



# Yaakity Yaak

School Newsletter

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## Teacher's Corner

We have been busy practicing for our winter school play, The Mitten, which we will perform on Wednesday, Jan. 24th at 5:00 pm. It will be at the Community Center. We have also been having fun and learning a lot with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) projects each week. We are excited about our "Greenhouse/Garden Grant" that we were awarded from The Yaak Forrest Council. We also will be going on a skiing field trip to Schweitzer Mountain with McCormick School at the end of this month.  
*Rose Wilson, Head Teacher*



Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>  
No School Fridays

January 17<sup>th</sup>  
Board Meeting

January 24<sup>th</sup>  
Winter Program

January 30<sup>th</sup>  
Schweitzer Mountain Field Trip

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
No School Fridays

February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>  
No School PIR Days

February 19<sup>th</sup> Presidents' Day  
No School

February 21<sup>st</sup>  
Board Meeting



## Home of the Bobcats

### January 2018

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### February 2018

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## Winter Play

Our play, The Mitten, was a huge success. There was standing room only. We were without power the entire school day and rehearsed without microphones and lights. The lights came on about 5 minutes into the play. Everyone cheered! The Yaak School students had a great time performing and had so many compliments from the community. Thanks to everyone that came and supported our students.

## Student Spotlight

Yaak Student of the Month is 8th grader, Jaden Holly. This quarter he has made incredible gains in math! Jaden is also our tech guru. He is a role model to all the younger students in our school. Way to go, Jaden!



## Follow Us

The schools web site is up and running! The site is loaded with information. If you see something that is not on the page that you feel would be helpful just call Diane at the clerk's office. She updates and maintains the page.

[yaakschool.org](http://yaakschool.org)

Watch our website and FB Page for pictures of our Schweitzer Trip



## Board of Trustees

The Board would like to thank, Elizabeth Vick and Rose Wilson for their hard work on the Garden Grant! Robyn King and Shawna Kelsey of The Yaak Valley Forest Council came up to the school and presented the school with a check for \$1,000.00 dollars to be used for the greenhouse projects. The students and staff would like to thank the YVFC for the wonderful opportunity this gives them to improve the green house and do new things that we could not have done without the grant. Keep watching our FB page and monthly newsletter for updates about our planned projects.



## Greenhouse News

We are getting ready to put in an order for our seeds for the 2018 growing season. This year we are hoping to offer vegetable, fruit, herbs, and bee loving flower starts. We'd love to offer items that are of interest to the community. If there is anything in particular you wish to plant this year, let us know by the end of February. We can order the seeds and have those starts available for you come spring. Feel free to call Betz Vick at 295-7942, or by email at [elizabethmvick@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmvick@gmail.com)



## SAFETY CORNER

### Candles

Candles create a soothing and beautiful ambience, but they can also be deadly. According to National Fire Protection Association data from 2009 to 2013, candles caused 6% of home fire deaths. Remember **C-A-N-D-L-E** for your safety:



**C**heck that candleholders you use are heat resistant.

**A**void using candles in the bedroom — more than one-third of fires start in bedrooms.

**N**ever place candles near flammable items including books, curtains and paper — 58% of home candle fires started this way.

**D**on't place candles near drafts and fans.

**L**imit candle use around small children and pets. **Better yet:** Don't light candles unless you're providing 100% supervision.

**E**xtinguish candles before leaving the room. Make sure wicks are no longer glowing.

## Winter Boredom Buster



Grow Your Own Geodes

To make beautiful geodes in your own kitchen you need more patience and time than anything else!

Here is the basic recipe to start you off in the world of beautiful geodes.

3 Tablespoons Borax

1 Cup boiling water

Food coloring

Pipe cleaners

Large jar, glass or pitcher

Dish cloth, Skewer, butter knife, chop stick, Fishing line.

The color of the pipe cleaner is what decides the color of your crystals. If you only have white pipe cleaners, you can use food coloring in the water to dye them. Shape the pipe cleaner(s) and thread fishing line through the edge. Put it in your empty container and using a skewer, butter knife or chop stick, tie the ends around it so that your pipe cleaner shape doesn't touch the sides

or bottom of your container.

Once you've got it tied off at the right height, remove it from the container before you add your water. Bring water to a boil and carefully pour into your container. Add the Borax and food coloring, stirring until the Borax is completely dissolved. Add your pipe cleaner shape tied to the skewer, butter knife or chop stick and cover with a dish cloth. Let sit overnight or about 5 hours. Uncover and be amazed! The longer your geode is immersed in the water, the bigger the crystals will be. I believe that what little affect the food coloring has will fade pretty quickly. Cover your geodes with a coat of clear nail polish if you use food coloring.



## Clerk's Corner

Oh the deadlines! The next few months are a busy time here in clerkville! With yearend tax information that needs to be out by the new deadline of January 31st, the window for Declaration of Intent and Oath of Candidacy for Trustee Candidates for this year's election opened Dec. 14th and will close March 29th. In February I start the process for the Tri-Annual Financial Review, the Significant Needs Grant filing window should open in late Feb. or early March. Then I am on to election preparation.

If you are interested in being on the ballot for the 3 year Trustee position please contact me either by: phone 295-9311 or e-mail

[schoolclerk@yaakschool.org](mailto:schoolclerk@yaakschool.org) and I will get you the needed documents. Please keep in mind you must be a registered voter in our district to declare your candidacy.