**WELCOME** to the second edition of the 4th Grade newsletter. Each month we will share highlights of completed and or upcoming curriculum and activities.

## Language Arts
We have been working on applying our reading strategies to deepen our understanding of fiction and non-fiction texts. Strategies to practice at home include questioning, predicting, and making connections.

We have also been exploring functional formats, including recipes, advertisements, and flyers! You can practice this skill at home by inviting your child to read recipes with you!

## Math
This month, we will wrap up our unit on rational numbers and jump into computation with whole numbers. Prior knowledge of multiplication facts will be helpful.

*Advanced Math will incorporate 5th grade content into each standard.*

## Social Studies
The students are finishing up their unit on the Woodland Indians.

We are now moving on to the arrival of the English in Jamestown, including the hardships the English encountered upon arrival. Students will learn about the “clash” of the English, Indian, and African cultures as well as the forming of the first system of representative government, the General Assembly.

## Science
The students will continue to explore the experimental design by making distinctions among observations, conclusions, inferences, and predictions.

We begin the 2nd quarter investigating the organization of the solar system. Our goal is to investigate and understand the relationships among Earth, the moon, and the sun. During our studies, students will create a model of the solar system.

### Important Dates
- November 2\textsuperscript{nd} & 3\textsuperscript{rd}: Teacher Workdays
- November 4\textsuperscript{th}: 2\textsuperscript{nd} Grading Period Begins
- November 10\textsuperscript{th}: Picture Retakes
- November 11\textsuperscript{th}: Veteran’s Day
- November 12\textsuperscript{th}: 1st Quarter Report Cards Go Home
- November 12\textsuperscript{th}: Finding Magic in your Life Assembly with Jay Mattioli (2:45-3:45PM)
- November 17\textsuperscript{th}-21\textsuperscript{st}: Book Fair
- November 18\textsuperscript{th}-20\textsuperscript{th}: Thanksgiving Lunches
- November 25\textsuperscript{th}: Two Hour Early Dismissal (2:05PM)
- November 26\textsuperscript{th} & 27\textsuperscript{th}: Thanksgiving Break
- December 4\textsuperscript{th}: Colonial Day (start preparing a Colonial outfit)

### Dress for the Day!
Colonial Day is scheduled for Friday, December 4\textsuperscript{th}. **Students are encouraged to dress in colonial style outfits.** These costumes can be as simple as boys rolling up their jeans to the knees and wearing white sport socks. Baseball pants also make a good pair of colonial knickers. A white shirt and vest complete the outfit. Additionally, boys can wear a tri-cornered hat. Girls can wear a long skirt with a blouse, or a long dress. Aprons and “mob” hats or bonnets add to the colonial look.

Veteran’s Day is November 11, 2015! Remember to wear your red, white, and blue.