly appreciated.
Let's Focus on Fitness!

Winter is here and there is a chill in the air meaning our bodies need to conserve energy to use heat. In the winter we might eat a little more and spend more time inside being less active. This can lead to the “winter blahs.” Kids and adults may feel more tired, less energetic or bored. One way to kick this feeling is to go outdoors and play! Did you know that your attention span is equal to your age? That means that a 10-year-old may need what educators call a “brain break” after every 10 minutes of serious work time. Studies have shown that physically active students are more focused. 60 minutes of exercise gives students 60 minutes of focus and winter is a great season for you to enjoy playing outside. The more you move, the warmer you are! So, dress warmly, go outside and take a brisk walk or play tag with your friends. If there’s snow on the ground, go sledding or build a snowman! For more staying healthy ideas go to: www.fitness.gov

It’s Box Top Collection Time

It's Box Top time, and it is now easier than ever. A flyer with entry forms and details was sent home with your child in the Wednesday Folder. Money that we receive from box tops supports our PTA and school and pays for special events such as field trips and educational assemblies! Now here comes the fun part… the class that submits the most Box Tops wins a special prize!! The program submission has changed so no staples or tape please!

Happy collecting!

Spotlight on Mosby Artists and Writers

Each year the Fairfax Connection newspaper publishes a special Children’s edition featuring student artworks and writing. This year, 17 Mosby Woods students had their art and writing published! What a great opportunity for the community to see the great things students are learning at Mosby! Thanks to Ms. Bodenhofer and Ms. Peterson for organizing the submissions! We are so proud of our artists and writers.

Here is a link to the online PDF of the newspaper.


Art:
Reagan Zoldak
Brain Xu
Naomi Yoon
Eunbee Lee
Andrew South
Joyce Gao
Hari Harish
Lisa Sun
Victoria Reyes
Amanda Martin
Cameron Yingling
Erine Kim
Anurodh Poudel

Writing:
Amanda Martin
Jane Morrison
Jasmine Huang
Hamsini Rangarajan

Yearbook FYI

Don’t delay… Order your yearbooks today! Yearbooks are $15.00 and orders are due March 11th. Please return payment to your homeroom teacher or online at www.jostens.com/yearbooks. Make checks payable to Provine School Pictures. Quantities are limited. Only those who pre-order a book will be guaranteed a copy. Order forms will be sent home with the Wednesday Folder.
Math Counts

On Saturday, January 23rd, the Mosby Woods MathCounts School Competition was held. This is the largest math competition in the country, and here are the winners for the School Competition:

First place Individual Rounds: Qiyang Yu
Second Place Individual Rounds: Andrew Kim
Third Place Individual Rounds: Rachel Kwon

Winning Team, Team Round: Brianna Son, Rachel Kwon, Qiyang Yu, and Andrew Kim
Countdown Round Winner: Alex Huang

The Mosby Woods Team went on to compete at the Chapter Competition on February 6th at George Mason University, competing against 25 other schools: (the 1st four Mathletes are, in addition, on a special 4-person team representing Mosby Woods)

The Mosby Woods Team is:

1. Qiyang Yu
2. Rachel Kwon
3. Alex Huang
4. Andrew Kim
5. Masha Molchanova
6. Pesandi Gunasekera
7. Nathan Ferns
8. William LaForest
9. Alison Song
10. Brianna Son

Go Mustang Mathletes!

Geography Bee

Students in grades 4-6 participated in the Geography Bee sponsored by National Geographic. Congratulations to the class winners!

Ms. Avery – Jaelyn Tappan
Mr. Brizek – Will Crockett
Mrs. Campbell – Ayden Henson
Mr. Keating – Fortune Picker
Mrs. Miller – KhanhDoan Le
Ms. Mullaney – Gabriel Paul
Ms. Moran – Ben Crutchfield
Mr. Banks – Omar Elbabba
Mrs. Silva – Abhinav Pappu
Mr. Maloney – Samik Bhinge
Ms. Shannon – Gregory Lorenz
Ms. Tyrpak – Emma Al Mukhtar
Mrs. Eisele – Isabella Murphy
Ms. Levis – Graham Bierhanzl
Ms. Blevins – Declan McAlevy
Mrs. Abel – Delilah Nguyen
Mr. Tucker – Claire Romoser
Ms. Wellner – Rachel Kwon
Mr. Holzshu – Tomas Berrospide

Big congratulations to our school geography bee winner, Samik Bhinge!

Dates to Remember

February 10th – Progress reports go home
February 15th – President’s Day Holiday – No School
February 16th – PTA Meeting at 6:30 pm
February 18th – International Night at 6 pm
March 1st – Election day:
  2 hours late arrival for students
March 4th – PTA chili cook-off 6:30 p.m.