



# Parent / Student Bulletin

## January 2021



### Orin Smith Elementary Monthly Character Traits

- ★ September - Kindness
- ★ October - Empathy
- ★ November - Gratitude
- ★ December - Responsibility
- ★ January - Cooperation
- ★ February - Courage
- ★ March - Respect
- ★ April - Perseverance
- ★ May - Honesty
- ★ June - Creativity



#### Character Award Recognition

Each month teachers recognize one student per class for having demonstrated one of our Orin Smith Elementary monthly character traits. Our character trait for the month of January was **COOPERATION**.

#### A BIG congratulations to the following students:

**3rd** - Drew Hill, Kennadee Jewell, Keiona Ferrell, Ryder Sager, Santiago Hernandez, Selena Matagi, Paxton Woodward, Finnley Robison, Whitney Harris, Dwayne Campbell, Jason Stamper, Milo Hornby, Brynn King, Cason Justice, Brooklynn Larson, Ashtyn Gallagher, Kimber Nieman

**4th** - Jethro Haselwood, Brody Springer, Sydney McConnell, Carley Foglesong, Brooke Nesary, Emma Levine, Sophia McMenamy, Eli Romer, Romi Mesneak, Kendall Coiteux, Tinsley Tobin, Madelen Gruginski, Kenzie Roberts, Carter Smith, Eduardo Sanchez, Jesse Brown, Lily Bailey

**5th** - John Alexander, Brian Hartwell, Judah Beard, Annabelle Nakano, Evan Smith, Raeleigh Bishop, Natalee McAllister, Brody Smeall, Evan Hultberg, Emma Mauch, Wyatt Hoffman, Karly Rasmussen, Addisyn Olson, Otto Smith, Ayanna Harmon, Keara Denton, Jonathan Hartwell, Brady Holmes

**COMING  
SOON!**

### SPRING CONFERENCES

Spring conferences will be held **March 1-5, 2021**. School will dismiss at 1PM each day that week. Conference scheduling information will be coming home in early February.



### INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN

In an effort to make use of as many instructional days as possible and to honor the school calendar in which the last day for students is June 11, 2021, the Chehalis School District will make every effort to continue teaching and learning on snow days.

In the event of inclement weather, instead of canceling school or starting school late, the district will consider designating the day as an asynchronous learning day for all grades. Since students and staff all have access to district-provided laptops, teaching and learning can take place remotely under most circumstances. Parents, teachers and students should plan to participate in remote teaching/learning should a weather event occur. Your teacher will be sharing an "Inclement Weather Work At Home Plan" in the event it is needed.

School closures or late starts will be determined around 6:00 AM. This information will be shared on our website [www.chehalisschools.org](http://www.chehalisschools.org) and clicking on "Weather Alerts" on the far right side of the main page.

# Library Corner

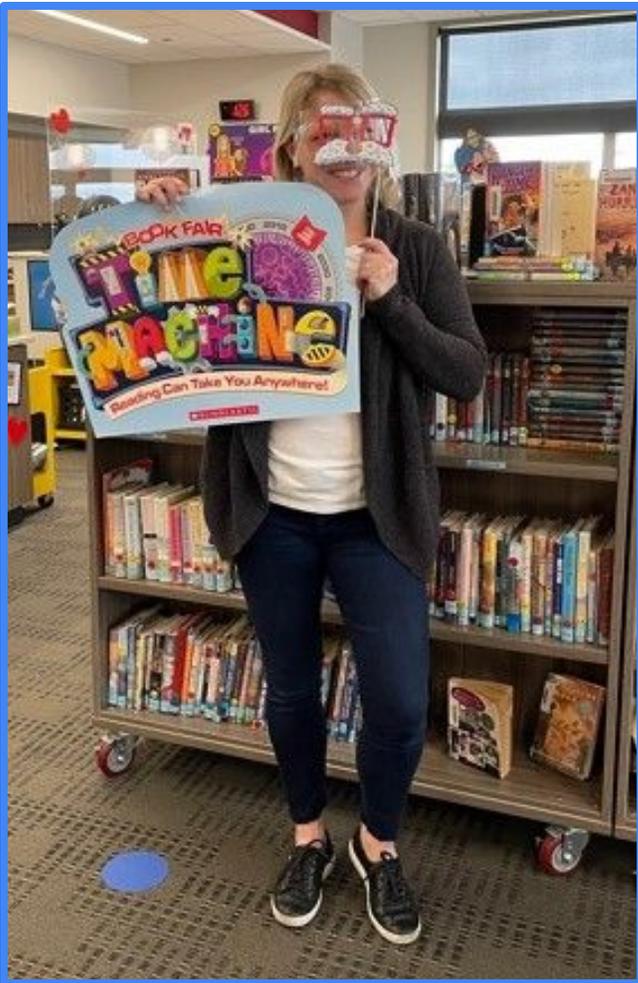
## News from Mrs. Ames...

**Mrs. Ames** is getting ready for our upcoming in-person **Scholastic Book Fair!** The book fair is scheduled for **February 26th - March 5.** Be sure to take a look before or after your scheduled conference. **Stay tuned for more information to come your way!**

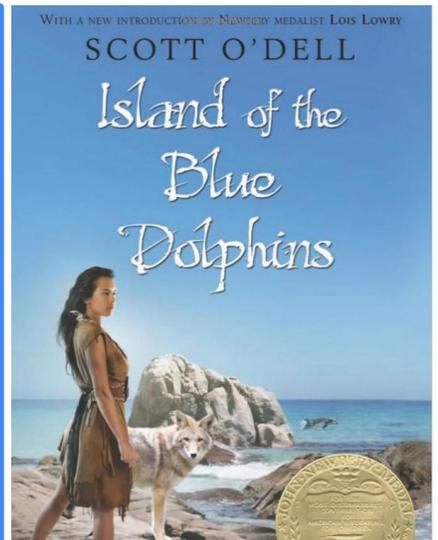


Hello **2021** ... Along with celebrating the New Year, this is the perfect time to reflect back on our past and look ahead with excitement! Take this opportunity and share with your child a favorite book from your childhood that they might like, too - encourage a shared experience! Or, share your favorite genre - maybe it will open up new reading for your child! Having conversations about books creates reading enthusiasm - it's contagious!

Also in **2021**, we will work on **Digital Citizenship** and making responsible on-line choices - do you know what your child is doing on devices and is your technology in visible places? Talk about it!



**Island of the Blue Dolphins** was one of Mrs. Ames's favorite books as a 5th grader. She loved the adventure and survival. You follow Karana as she is forced to survive for 18 years on a tropical island alone. She was 12 - do you think you could do that?



# HAPPY READING



# FAMILY BUCKET LIST

Sit together as a family and see if you can brainstorm a list of 25 things you want to do together this year.

Get creative and collaborative! Make sure the items range from totally doable in a day to something that may seem silly or impossible. Work to check things off each month until you make your next one.

FAMILY (C.A.R.E.)



## TAKE 5

Take 5 minutes in the morning to share (and have everyone in the family share) one thing they are grateful for today.

This allows everyone to start their days with a mind and heart filled with gratefulness. As Scarlett Lewis says, "It's hard to have a grateful thought and a negative thought at the same time!"

FAMILY (C.A.R.E.)



## internet essentials

FROM COMCAST

The Chehalis School District has partnered with Comcast to provide basic internet at no cost to you if you qualify for their Internet Essentials Program. Please contact the Chehalis School District Office at (360) 807-7200 and speak with Tara Phillips for assistance with the application process.

The United Way logo, featuring the text "United Way" and a circular icon with a hand holding a person.

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- UTILITY ASSISTANCE
- FOOD ASSISTANCE
- HOUSING ASSISTANCE
- ... MUCH MORE

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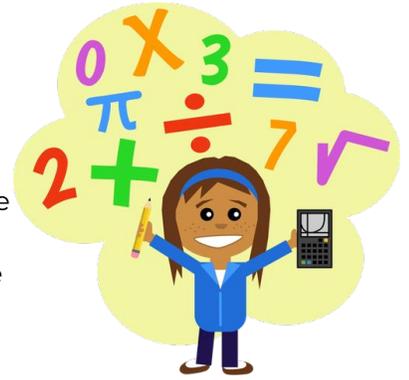
## 2021 Hub City Mission Food Distribution Schedule

We've decided to make our schedule more simple by going with the 2nd and 4th Saturdays every month. So on months where there is a 5th Saturday, our food bank will remain open on the 4th Saturday instead of the 5th. Our hours of operation are 9AM to 10AM on both the 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

# What have our kids been up to?

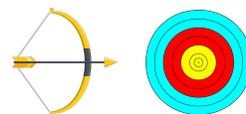


Students in **Mrs. Donahue's** and **Mrs. Duncan's** classes are busy as bees! We have been working hard on writing opinion papers. Students are making claims and supporting their opinions with text evidence and personal anecdotes. In math, we are multiplying like crazy and also exploring the area and perimeter of rectangles. Next up- fractions! Happy New Year!



## Lifetime Fitness (PE)

Classes are practicing their archery skills through December and January. The students learned the safety guidelines, proper technique and the whistle commands. The improvement since the beginning of the unit has been amazing!



**Pictured left is Rylen McConnell. Rylen got a couple of great bullseyes on his turn at archery in PE!**

The **Room 202** 3rd graders are “into” outdoor education this year. Yep, even in the rain!! Once a week for both sets of students, we spend about an hour out in the woods checking out nature. The students are armed with tools to make their observations: clipboards, magnifying glasses, binoculars, field guides, rulers, rubber boots and rain ponchos to borrow, and most importantly . . . time (a surprise blessing from Covid19). We are learning to be good scientists. We are asking questions and then searching for answers. We are taking the time to look closely and learn about things that maybe we have taken for granted before or didn't even know existed. The students are learning to journal about their time in the woods and are encouraged to do the same activities at home.

In the classroom, our pursuit of nature continues with our “normal” science unit about weather, and the things we are writing and reading about. We have also invited nature into our classroom by hanging bird feeders outside our window. What an amazing opportunity to observe nature! Students are learning to identify various birds from the convenience of the classroom window. We currently have juncos, pine siskins (finches), golden-crowned sparrows and an occasional hummingbird.

Students are enthusiastically embracing our nature journey. They truly are curious about what we find in the woods and outside our windows. Hopefully, they will continue to be curious about their surroundings for years to come.

Happy Exploring!  
**-Mrs. Sande**



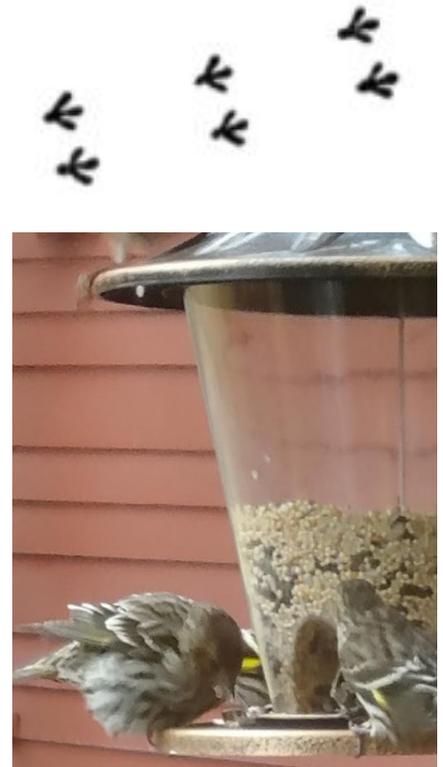
Top left is Aiden Jackson making notes of his find.



Middle left is Izzy Lorent spending time documenting in the sun.



Bottom left is Dale Bort examining the details of a pinecone he found.

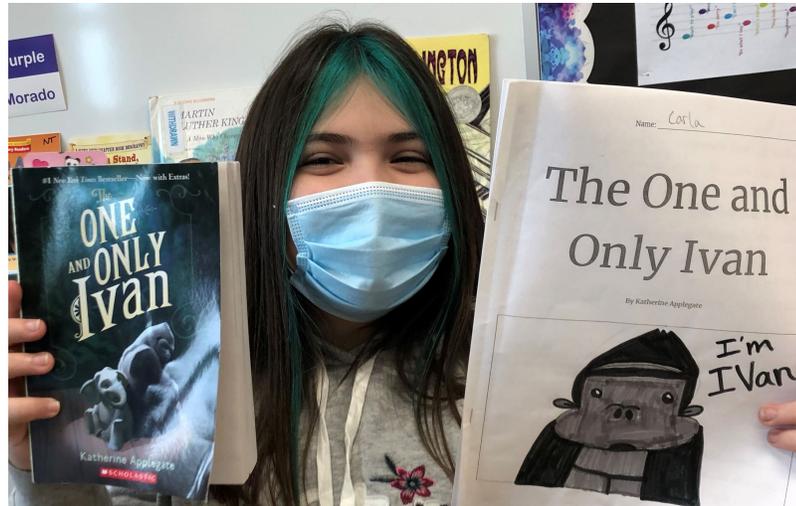
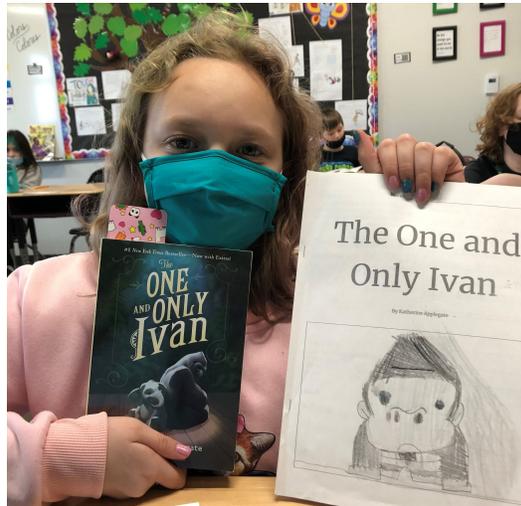


Pictured above is our bird feeder outside of our classroom window.





Students in **Mr. Ashmore's** and **Mrs. Rogerson's** class finished up wheat week, a popular crop grown in Washington and a crop that all students got to plant and take home. Look at the food labels in your house... you'd be surprised at how many products contain wheat!!  
**Stay tuned for our next exciting topic we'll learn about!**



**Mrs. Veach's** 4th grade class is reading and thinking about The One and Only Ivan, by Katherine Applegate. Students are exploring new vocabulary words as they read. They also got a chance to draw a picture of a gorilla, like Ivan, and to learn some interesting gorilla facts.

**Emily Roth** (upper left) & **Carla Garcia** (upper right) sharing their gorilla drawings to resemble Ivan.



So far in music, we have learned about salsa music and jazz music. 3rd graders are working on a drum groove called Ensemble 1, which takes inspiration from music from West Africa! They are busy creating their own patterns in class and working together to make music.

4th and 5th graders have been practicing playing the marimbas in class. Soon, 4th graders will start working on music for their virtual performance which will feature plenty of marimba playing in lieu of singing.

5th grade choir students with Ms. Cook have already been working on an arrangement of "Best Day of My Life" by the American Authors that they play on marimbas as well for their virtual performance. They have been rocking some pretty complicated rhythms, and are excited to show their family what they have accomplished in class!

**~Ms. Cook**



Logan Rollins (left) & Gunner Parker (right) playing instruments in music.



# FEBRUARY 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 	15 NO SCHOOL	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 COUGAR CHARACTER AWARD	26 COUGAR CHARACTER AWARD	27
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# MARCH 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Conference Week 1:00 PM Dismissal	2 Conference Week 1:00 PM Dismissal	3 Conference Week 1:00 PM Dismissal	4 Conference Week 1:00 PM Dismissal	5 Conference Week 1:00 PM Dismissal	6
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# FREE MEALS THROUGH JUNE 11, 2021

ALL students will continue to receive free meals through the end of the school year.

Chehalis School District is encouraging families to continue to submit application for Free & Reduced Meals to assist in the district acquiring funding from appropriate parties.

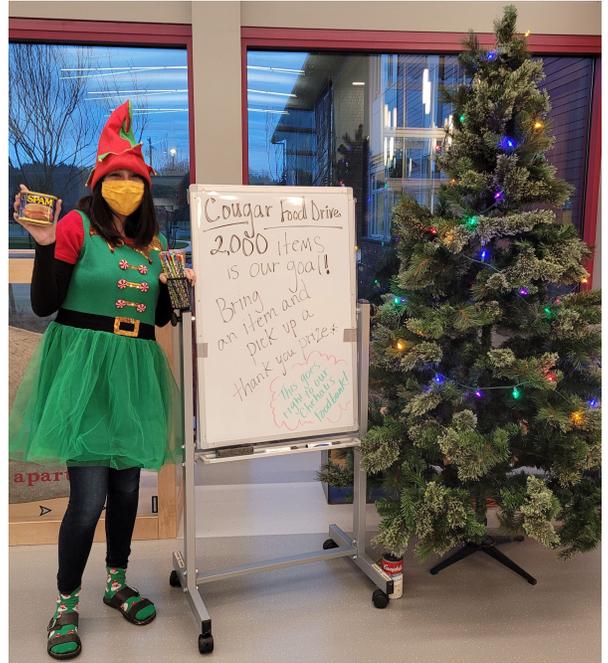
If you would like an application, please contact our office at 360-807-7225.

## THANK YOU



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Our Smith/Lintott combined annual food drive brought in 5,000 pounds of food for our community! That exceeded our goal by 3,000 pounds! We are thrilled that we were able to contribute to the Lewis County Food Bank in such a huge way thanks to all of our families.



Our Holiday Elf, Mrs. Walters, receiving food donations.

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Title IX/Affirmative Action Officer:  
Jeff Johnson, 342 SW 16th St.  
Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7235  
jjohnson2@chehalisschools.org

Section 504/ADA Officer:  
Katie Howell, 2025 SW Salsbury Ave.  
Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7245  
khowell@chehalisschools.org

Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator:  
Dr. Christine Moloney, 310 SW 16th St.  
Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7200  
cmoloney@chehalisschools.org

Title I Notification: Parents can request the following information regarding instructional staff who work with their children:

- Whether or not the child's teacher has met state certification for the grades and subjects she/he is teaching.
- Whether or not the teacher is working with an emergency or conditional certificate where state certification criteria has been waived.
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held, including field of discipline of the certificate or degree.
- If the child receives instructional services from a paraeducator, the paraeducator's qualifications.

Printed copies of the annual school's report or newsletter may be obtained from the Chehalis School District Office at:  
310 SW 16th Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 (360) 807-7200

You may also log on to the district website at <http://www.chehalisschools.org> and click on the appropriate link to view each document.