

NARRAGANSETT NEWS

Artwork by Mathew Ladd

A Narragansett Elementary School Publication | <http://narragansett.gorhamschools.org> | Oct./Nov. 2016

Narragansett's Important Dates

November 21	Picture Re-Take Day
November 22	School Colors Day and LipDub Performance
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Holiday No School
Dec. 7th	Early Release
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	Holiday Vacation/No School
Jan. 2	Happy New Year/No School
Jan. 3	Welcome Back to School

Mark your Calendars

HOLIDAY FEAST

was on Thursday, November 17, 2016

Baked Potato with Broccoli & Cheese
Baked Ziti and Whole Wheat Roll
Garden Salad and Pineapple
Peas, corn and whole Grain
Brownie Cookie was thoroughly enjoyed by students!

Narragansett News Staff

Editor in Chief: Mrs. Remick
General Manager: Mrs. McColl
Publisher: SAIL
Writer and Editor: Ella Downing
Science: Finn Henderson/Taylor Farr
Comics: Niklas Chaney/Taylor Farr
Riddles: Niklas Chaney/Taylor Farr
Reporter: Riley Dever/Finn Henderson
Layout Designer/Photographer: Julia Reed
Photographer/Reporter: Grace Desmond
Artists: Mathew Ladd and Mrs. McColl

NARRAGANSETT NEWS

A Student Newsletter

By: Ella Downing (5th grade)



Photographed above L to R: Grace Desmond, Julia Reed, Ella Downing, Mathew Ladd, Finn Henderson, Taylor Farr, Niklas Chaney and Riley Dever.

We would like to introduce the school's 2016-2017 newsletter called the "Narragansett News." The Narragansett News will be available bimonthly for printing and reading online on the school's web page

The Narragansett News is written by students for students about Narragansett school activities, Gorham Community events as well as student interests in National and Global Current Events.

You may also find special lunch announcements, classroom events from different

grades, important dates, art stories, science, riddles and history highlights from Narragansett Teacher's Classrooms.

If you have something you or your classroom would like to share and would like us to include in the Narragansett News please let one our student staff members know. We are very proud that we will have Narragansett News.

The Narragansett News staff wishes you all a great Thanksgiving holiday and we'll see you in the paper!

RIDDLES from Niklas and Taylor

Can you answer these riddles? Find out the answers in the next Narragansett News!

Q1: A train leaves Halifax, Nova Scotia heading towards Vancouver, British Columbia at 120 km/hr. Three hours later, a train leaves Vancouver heading towards Halifax at 180 km/hr. Assume there's exactly 6,000 kilometers between Vancouver and Halifax. When they meet, which train is closer to Halifax?

Q2: What can run but can't walk?

NARRAGANSETT NEWS

Artwork by Mathew Ladd

A Narragansett Elementary School Publication | <http://narragansett.gorhamschools.org> | Oct./Nov. 2016

Open Mic Day!

By: Grace Desmond (5th grade)



Have you ever heard of open mic day? Well, if you haven't then The Narragansett Newsletter will introduce a whole new idea to you!

On October 20th through the 21st our Open Mic Day was in room 22 in the west wing at Narragansett School. Ms Smith's room was set up with a stage with fabric curtains.

The Open Mic Day was to give Mrs. Adolf and Ms. Smith's classes the opportunity to share the wonderful stories that their students worked very hard on.

Through several weeks both classes were working on writing stories. We all got to write and publish any kind of story that we wanted. First we worked on a rough draft then we revised and edited. Once we had our final stories ready we were able to publish, print and submit them to the Writers Guild. The Writers Guild is when a student has finished their cover and has printed their story. After that the student or students get to do all these fun activities with a deck of Storybook Cards, the rolling of story dice and choosing large index cards with writing challenges.

We do Open Mic Day because it allows students to feel confident about their creative writing and to share their stories with the class.

Teachers grade us on speaking, posture, eye contact and the volume of our voices which is how loud or how quiet we speak. Teachers thought of this idea because they wanted all students to hear everyone's stories, to get us ready for upcoming presentations during school, and so we can strive to get better at both sharing and writing stories. The teacher's idea was brilliant.

Some of the students that shared their stories were: Abigail Noyes, Paige Piawlock, Grace Desmond, Jakob Buckley, and Giada Girard, Amber Bretton, Kalin Curtis, Eli Castro, Montana Leslie, and Jacob Mora.

As an observer, many students looked nervous, some of them looked like they were enjoying what they were hearing and what they were reading. Now that you know what Open Mic Day is all about maybe your classroom would like to try it too?

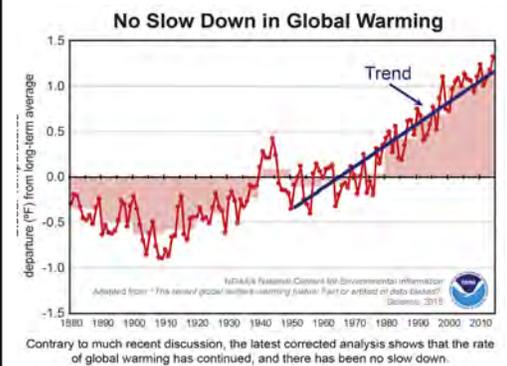
Global Warming

By: Finn Henderson (4th grade)

Global warming is a very serious event that will affect all of us. It will ruin the economy and the world. The polar bears and panda bears will go extinct. The polar ice caps will melt and tides will rise, flooding the lowlands and forcing the countries like Italy into an ice age. What is an ice age? It turns almost everything less than -100 degrees fahrenheit.

The tides will rise at least 500 feet in 100 years. This means that it will flood downtown Gorham including Narragansett school.

Scientists' measurements show that sea levels around the globe have risen by about 1.3 inches per decade since 1990. Precise measurements from satellites as well as tide gauges indicate that this rise has accelerated over the past 20 years, up from the previous rate of 0.7 inch per decade in the last half of the 20th century. New research suggests that if we continue pumping carbon dioxide into our atmosphere at a high rate globally, the water level along the coasts could rise another 2.6 to 5.3 feet in the next 100 years. (<http://www.ucsusa.org/>)



NARRAGANSETT NEWS

Artwork by Mathew Ladd

A Narragansett Elementary School Publication | <http://narragansett.gorhamschools.org> | Oct./Nov. 2016

Veteran's Day

By: Ella Downing (5th grade)

There are a lot of people that don't know why we celebrate Veteran's day and I am here to tell you why. Veteran's Day is a holiday that is celebrated on November 11. Veteran's Day is an official United States public holiday, Veteran's Day celebrates military veterans and how they served for our country.

Many people get Memorial Day and Veteran's Day mixed up but they are actually quite different. Memorial Day doesn't celebrate living military veterans like Veteran's Day, instead it celebrates the people that died while serving for our country.

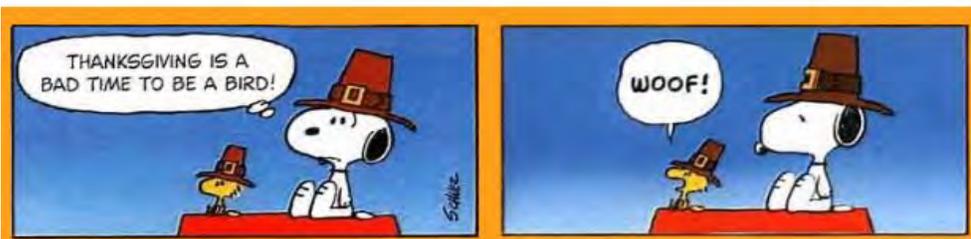
So when you get a day off from school on November 11th remember those people that risked their lives to keep our country safe, instead of just shopping and raking leaves. (History.org and Wikipedia)

Narragansett Students Vote



Narragansett 4th and 5th grade students voted during the 2016 Presidential Election.

Peanuts by Charles Schulz credit: GoComics.com



Mark Your Calendars!

1st 2nd and Kindergarten
Students are participating in
A Fall Concert at **Narragansett**
On **December 15**
At **6:30 pm**



NARRAGANSETT NEWS

Artwork by Mathew Ladd

A Narragansett Elementary School Publication | <http://narragansett.gorhamschools.org> | Oct./Nov. 2016

Harvest Lunch

An Interview, by Riley Dever

We enjoyed Harvest Lunch so much at Narragansett we wanted find out more about it.

RD:What is your name?

RC: My name is Raina Cooper and I am the Kitchen Manager at Narragansett.

RD:What was happening?

RC: Our school is having harvest lunch.

RD:When was the harvest lunch?

RC: The harvest lunch was on 10-5-16.

RD:Where did the harvest lunch take place?

A:The harvest lunch is at Narragansett Elementary School every year in the school's lunchroom.

Q:Why was the harvest lunch happening?

A:The harvest lunch happens to support our local farmers and share fresh fruits and vegetable options with the students.



The History of Halloween

By Julia Reed (4th grade)

Halloween is one of the oldest holidays still celebrated today. It was thought to have originated by the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain to honor the dead. Samhain signifies "summers end" or November.

When people would light bonfires and wear costumes to scare off roaming spirits, They also carved out pumpkins to ward off evil spirits. Because the Celts believed the souls of the dead roamed the streets and villages at night and not all spirits were thought to be friendly, gifts and treats were left out to pacify the evil and to ensure that the

next year's crops would be good.

In the eighth century Pope Gregory III decided to dedicate November 1 to honoring all saints and martyrs and called it All Saints Day.

It incorporated some of the Samhain traditions and the night before was called All Hallows Eve; later called Halloween. Now it has evolved into a kid friendly holiday that's lots of fun. (<http://www.halloween-website.com/history.htm>)