



Park Elementary News

ISD 423

Distance Learning Edition

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Important Dates

December 23-Jan 1—No School, Winter Break

January 4—Distance Learning Continues

January 18—No School (MLK Jr. Day)

January 19—Students return 'In Person'

February —2 hour late start

February 11—No School, Evening Conferences

February 12—No School, Conferences

February 15—No School President's Day



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A Message from the Principal—Mr. Olberg

Life is hard right now for many of us. We are in the middle of a pandemic trying to follow all of the rules and educate our students the best that we can. Those of you at home are doing the same - trying to balance jobs, family life, and monitor your children when they are usually at school. I am very proud of how our community has come together to make school a priority for our students. So how are our children in Hutchinson? The answer lies in us - the adults, teachers, and parents. For the most part, a child's well-being is directly linked to the well-being of the important adults that are in their lives. As I have popped into Google Meetings and have the chance to interact with the students, I have noticed confident and resilient students. Again, a direct link to the resilient and confident adults in their lives. Thank you for all that you have done to be a positive role model for your children during the past 9 months. Thank you for guiding your children through this pandemic and showing them what it takes to make it through a challenging period of time! We will look back at 2020 and see that there were silver linings and life lessons that have made us better people. Let's all hope for a more normal 2021! Have a wonderful break!



Report Cards are available on the Parent Portal. Paper copies will not be sent out for the fall trimester.

To access your child's report card [click here](#).



Mrs. Hartman and Mrs. Weisenberger were surprised with some thank you messages! We have such thoughtful students at Park Elementary.



[Click here to watch the Virtual Holiday Sing Along!](#)

Daily Announcements

Be sure to watch the Daily Announcements. It's a fun way to start your day and it's important to stay informed and connected with the Park Elementary happenings. Fellow classmates and members of the *Park Elementary News Crew* help share the announcements. Mr. Durham even helps us locate Sport the Elf! Announcements can be viewed on our [website](#) daily.



Around the Building



Tiger Teamwork

The Custodial Department

Our Custodial department provides numerous services for all students and staff at Park Elementary. They are professionals dedicated to providing a clean and safe learning environment. We appreciate all of their tear-down and set-up efforts to accommodate distance learning and the Critical Sector Worker Child Care. They keep busy with thorough covid-level cleaning. The department prides themselves on maintaining our beautiful building and keeping staff and students safe.

Pictured: Theresa, Dawn, Anthony, Tony, and Kyle.



Study Buddies

Mrs. Maiers asked her 5th graders to bring their "study buddy" to morning meeting. Look closely, you'll see some adorable stuffed animals and family pets! Treyton even went outside to show the class his outdoor cat and Leland showed his pet snake!



Checks For Children

PTO Fundraiser

We are still accepting donations for Park Elementary's Checks for Children fundraiser. Donations will go towards supplies, equipment, educational programs, and special projects. **We have raised \$6,510 so far!** The goal is \$25 per student. A local business donated \$1,000—it all helps, big or small, and we're so grateful! See the goal thermometer to the right for student incentives. Drop off or mail checks to Park Elementary, 100 Glen St SW Hutchinson, MN 55350 or visit our [Go Fun Me page](#).

**Thank you for supporting
Park Elementary and the PTO.**

PTO CHECKS FOR CHILDREN GOAL THERMOMETER



Distance Learning Happenings

Park Elementary



Making Change

Ms. Peller's second graders are practicing with their coins! They are working on making change under a dollar. They have practiced "buying" products with the coins and finding the corresponding amount of change. In the picture, the students are holding up their practice money!



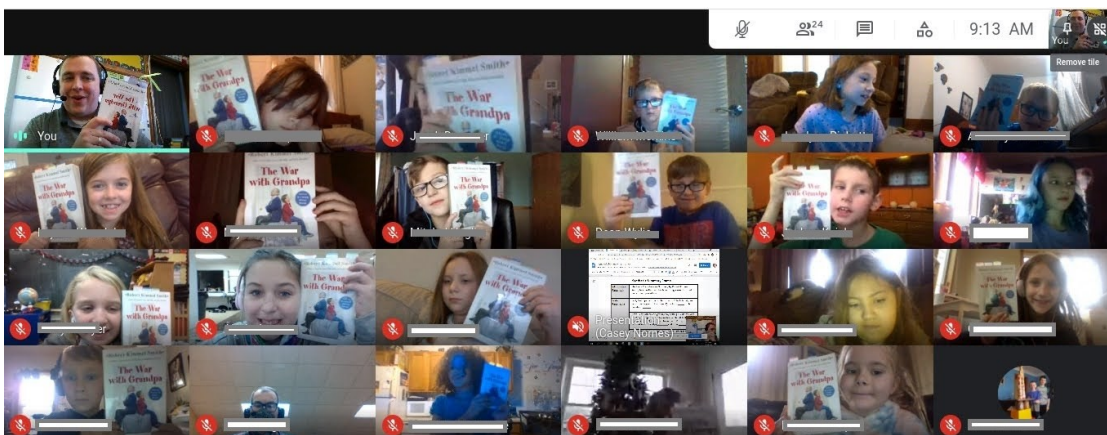
The War With Grandpa

Mr. Nornes—3rd Grade

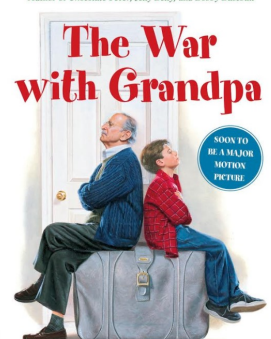
Mr. Nornes' 3rd Graders have been reading a novel called *The War With Grandpa*. The movie just came out in theatres, but the kids know the book is much better! The main character, Peter, is excited for his Grandpa to come live with his family—until he finds out he needs to give up the room! He loves his room, it is sentimental to him! He has no choice but to declare war, but who will be hurt in the process? Peter learns there are much better ways to resolve conflict than going to war with your family.

Through the course of this book students have found evidence supporting their predictions, discovered the author's message, and shared their learning through discussion and writing. They did this all while learning from home. Our students are amazing! Thank you to the families for all their support to make this happen!

Students recorded a synthesis summary of the book. [Click here to listen!](#)



•Robert Kimmel Smith•
Author of *Chocolate Fever*, *Jelly Belly*, and *Bobby Baseball*





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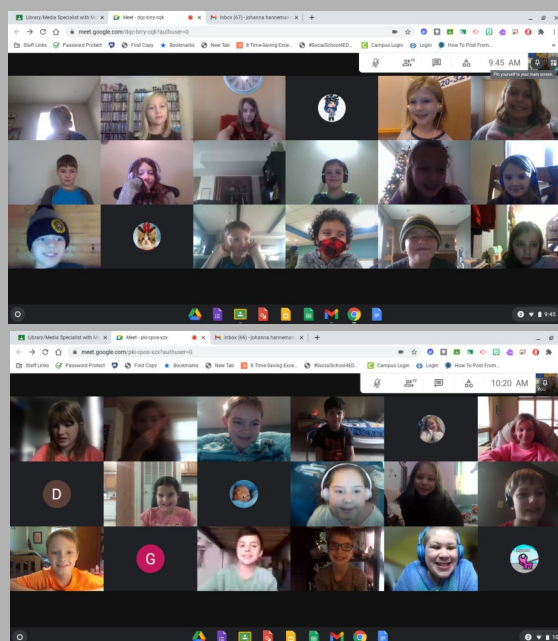
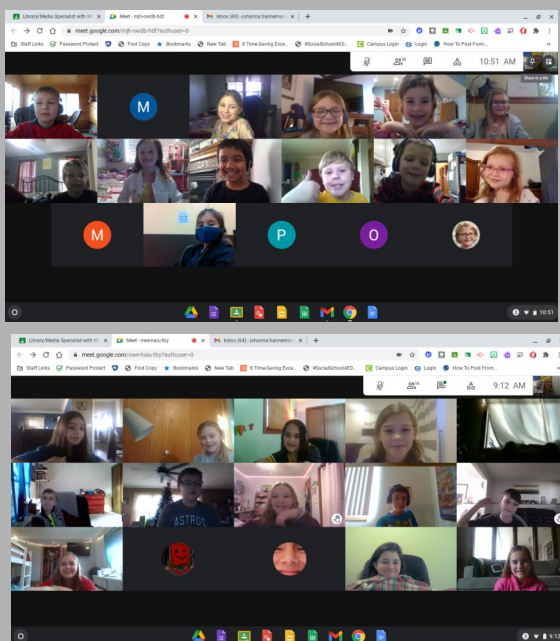
Prior to distance learning, students were navigating our upgraded library catalog, called [Destiny Discover](#)! They learned how to personalize their browsing experience by rating books and indicating which ones are their favorite. Furthermore, they learned how to search for favorite topics/authors. Fourth and fifth graders were introduced to the joy of filters and how they can help narrow down search results to be exactly the type of book that they are looking for. Students have become really proficient at searching for desired topics and series!



Throughout the month of December, we have been focusing on digital safety/citizenship for 2nd and 3rd grade students whereas 4th and 5th grade have focused on digital footprints. 2nd and 3rd graders heard from a character *Clicky*, about the 4 rules of internet safety (see provided image from [NetSmartz Kids](#)). 4th and 5th graders learned how to be mindful of the types of information that they choose to share online. There were wonderful discussions with all grade levels as students shared their experiences and expertise. All Park students will be receiving a book-mark about being a good digital citizen to serve as a helpful reminder of how to behave online.

For more family information about the importance of digital safety and citizenship, see the following links, geared for adults:

- [Common Sense Media Privacy and Internet Safety Parent/Guardian Information](#)
- [Google's Be Internet Awesome - Digital Safety Resources](#)
- [National CyberSecurity Alliance - Raising Digital Citizens](#)

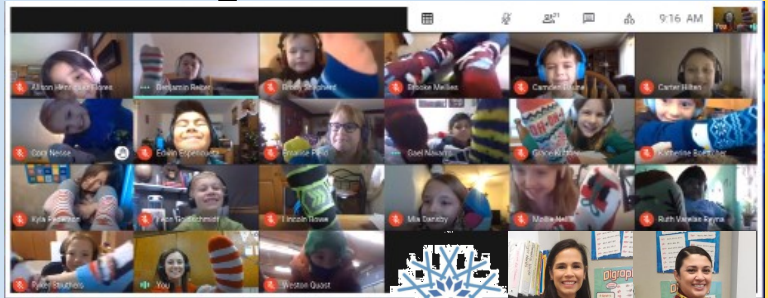


Keep Reading During the Break!

- Epic (available via the Tiger Portal)
- [Tumblebooks](#) (username: park423 // password: Tigers)
- [TBC Jr](#) (username: park 423 // password: login)
- [ELibrary Minnesota](#) (no username required)



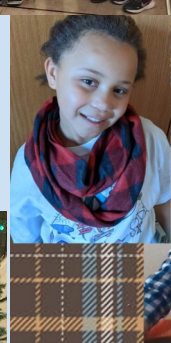
Festive Fun!



FESTIVE FROZEN FUN:



We had fun this month with the Festive Frozen Fun dress up themes!



Happy Holidays!