

# Primary Education Center

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR!</b>	<b>1</b>  Winter Recess  New Year's Day District Closed	<b>2</b>  Classes Resume  Day 4	<b>3</b>  Day 1	<b>4</b>  One District, One Book Family Voting at Local Libraries  Day 2	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  Community Coffee Hour with Mr. Casseri Orange Cat 4:30p.m.	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> PTSA Meeting @ 5:30 pm CRC- Board Room	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> One District, One Book voting at Lew-Port School (for students only)	<b>12</b>
One District, One Book Family Voting at Local Libraries						
	Day 3	Day 4	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Day 4	<b>15</b> Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm CRC- Board Room  Day 1	<b>16</b>  Day 2	<b>17</b>  Day 3	<b>18</b>  Day 4	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  District Closed	<b>22</b>  Day 1	<b>23</b> One District, One Book Community Reveal Event @ Lewiston Public Library at 5:30pm  Day 2	<b>24</b> One District, One Book in School Reveal  Day 3	<b>25</b>  Day 4	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Day 1	<b>29</b>  Day 2	<b>30</b>  Day 3	<b>31</b>  Day 4		



*A Message from Mrs. Larson, Principal  
"Staying in the Loop"*

In keeping with our "Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead" theme this year, I have been sending you a principal's message each month. It is our goal to keep you informed of the dynamic learning environment at the PEC. Our goal is to increase school to home connections by delivering communication conveniently to you. Don't miss out... there is so much good news to share.

**Seesaw:** If you are not signed up for Seesaw, please contact your child's teacher. Our goal is 100% family participation.

**Website:** Visit the district website at [www.lew-port.com](http://www.lew-port.com) and then click the link to the PEC on the left side of the district home page.

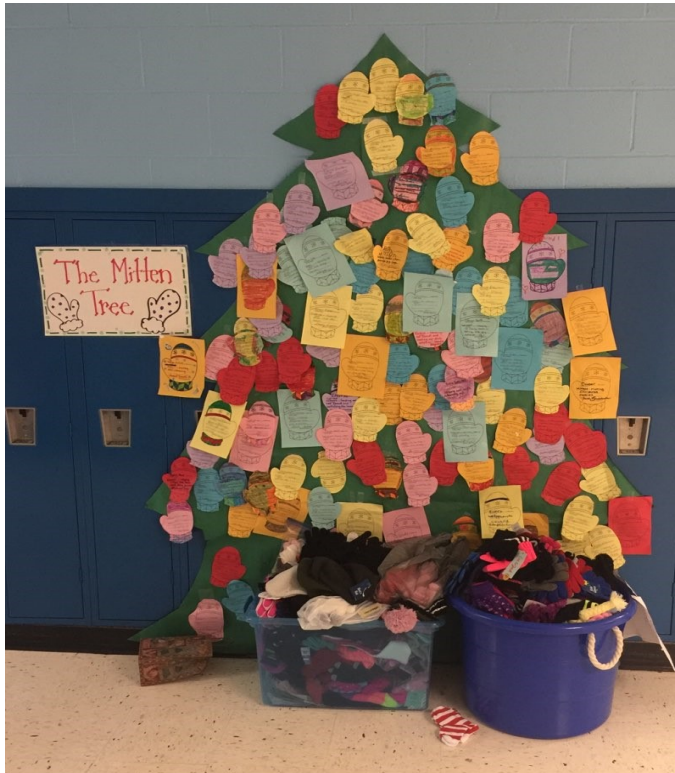
The PEC **Monthly Newsletter** is posted to the PEC website at [www.lew-port.com](http://www.lew-port.com). The Newsletter contains photos and articles of events at the PEC along with important information and reminders.

The Newsletter can also be conveniently delivered directly to your personal email by signing up with **E-News** Now. You can find the link under "quick links".

**Like us on Facebook and/or follow us on Twitter** by going to [www.lew-port.com](http://www.lew-port.com), click on the link to the PEC and then move to the bottom of the page and click on Facebook or Twitter and select the PEC.



# Mitten Tree Service Learning Project



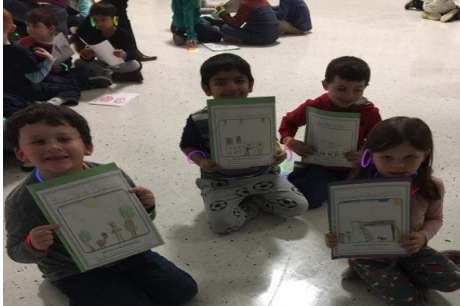
Service Learning is part of our Primary curriculum. In the month of December, the P.E.C. collected hundreds of mittens, hats, scarves, gloves, and socks for families in need for the winter months.

The children earned the items they wished to donate by helping out at home. Folding laundry, drying the dishes or setting the table were all common tasks that they children wrote on their paper mittens. The trees were a beautiful display of everyone's kindness at the holidays. Below is a picture of of our fabulous mitten trees and the generous donations of our community.

Thank you for making the world a better place.



# GLOW PARTY



First graders had a lot to GLOW about after publishing personal narratives during Writer's Workshop! We met in the auditorium to celebrate their stories. We danced and made glow stick bracelets and necklaces. We broke off into little campfires and shared our stories with our friends. What a great way to end the unit!! Let's GLOW crazy over a fantastic job. A huge shout out to Mrs. Kazulak for helping us use the green screen to capture our stories and making QR codes for others to read!



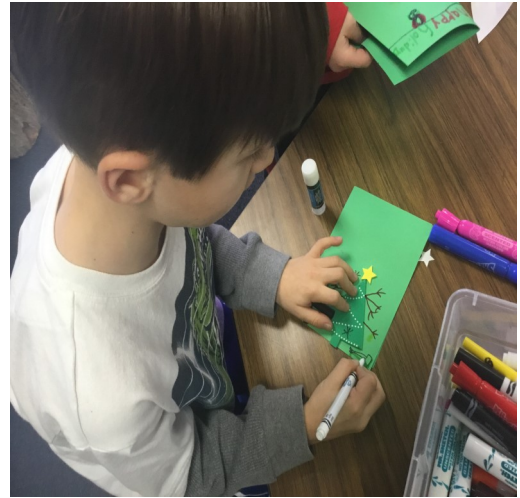
Every month Officer Bob from the SPCA introduces a new furry friend to the students and staff of the Primary Education Center.

This month he brought a handsome little guy named Bautista. Bautista is a 2 year old male. He is friendly, great with children and has lots of energy. He had so much fun visiting the staff and kids at the Primary Education Center. Bautista is looking for a forever home.

Several of Officer Bob's furry friends have been adopted by members of the PEC school community. If you are thinking of getting a dog or cat, please remember to visit the Niagara S.P.C.A. at 2100 Lockport Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 and also check the PEC Newsletter!

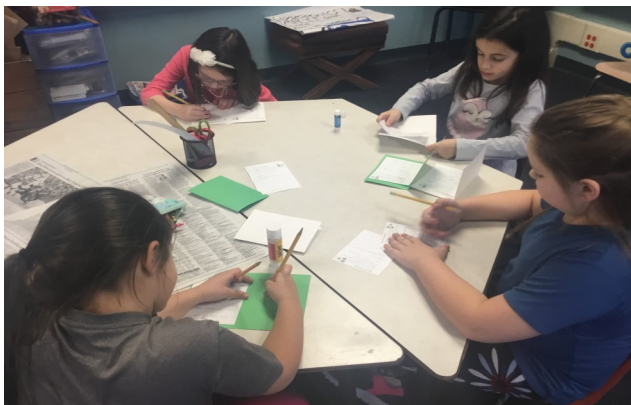


# Holiday Card Exchange Project



Second grade students from Mrs. Kazulak's Enrichment group participated in a holiday card exchange project. This project connected our classroom to 29 other classrooms across the United States. Students created holiday cards carrying the theme of holiday traditions. Included in the cards was information about our class makeup and special characteristics, geographic location, and weather.

As cards came in we located each classroom on a map and used our cardinal direction skills to find it in relation to New York state. The project is continuing with cards still arriving! We have plans for more in-depth research on the states, and cities of the cards origins. This project was a fun way to practice our writing skills, geography skills, math skills, and creativity!



# Tips for Parents from the School Health Office



## HEAD LICE

Lice may affect your family at some point during your children's elementary school years. Lice are most prevalent in children ages 3 to 12 (and their families) because children are often in close contact group situations, play close together and may share their personal items (such as hats and brushes).

## LICE FACTS

Head lice are small wingless insects, and are about the size of a sesame seed.

They feed on human blood.

Head lice do not live on your pets.

Head lice do not jump or fly.

They can only live up to 24 hours off of the human host.

They leave an itchy feeling like a mosquito bite.

Each head louse can lay up to 10 nits (eggs) a day.

Daily shampooing will not prevent you from getting head lice.

Nits are tiny colorless or yellowish-white, oval-shaped eggs that are glued to the side of a hair shaft at an angle. You have to pull them off the hair shaft with your finger nail, they do not flake off the hair like dandruff. They cannot transfer to another person.

Nits can be found anywhere on the head.

Head lice can be spread whenever there is direct contact of the head or hair with an infested individual.

Lice can also be spread through the sharing of personal articles like clothing, hats, towels, brushes, helmets, hair ties, etc.

There is also a possibility of spreading head lice via a pillow, headrest or similar items.

It may take as long as 2 to 3 weeks or longer after exposure for a person to notice the intense itching associated with an infestation of lice.

The most important step to break the chain of lice infestation is to use an effective lice treatment shampoo (following instructions) along with rigorous combing with a (metal is best) lice comb to remove all nits. Reinfestation can occur if there is only one viable louse or nit remaining on a shaft of hair.

Constant inspection and repeat dry combing is recommended for 6 weeks after treatment.

Consider checking your child's head for the presence of lice regularly.

If you find lice or nits in your child's hair, please let the school nurse know. On the morning of return to school after treatment, please drive your child in and have the nurse check your child's hair.

## PREVENTION

Lice are almost always spread by direct head to head contact, so teach your child to **avoid head to head contact** with other children.

**Do not share** combs, brushes, hats or hair accessories with anyone, **including immediate family members**.

Girls with long hair can wear it pulled back or braided to lessen the chance of acquiring lice.

At sleepovers, have your child take their own sleeping bag and pillow with them and teach them not to let anyone else lay down on their belongings.

# We caught you being a LEADER



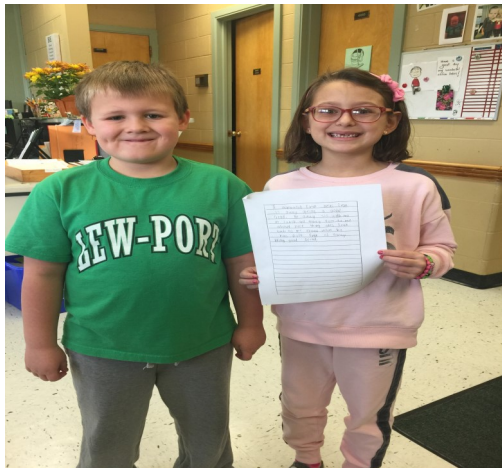
I am nominating Bella because she helps with my math. She plays with me when I do not have anyone to play with. She helps me with spelling. She is a good friend.

Nominated by Olivia



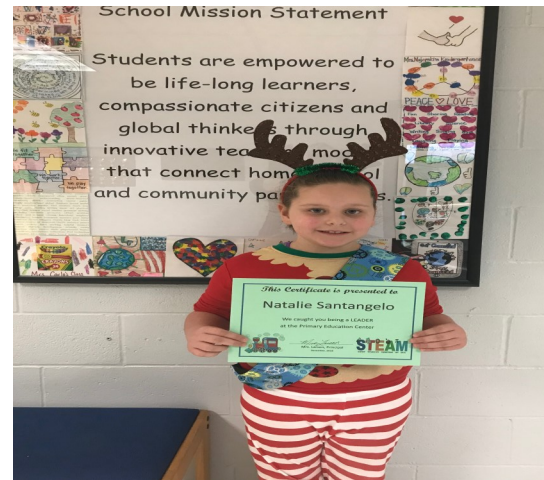
I want to nominate Stella because she is a helpful student. She helps kids. She helps anyone who is stuck on math, reading, or anyone who needs someone to play with. She is someone who is a good friend and she is one of my friends.

Nominated by Lucia



I nominated Evan because Evan is always being a good friend. He always sits with me at lunch and always talks to me about nice things. Once Evan talked to me about what he has built. Evan is always a good friend.

Nominated by Olivia



When another student was bossing me around Natalie yelled, "STOP bullying her". She is a good friend.

Nominated by Hailey

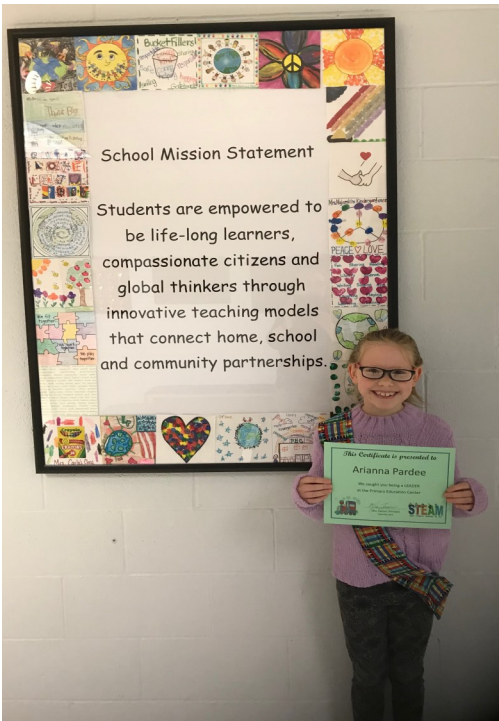
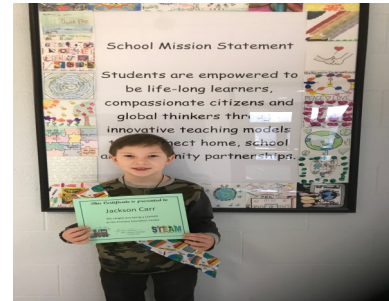


I nominate Brielle because she gave me her coloring book. She colored me a picture of a penguin and walked it to my house. She knows I like penguins.

*Nominated by Anthony*

I am nominating Jackson because I have seen him be a leader by example in Mrs. Anello's class. He is always willing to help his teachers and other students. He has also been exceptionally caring and kind to a friend who sometimes struggles in class. He truly understands that kindness and helpfulness is being proactive and a leader.

*Nominated by Mrs. Pucci*



I have a nomination to make. Arianna has been focused on her work all week. I have noticed how responsible she has been. She has been very respectful to the teacher. I am very proud of her.

*Nominated by Julianna*

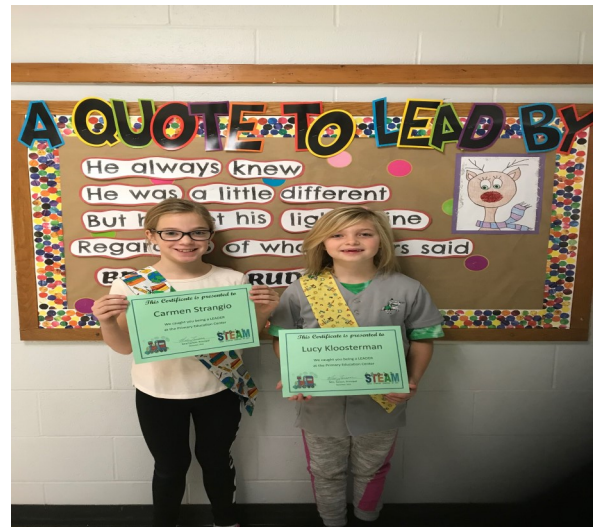
When I first selected these 5 students for our Morning News Production Crew we discussed how their important jobs were a reflection of all the characteristics of a leader. In their jobs every morning they had to be proactive, think with the End in Mind, they had to Synergize and Seek to Understand, they had to think win-win, put first things first and sharpen the saw to make our News happen and get better each morning. I couldn't be more proud of these 5 students and how each of their dedication and participation shaped our News Team! Thank you to each of you for being our pioneer

*0Morning News Production Crew.*

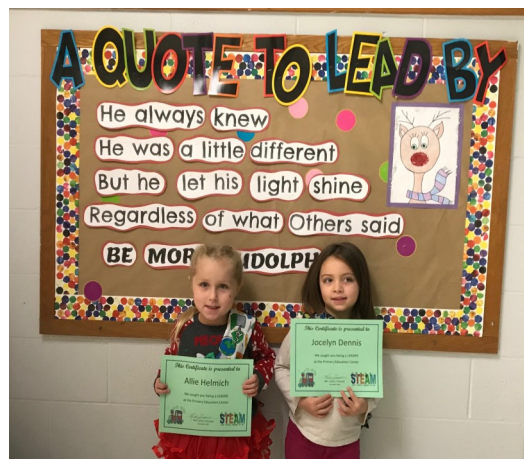
*Nominated by Mrs. Zielinski*



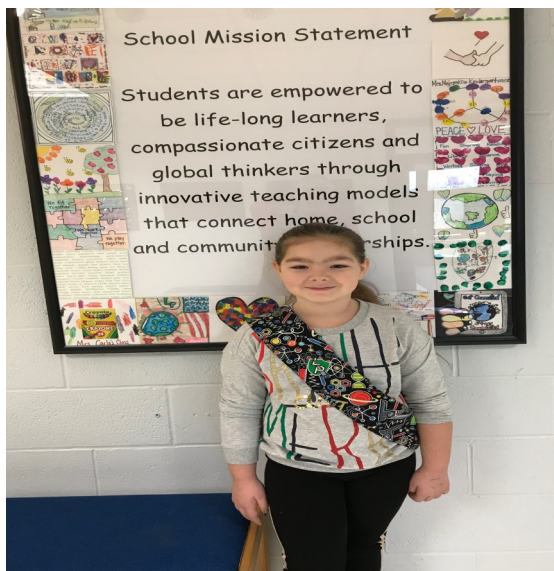
I would like to nominate Carmen and Lucy because they are good role models to those in Multiage and all around the school. They helped me when I didn't need it while I was searching for my glove with my friends. They are such good friends.  
*Nominated by Eric*



Allie is a very hard worker. She has a can do attitude and always tries her best. She knows that learning requires you to take chances and try new things. Above all, Allie gives 110% to everything she does. She is a great role model. Keep up the great work!  
*Nominated by Mrs. Majerski*



Jocelyn is an amazing bucket filler. She always comes to school with a smile and is ready to learn. Her classmates look to her for a helping hand when they need it because she treats them with kindness. Jocelyn always helps her friend Emmy with whatever she needs and shows her how a good friend behaves. Thank you for making kind choices and brightening our room with your kind heart.  
*Nominated by Mrs. Majerski*



I nominate Kristianna because she has become proactive in the library by making good choices, following the rules, staying focused and encouraging others to do the same. Great job Kristianna!  
*Nominated by Mrs. Zielinski*



Lucas is consistently positive and eager to always help a friend in need, whether he is assisting a friend finishing up work or solving their technical issues. Lucas your smile and positive energy always brightens the room.  
*Nominated by Mrs. Zito*