

BELLE MEADE



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School Calendar

December 13 Hanukkah begins
 December 19 Ugly Sweater Day
 December 20 Holiday Party & PJ Day
 December 21 Winter Break begins
 December 25 Christmas Day
 December 26 Kwanza

January 1 New Year's Day
 January 3 Winter Break ends (back to school)
 January 4 First day of skiing
 January 11 Second day of skiing
 January 18 Third day of skiing
 January 25 Fourth day of skiing

February 1 Fifth day of skiing
 February 2 Groundhog Day
 February 8 Sixth day of skiing
 February 12 Honest Abe's Birthday
 February 14 Valentine's Day
 February 15 Last day of skiing
 February 16 SnowBall



Trimester Dinner

The 1st trimester dinner was before Thanksgiving break in November. It was a Greek and Roman (Italian) themed potluck dinner celebrating the end of the trimester. All Belle Meade students, parents, friends, and staff were invited to celebrate together. For entertainment, people played the recorder, the Belle Meade Band played some songs, and a few people read their Writer's Eye stories from English & Humanities class. "The food was good. There is always good food," said Alyssa. Lucas commented: "Being MC was really fun, and the Belle Meade Band was really awesome!" Flora added: "It was really nerve-racking to be up there performing on the stage, but it was fun to play with everybody." Charlotte commented that it "was classy but homey at the same time. I got to meet new people which was nice. Lucas was a great entertainer! And the food was really good." - Flora & Lucas



Class Update:

In English, students have been working on Native Cultures & Indigenous Peoples projects. Stephen's project is on the Aztec culture of Mexico. He said, "The Aztecs were a brutal and primitive culture". Sofie commented, "The Mayans were also very brutal." The History class is writing a skit about the Inca culture. Geography class is studying South America, learning about the people, cultures, and geography of the area. In Alice's math class, students are studying fractions and powers of numbers, working with physical objects (like blocks). In pre-Algebra, the class has started using a new website called Khan Academy for class. Stephen and Lucas are using two books and are alternating days on each one. In Geometry, students are learning theorems and postulates. In Biology, students are learning about genetics, cellular functions and soon we will be studying our own DNA. In Integrated Science, students have just finished working on testing some chemicals and household items to see if they are colloids, solutions, or suspensions. They also tested if they had the tyndall effect and precipitate. Sabrina said that she enjoyed mixing all the chemicals and testing them. In Latin 1, students are doing many things such as learning nominative, accusative, and ablatives. Latin 2 continues to work on translations. Spanish 1 is learning verbs and conjugations, as well as school vocabulary. Spanish 2 is learning imperfect tense and reflexive verbs, and Spanish 3 is studying the present progressive. For Music class, students are doing a toy band in which they take child toys and play more advanced songs with them such as "Goofy Goober Rock" and the song "Crimson Day". In Art, the students are working on an installation that involves tracing and cutting winter scenes out of paper to hang around the school.

- Sofie, Stephen, Charlotte, Alyssa



Holiday Parade

This year's Holiday Parade was in Little Washington on Sunday, December 10. The parade participants consisted of Ezra, Susan, Mike, Alice, Lilie, Wes, Stephen, Will, Avi, Oliver, Charlotte, Kimber, and Maddie. Everybody sang their parts and the music was good. The recorder song performed by the high school was really good.

Lilie said: "The parade was fun because we got to sing and drink hot chocolate! We sang Sevivon Sov Sov Sov and The Rakes of Malo". Stephen commented: "I was the Belle Meade Bear so I couldn't see much, but there was a lot of manure because of the llamas. Charlotte enjoyed the marching band: "There was a guy playing the electric guitar," she said. "I liked how they were all in-step." She played tambourine and sang.
- Wes, Lilie, Will



Farm/CSA/Garden

In the garden, we pick food and weed the beds. We also water and put straw in the beds of the greenhouse. The garden chore group is also in charge of firewood so we're the ones who get blamed when the school gets cold.

For the CSA people get food, chicken, and vegetables from the farm every 2 weeks. Stephen has a high opinion of the Belle Meade CSA: "We usually make salad, chicken salad, and get sweet potatoes. We bake them, cut them, and stick cinnamon inside. If you like good, natural food (not GMO corn), then come to Belle Meade and get your CSA!" Charlotte likes when her family gets chicken and vegetables: "We turn the vegetables into a roast and put them inside of the chicken then we cook the chicken. It's really good! Vegetable-stuffed chicken," she said. Alyssa agrees: "I like that we always have some sort of vegetable in the fridge," she commented. "The CSA is a good farm-supporting and organic option." Lucas added: "It's really good, quality food. We make fried chicken, Kimber-style."

- Sabrina, Charlotte, Stephen

Secret Friends

Last week, Belle Meade students and staff drew names to do kind things for each other as secret friends. Charlotte wrote a poem for her person one day. The person that drew Charlotte left her delicious snacks each day and left her nice notes. A note was left on John's door that said, "John's classes are fun!" Everyone got into the spirit of kindness and helped build relationships in our community.

-Charlotte



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