



Students participate in Hour of Code Activities throughout December, 2017

# Stoner Prairie News

Monthly newsletters to let families know  
about the upcoming events at our school

## January, 2018

### UPCOMING DATES:

January 2 Resume School – Grades 1-5 Swim Unit Begins in Physical Education classes through February 22  
 January 15 No School  
 January 25 Science Fair Presentation for students sponsored by PTO  
 February 1 PTO Fundraiser Paint Night  
 February 2 Report Cards go home with students  
 February 22 Science Fair – more information coming  
 February 27 PTO Meeting

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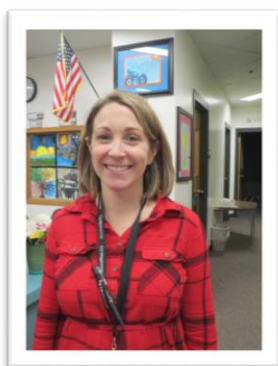
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## Welcome Message from Mr. Pisani

We will use this section of the newsletter to highlight the great work our staff and students are doing in the following areas:

- **Teaching and Learning in Academics and Behavior:** Now that we are back from winter break we are beginning our mid-year assessments for Math and Reading. Kids in all grades will be showing us what they are learning so we can monitor their progress and continue to make instructional refinements.
- **Increase Communication with Families:** We need more *Likes* to our Facebook page. We post pictures and updates daily to Facebook. Our goal is to get to 500 *Likes*.
- **Enhanced Collaboration--**We are still looking for family/caregivers interested in being part of our Family Engagement Group: This is a group that collaborates with school staff to continue to make Stoner Prairie even better. The goal is to meet 4 times per school year. The next meeting will be in late January and will be scheduled when members are established. If you are interested in this group you can contact Mike Pisani at [pisanim@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:pisanim@verona.k12.wi.us). To keep everyone involved and informed, we will have a brief newsletter to share each month. Please be sure to send your feedback to me so we can be certain to provide the news that is most helpful to you at [pisanim@verona.k12.wi.us](mailto:pisanim@verona.k12.wi.us) or 845-4210.

## Staff Spotlight: Ms. Schlitz, Guidance Counselor



Liz Schlitz is our School Counselor at Stoner Prairie and she teaches guidance lessons in the classrooms every other week around topics like: Skills for Learning, Empathy, Emotion Management, Problem Solving, Bullying and Career Exploration. She also works with students in small groups and individually to build social/emotional skills and work through conflicts. Along with Ms. Prathivadi, Ms. Schlitz is the lead to the Behavior Implementation Team that meets monthly to evaluate and plan the school's universal behavior supports. Ms. Schlitz also welcomes our new families to Stoner Prairie and organizes the 5th grade Greatness Patrol.

This is Ms. Schlitz's 5th year at Stoner Prairie and she deeply appreciates the opportunity to work with such a passionate and caring group of educators, students and families. Ms. Schlitz will be welcoming her second child in the spring of this year!

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*Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible, Be a Problem Solver*

## CURRICULUM UPDATE

Each day, students engage in a variety of math activities to support and deepen their mathematical understanding. You might walk into any classroom and see students working as a whole group with the teacher, learning new concepts or in small groups/partnerships. Learners also have many opportunities to practice their new skills independently using technology. Throughout the school year, teachers will provide the students with instruction and learning experiences in the Number System, Operations and Algebraic Thinking, Measurement and Data, and Geometry. Heavy emphasis is placed on problem solving and mathematical discourse. Teachers continually monitor and assess student progress and plan for the needs of each of their learners. We encourage all students to have a Growth Mindset and have FUN when learning mathematics!



## BEHAVIOR UPDATE

In the weeks to come, all our students will receive behavior expectation training in following school environments: lunchroom, playground and bus.

These environments were identified for additional training based on our behavior data review from the 1st part of the year. Recess Crew, a subcommittee of our student Greatness Patrol, will lead the playground training and have been working hard to get ready. The other environments will be led by adult school staff.