

# DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER BROUGHT TO YOU BY LYMAN C. HUNT MIDDLE SCHOOL

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# Principal's Message



Dear HMS Parents and Guardians:

Please take time over the holiday break to enjoy whatever gives you peace. As it is dark when I leave work I have spent a lot of time at the YMCA. During my visits, I often see many of our students swimming, working out or playing basketball. These students are usually helping younger kids and being polite to the adults they are interacting with. Although we do not always get to see this side of our students it is great to see how they are using these skills in our community. I also get a chuckle when they spot me and they don't know if they should say hi or run for the hills.

## STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM

### HUNT MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE

December 4th-20th

Please send in with your student or drop off in the box in the main lobby any non-perishable items to make Food Baskets for our community and to help stock the Hunt Food Closet during this vacation time.

If you would like to make a cash donation, please make a check out to: Hunt Middle School.

If you would like to receive a Food Basket for the December vacation, please contact *Liz Trackim* ([ltrackim@bsdvt.org](mailto:ltrackim@bsdvt.org)) at 864-8469 x 61006 or *Peggy Weaver* ([pweaver@bsdvt.org](mailto:pweaver@bsdvt.org)) at X 61007

All contacts will remain confidential. Thank you.

## Team PHOENIX

Please visit our team blog ([www.hmsteamphoenix.blogspot.com](http://www.hmsteamphoenix.blogspot.com)) and our Twitter feed (<https://twitter.com/PhoenixLearns>) and be sure to sign up/follow for updates. We welcome your feedback as we seek to make these tools as helpful as possible for you all.

### Language Arts:

In language arts, as a follow up to reading the novel *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson, students will be writing personal essays about overcoming an obstacle.

Please continue to support your children's reading at home.

Ms. Hickey can be reached at [lhickey@bsdvt.org](mailto:lhickey@bsdvt.org).

**Social Studies:**

We will be wrapping up our unit on Mesopotamia by launching an inquiry project. Please check the Weekly Class Content announcements in Canvas for further details.  
Ms. Fabri can be reached at [jfabri@bsdvt.org](mailto:jfabri@bsdvt.org).

**Mathematics:**

7th graders will start to learn about proportionality.  
8th graders will study systems of linear equations.  
Ms. Gagnon can be reached at [agagnon@bsdvt.org](mailto:agagnon@bsdvt.org)

**Science:**

Students will be completing a lab to explore independent, dependent, and control variables. They will then start a unit on genetics.  
Ms. Cullen can be reached at [mcullen@bsdvt.org](mailto:mcullen@bsdvt.org)

## Team OASIS

Hello and Happy Holidays to all our Oasis Social Studies Parents. This month has proved to be a wonderful learning experience with our student teacher, Erin Turner, from UVM. Students have finished a unit on the Middle East with a focus on geography, Hammurabi's Code, the Iceman, governments, civil war, and current issues that surround the Middle East and the world today. After parent conferences and the Thanksgiving break, Oasis social studies are sponsoring a trip to the International Festival in Essex Junction. This will be a cultural exploration where our travelers will have their "Passports" stamped from different countries they visit. They will experience music, dance and cultural performances from around the world as well as have an opportunity to taste the flavors from many places. As the holiday season continues Oasis social studies students will explore our own cultural backgrounds and bring in a dish from an ancestral country to share with the class. More will be sent home on this.

## *Greetings from Synergy Team!*

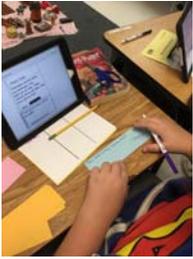
We closed out the week prior to Thanksgiving break with some fun holiday projects. In Mrs. Hevey's classes, students created cards of thanks which included a QR code linking to a personalized video from the student to his or her family. In Mrs. Orlando's classes, students made turkey table decorations which included a bag of rice and recipe for a post-holiday casserole.



On November 13th, Synergies traveled to the Flynn Theater for a performance by storyteller David Gonzalez Cuentos! Tales from the Latin American World featured animated, musical tales ranging from the Puerto Rican "Juan Bobo and the Pig" to a

personal story about David's first guitar, lovingly crafted by his uncle. Many thanks to Synergy parent drivers who made this trip possible! We could not have attended without your support.

Here is some news from the classroom:



In ELA, Synergies continue to expand their Tier 2 academic vocabulary with words they will encounter across multiple subject areas. Most recently, we have been focusing on Latin and Greek word roots.



We are working on understanding how to effectively use text evidence to support a claim. This is an important skill when writing proof paragraphs and essays. Evidence can be quoted directly or paraphrased, and the source must always be cited. Synergies practiced paraphrasing quotes from such diverse sources as Dr. Seuss and Maya Angelou to Japanese proverbs. A few students went on to write their own quotes about life for peers to paraphrase!



In social studies, we concluded our mapping unit with a close look on different map projections. Students modeled the distortion of a polar projection by marking the top of a 2-liter bottle with latitude and longitude lines to represent the northern hemisphere. By shining a light onto the "hemisphere" and observing the shadows cast by the lines, we could see how images get increasingly distorted as you move away from the center point.

We also made functioning latitude finders using nothing more complicated than a cardboard triangle, a protractor, and some string. Synergies practiced using their latitude finders in the classroom by sitting off several "North Stars" positioned at different angles in the classroom.



We have now shifted our focus to examining culture: How and why are groups of

people culturally similar and different? Why is it necessary to understand culture when studying a global problem and potential solutions? How has globalization influenced cultural diversity? Synergies have been examining photographs representing artifacts from a mystery culture. They have noted details and used these to make inferences about the culture - what the geography of their land is like, what they appear to value, how they might make a living, and so on.

## **GALAXY TEAM**

Galaxy students have been very productive during the months of October and November! We continue to enjoy the team's high energy and creativity, while balancing fun and hard work. Thank you to all the parents and guardians who have signed up during conference days. We will continue to meet regularly with any parent/guardian who would like a conference.

Here's what is happening on team:

**Language Arts:** Students have wrapped up a unit on Elements of Literature and we are now reading *The Revealers* by Vermont author, Doug Wilhelm. The level of discussion and writing around the many important topics such as bullying, family, and middle school friendships has been interesting. Galaxy students have also been practicing paragraph writing, journaling, and expanding academic vocabulary. All sixth grade Language teachers are piloting a new vocabulary program this year. We will be meeting throughout the year to share ideas and evaluate student progress.

**Math:** Students continue to work on skills through weekly IXL practice and ST Math.

Galaxy students are finishing up work on Geometry and will be heading into the study of **ratios**.

**Science:** Students are currently working on a long term ecology project using Book Creator. Ask your child to see all the good research they have done so far.

**Social Studies:** Map skills review has ended, but skills will be applied throughout the year. After completing a review and slide presentation on land and water features around the world, students applied their knowledge of land and water features to their unique island designs!

Students are currently writing and recording scripts to entice visitors to visit their islands. The next focus will be on the physical geography of North America, with a special focus on Canada. Canada is our next big unit which will take us to the end of January.

Special thanks to students who have participated in our social committee meetings.

Congratulations to all our students who have made the honor roll for the first quarter. We also want to acknowledge the many students who have made great progress since September.

Kudos to Galaxy students of the month for October/November: Brooks Deshaw and Norra Moody!

## SOLSTICE TEAM

### **Science:**

Solstice scientists recently investigated how thermal energy is transported through convection currents, and how those currents are driven by changes in density and buoyancy. Next, we will explore how energy from solar radiation drives convection currents that move air, ocean water, and thermal energy around Earth, causing regional and local climate and weather patterns. Follow our class on Twitter @SolsticeScience.

### **Math:**

Our seventh graders have finished a unit on working with positive and negative numbers and applied that work to solving algebraic equations. We are now beginning a unit on proportional reasoning, which will involve solving proportions, unit rate, discount, tax, tip, and scale drawings.

Our eighth graders continue to investigate the various components and characteristics of linear relationships. We have looked at solving multi-step equations and their connection to two-variable linear relationships, and are now graphing linear equations and discussing slope, intercepts, different forms of linear equations (slope-intercept, point-slope, and standard), as well as the characteristics of parallel and perpendicular lines.

Some of our eighth graders are also taking the Algebra Seminar as a supplement to the eighth-grade curriculum, with the goal of taking Geometry next year in high school. They have completed a unit on statistics, and are now investigating what the shape of a graph tells you about the relationship between the variables.

### **Language Arts:**

The end of November, students finished up writing paragraphs about the eerie short stories we read. Students used evidence and analysis to explain their thinking.

We looked at discussed picture books in order to understand the Civil Rights Era and prepare us for reading *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson.

While reading *Brown Girl Dreaming* we are discussing our sense of place in the world and how places in our lives define us. We read and discuss almost daily and will be completing other activities throughout the unit, including writing our own poetry and analyzing the main character.

Students continue to turn in reading logs every two weeks, generally on Thursdays. Some students have the opportunity to complete a project instead of reading logs. This is for 8th graders who continually turned in reading logs on time during first quarter and usually met their page goal.

### **Social Studies:**

*Congratulations to our Q1 Subject award winners.*

These are awards given to both 7th and 8th graders.

Language Arts: Maddix Webster

Mathematics: Lanxi Lin

Science: Kiran Bleakney-Eastman

*Congratulations to our Q1 Solstice award winners.*

These are awards given to only 8th graders.

Scholar: Lamija Semic

Optimist: Rubin Upreti

Light Bulb: Jaydin Martel

Sense of Humor: Matt Gingras

Tenacity: Andrew Dede

Inquisitive: Nash Barlow

Creative: Tigerlily Kason-Trombley

Enthusiasm: Nick Versaci

## Indigo Team

We have been very engaged on the Indigo Team since our last newsletter! Here are a few details!



**\*Social Studies:** Our team is just finishing up a “trip” through the regions of Canada. Working solo, in pairs, or in groups of three, kids are learning about Canada by pretending to take a trip to each of Canada’s six regions. They are reading to find out background information, then using map and online resources to explore the different parts of Canada through a tourist’s lens. iPads have added a fun dimension to this project, allowing kids to use apps like Pic Collage and Book Creator, as well as photo editing apps, to create wonderful, fun, “meaty,” and very individual projects about their trips.

**\*Language Arts:** Recently, our team has become part of a district vocabulary pilot, where students are creatively learning and practicing a set of high-impact words, expected to help them across curricular areas. The sign language piece of the process is particularly fun and helpful for many kids. Ask your child to show you the sign for “evidence” or “inference!” Simultaneously, we have been reading and discussing the sixth grade

anchor book, The Revealers, including lots of literary analysis and discussions, and work on LEAF paragraphs, a sixth grade writing focus. We anticipate that these conversations will continue well beyond the conclusion of The Revealers and will help inform the way we talk with each other all year.

**\*Science:** Ecology studies continue! Our trip to Ethan Allen forest, as well as on-campus outdoor work, have added a “place-based” component to our learning, as well as being lots of fun! Students have been working to apply vocabulary and concepts that they have learned through the hands-on explorations in our own deciduous biome, to biomes throughout the world. Students are researching and writing postcards about different biomes in locations of their choice. iPads are once again allowing us to mix things up a bit, with several tech-based mini-projects available to take the place of traditional postcards in more than one biome.



**\*Math:** Our team has concluded our first Common Core unit on rational numbers. We are pleased with the progress kids made with this challenging topic. The rational number work leads us naturally into fraction and decimal operations. Our focus is on division, but we will also be checking in to make sure that kids recall the processes and concepts of adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions, decimals, and whole numbers. We will be using classroom volunteers and peer tutors to offer coaching and challenge opportunities as we strive to get everyone ready for mastering division in all kinds of contexts, with all kinds of numbers. Simultaneously, we continue to tackle complex, engaging, real-life problem-solving on a regular basis. Indigo kids are definitely growing in their ability to persevere

through tough challenges!



It was great seeing families on Parent Conference Days. Please remember that you can come in and talk with us at any time. Keep in touch!

## Notes from the Music Department

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Class

The sixth grade general music classes are working with notes E, F and G on the first string of the guitar.

In composition we are working on our first opus. We are composing our pieces in AA form using E, F and G. After the composing, the students play their own creations on the guitar.

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Class

In music history, the students are currently in the Baroque Era. Bach, Handel and Vivaldi will be filling our time. With guitar performance, students are learning to play chords G, A7 and D. They will be using these chords to play "Tom Dooley" and "Down in the Valley." In composition, we are harmonizing our own melodic creations.

### Band

Greetings from the Hunt Bandroom! Our rotating small group lessons, for all band students, are going VERY well. Please join us for our annual Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 20, at 7pm. The students are looking forward to sharing their hard work. All band students are encouraged to continue practicing as much as possible!

### Chorus

The choruses have made great gains in their preparation for their concert. The theme of the concert is Social Justice. The combined choirs will be singing songs of protest and social justice.

### Orchestra

Students are very excited about their upcoming concert, on Wednesday, December 13th, at 7pm in the Hunt auditorium. The 6th grade and 7th/8th grade orchestras, and chamber orchestra will perform. *Please note that day is an A day*, so please help students remember they have a concert on a day they normally do not have orchestra! Please arrive at 6:15 for tuning and warm-up. All are welcome!

### District III Music Festival

Congratulations to the following students who will be representing Hunt at this year's District Music Festival.

#### Orchestra

Gracie Bangoura

Lanxi Lin

Molly Fry

Robbie Safran

Lamija Semic

Aly Vigneau

Tiko Bedrosian

Dylan Grimm

Zee Totten

#### Band

Kiran Bleakney-Eastman

Miles Ellis Novotny

Theo Ellis Novotny

Audrey Greenip

Rory Stein

#### Chorus

Mari Davis

**Concert Dates**

Winter Choral Concert - December 6, 2017  
 Winter Orchestra Concert - December 13, 2017  
 Winter Band Concert – December 20, 2017  
 District Music Festival (Location TBD) – February 2 and 3, 2018  
 All concerts begin at 7:00 P.M in the Hunt Auditorium (except District Music Festival)

Mr. Hakim  
 Mr. Korman  
 Ms. O'Neill  
 Mr. Owens



[Burlington School District Food Menus](#)

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**BURLINGTON SCHOOL FOOD PROJECT**

DECEMBER 2017

K8 LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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For more information, please contact us at (802) 864-8415 or schoolfood@bsdvt.org.

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## Honor Roll/ Q1 Update

INDIGO		GALAXY		SYNERGY	
High Honors	Honors	High Honors	Honors	High Honors	Honors
Ivy Dorward	Fardowsa Aden	Brooks Deshaw	Sara Bahrenburg	Vivienne Baker	Saraswoti Chhetri
Maximo Dowling	Sarah Ali	Norra Moody	Lilly Caputo	Naveen Bleakney-Eastman	Brennen Crete
Prekchhya Mizar	Grayson Blom-Clarke	Jessica Tran	Destiny Godin	Onyinyechi Dimgba	Evan Eleck
Grace Park	Lillian Connolly		Milla Heise	Owen Eley	Ariana Fisher
Nevaeh Perry	Liam Davenport		Ramsey Karson	x	Robin Foy
Jane Shaver	Eden Delaney		Augustina Mampouya-Louamba	Kasey Haggerty	Henry Giroux
Abigail Wheeler	Fabian Diaz-Cartagena		Pratikchhya Mizar	Waylon Hammaker	Isabel Haley
	Samuel Doan		Chanh Nguyen	Nathaniel Mitchell	Zinnia Stanley
	Saw Moses Doe		Noah Poquette	Nora Perry	Kim Tran
	x		Zora Trombly	Miranda Stilwell	
	Lily Hauser		Connor Trombly	Katherine Vigneau	
	Niko Kuntz		Tran Vu		
	Tambwe Kyendamin		Jacob Wooster		
	Veronica Lindstrom				
	Adam Maher				
	Camryn Poulin				
	Rubina Upreti				
	Ethan Valley				

OASIS		PHOENIX		SOLSTICE	
High Honors	Honors	High Honors	Honors	High Honors	Honors
Olivia Calderin	x	x	Rehema Abdi	Macey Allard	Abdulrahman Abdulrahmanshuko
Samantha Crafts	Leah Chamberlain	Parbati Chhetri	Jonathan Ashimwe	Tigran Bedrosian	Nash Barlow
Alisandra Fitch-O'Leary	Nzubechi Dimgba	Leo Dabelstein	Miranda Baruth	Kiran Bleakney-Eastman	Carter Blanchard
Audrey Greenip	Dylan Fleming	Alma Davidson	Kameron Chadwick	Andrew Dede	Salvatore Boone
Julia Hondal	Bridget Haggerty	Miles Ellis Novotny	Emma Hellyer	Dylan Grimm	Sophie Burdick
Jason Huynh	Elise Holway	Theodore Ellis Novotny	Collin Huynh	Lanxi Lin	Sophia Chant
Meredith Jackson	Cindy Huynh	Molly Fry	Habiba Ibrahim	Ethan Park	Amy Chung
Lani Keomanyvanh	Zachary Kasanga	Riley Gillespie	Autumn King	Robert Safran	Josue Correa
Cannon Poulin	Barsha Khanal	Sushila Gurung	Ian Maher		Oscar Dowling
Ira Siegel	Sonia Laughlin	PCAdamk Hlordsz	Joselyn Maldonado		Jeremie Gouala
Alex Snyder	Nathan Lorrain	Aziza Kasanga	Gracie Mitchell		Talulah Guthrie
Arbin Tamang	Emma Martin	Logan King	Paige Moody		Chenoa Hunt
	Ethan Messier	Peter Kuypers	x		Sean LaBelle
	Aurora Moulart	Benjamin Leithead	Djani Pasagic		Steven LaBombard
	Alexis Relyea	Abby Mitchell	Masey Pickering		Miah Lafayette
	Travis Ringwig	Gabriel Mitchell	Micah Rossman		Mariah Larson
	Kai Sessions	Corazon Rabin	Tousline Sangano		Caleb Lodish
	Devin Smith	Pheonix Ringwig	Dominique Simmons		Arianna Lyons
	Ledum Tornwini	Ian Rock-Jones	Alecktra Stojanovic		Brady Markle
	Tony Vo	Duy Tran	Shayak Subba		Jaydin Martel
	George Waitt	Julia Tran	Luke Van Marter - Brown		Connor Reutter
	Alioune Kounta	Vivian Vail	Alev Vurgun		
	Tedum Tornwini				