

December 16th – December 20th

The Artemus Weekly

Every Scholar, Every Moment, Every Day: **Attend, Believe, Achieve!**



Staff,

In advance of the holidays, I would like to wish everyone the best this season. You are an amazing staff and I'm blessed to know and work with you. Please extend my best wishes to your families.

Be sure to **keep instruction rigorous and aligned this week**. With Spirit Week in full effect attendance will be better than usual, but the expectation is that instruction is taking place the entirety of the week and holiday **activities are aligned to standards**. This is the time to be creative, but be sure to ground instruction in **complex text, and math instruction that focuses on the aspect of rigor and math discourse**.

Our **Facebook page** is up and in full swing. If you have not liked our page and you are on FB please be sure to do so. To access search: "**Artemus Ward Elementary School**". Our enrollment is low and this is part of a multi-tiered approach to retain and recruit new students by advertising the many awesome things that are taking place. It is imperative that we show our community the great things that are happening in our school every day. That being said I need you to assist in posting. If we lose enough student eventually we will lose staff, so lets work together to show our parents why Artemus Ward is the best choice for their child.

During PD this week we will be allocating 50min. to supporting Mr. Szwagulak's **Every Child Deserves a Christmas** initiative. We will be reporting to the Art Room for the 2nd half of PD. Way to go Szwag.!!!

-Mr. Myslenski

Misc. Update:

- The attendance incentive for the month of December will be for perfect attendance. Students on Friday will receive a decorated holiday cookie if they have perfect attendance.
- Fire Drill is scheduled for Monday 12/16 at 3:00 pm.

Upcoming Dates and Reminders:

Mon:	9:00am-3:40pm	Reg Bell Schedule
Tues:	9:00am-3:40pm	Reg Bell Schedule
Wed:	9:00am-3:40pm	PD: 50min.PLC/ 50min Gift Wrap
Thurs:	9:00am-3:40pm	Reg Bell Schedule
Fri:	9:00am-3:40pm	Winter Break Begins EOD

Going the Extra Mile to make reading fun!!!



Mrs. Brown went the extra mile and received over 500 stuffed animals for our scholars to adopt as reading buddies. Students got to name them and promised to read to them 20 min. each night! Way to go Mrs. Brown!

Quote of the Week 12/16:

"Grades help enhance achievement and foster learning progress only when they are paired with individualized comments that offer guidance and direction for improvement." -Thomas Guskey



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

Referral Update:

	K	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	Total
Week 10/21	0	7	2	2	8	2	2	2	12	37
Week 10/28	0	4	1	0	9	1	2	2	4	23
Week 11/4	0	7	3	1	6	1	3	3	3	27
Week 11/12	0	8	3	0	5	3	7	3	7	36
Week 11/19	0	6	2	1	5	1	5	5	10	35
Week 11/25	0	4	1	0	4	0	0	3	5	16
Week 12/2	0	9	5	0	7	0	8	1	1	31
Week 12/9	0	9	6	1	6	5	7	1	3	38

As we continue to address aggressive behaviors consider the following strategies to use when a student is angry.

- **Stay Calm:** Using a strong, hostile tone towards the student will only escalate it more.
- **Observe:** As long as the student is not endangering themselves or others, give them space and watch them to allow them to calm down.
- **Ignore:** If the anger is mild and the students is not harming themselves or others, give them space and address it later when student is calm.
- **Calm the student:** You may want to say, "I know you are frustrated," and, "We will talk about it later."

PBIS Updates:

- Our next school store will be Friday December 20th. Please post in your classroom for students. Grades 3 – 8 can shop in the morning and grades K – 2 will be called down.
- Cardinal Competition for grades 3 – 5 will be period 7 on Friday 12/20. Cardinal Competition for grades 6 – 8 will be period 8 on Friday as well; however, the event will most likely be a staff vs. student activity
- If you have any items you think would be great in the school store, please let Mrs. Beets know. And any donations to the school store are greatly appreciated.

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Curriculum and PD Updates

- ANet A2 testing will be from this Monday, December 16 through Wednesday, December 18th. If you haven't already, please let both myself and Mr. Widman know your testing schedule. We want to make sure that Chrome books are set up and that everyone is not testing at the same time. We are trying to prevent wi-fi issues. The informational email was sent out on Friday.
- The refrigerator and freezer in the Teacher's Lounge will be cleaned out prior to Christmas Break. Please make sure that you have everything out of there that has expired. Dates will be checked and old items tossed.
- PD this week will be our PreK-3, Math and ELA PLC's

- Liz Cree

OUR GOALS:

- Percent of students reaching NWEA growth targets >80%
- Percent of students exceeding the 50%percentile in NWEA achievement is > 40%
- Decrease the number of limited students > 10%
- Increase the number of students proficient or above >10%
- Increase our overall Performance Index by > 5 points
- Improve all metrics of Conditions for Learning by 3 points.
- Attendance > 93%



Pocketful of SUNSHINE Corner



“If you see someone without a smile,

Give them one of yours!”

Staff Birthdays-December

12/6 – Darryl Shinault

12/14 – Ashley Rose

12/16 – Matt Pempin

12/20 – Barbara Bisaroe

12/25 – Kathy Pecek

12/31 – Jana Funk

NEWS

- **Staff Holiday Party**: Saturday, December 7th 7:00-10:00 at Brew Garden Strongsville
\$10 per person (+1 welcome)
money due 12/2/19
- **Secret Santa**:
 - picking names 12/11.
 - gifting begins 12/16
 - reveal on 12/20

Sunshine Committee

- Heidi Cooper, chair
- Joanne Herbele
- Adria Vega
- Cassandra Carter
- Erin Thomas
- Lisa O'Donnell
- Allison Spence
- Carol Stofan
- Tamera Taylor

What have we been doing?

We put November Extra Thankful treats in everyone's mailbox. We ordered staff t-shirts, which arrived and look amazing! We sent a card to Tricia Allen following the loss of her grandfather. Please continue to keep Mrs. Lacey's family in your thoughts and prayers as they deal with the news of her father.

If you hear or know of any events or circumstances that Sunshine should be aware, please contact any of the committee members.

Important Links

ANET

<https://my.achievementnetwork.org/my/standards>

Writing

<http://www.vermontwritingcollaborative.org/WPDEV/>

ODE AIR Portal

<https://oh.portal.airast.org/users/teachers.shtml>

NWEA Resources

MathNWEA RiT Tool: Use this to look align students learning path and learn about the continuum

<http://rittoresource.org>

MAP Math: Use this for activities that are aligned to were students are on the continuum

<http://www.sowashco.org/ro//pages/studentlinks/map/>

NWEA MATH Activities: Use this as a resource for activities and lessons aligned by RiT

<https://sites.google.com/a/wfsd.k12.ny.us/nwea/math-map-activities>

NWEA Reading Activities: Use this as a resource for activities and lessons aligned by RiT

<https://sites.google.com/a/wfsd.k12.ny.us/nwea/map-reading-activities>

Ideas for Centers that can be implemented in your classroom:

http://www.busyteacherscafe.com/literacy_centers/

http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/Lesson_Plans/Learning_Centers/Literacy_Centers/

http://www.atozteacherstuff.com/Lesson_Plans/Learning_Centers/Math_Centers