

Sledding at Sandy Creek!

UPK Students at Sandy Creek were recently treated to a fun day of sledding. Students and teachers alike took turns sledding and enjoying the wintry fun.



Sandy Creek Holds Battle of the Books Competition



After months of hard work and reading, Sandy Creek Central School District students recently showcased their knowledge during the Battle of the Books competition.

Students were divided by grade level, and then formed their teams to compete head-to-head in a round with 16 questions based on eight books they had read throughout the school year. The winning team from each grade group advances to represent Sandy Creek at the upcoming super regional competition.

"This is such a fun event for the students," said School Librarian Rachel Allen. "They've been practicing and studying so hard for such a long time now. Seeing their hard work on full display at the competition was a treat. I am so proud of all the students who participated!"

The teams who won their group and will be moving onto the regional competition are as follows. For the third and fourth-grade group, team "Let's Book 'Em" consisting of Caroline Casler, Cooper Hitchcock and Elise Cranker were the winners. For the fifth-grade group, team "Spirited Books" consisting of Phoebe Preston, Breckan Pelton and Allison Jones were the winners. For the middle school group, team "Big Boy Brains" consisting of Danielle Connors, Kaityn Perkins, Peyton Clark and Burke Harvey were the winners. Rounding out the competition, the winners of the high school group was team "Roman Readers" consisting of Ryan Landphere, Elizabeth Hobbs and Nathaniel Phillips.



Artist of the Month

Sandy Creek art teacher Brooke Morse recently started an initiative recognizing art students for their outstanding work. Students who receive the Artist of the Month Award often spend significant time crafting their art, stepping outside of their comfort zones and dedicating themselves to the work they create.



Sandy Creek Drama Club's "When in Rome" Was A Hit

With in-person performances back in full swing, students in Sandy Creek's Drama Club were proud to present "When in Rome."

The show was performed to the Sandy Creek community during a two-night run in mid-March. Sandy Creek's adaptation of this eclectic musical impressed the

community and was a great way to cap off the acting careers for senior cast members.

"The students worked so hard on this show," said director Sandy Machuga. "They did an amazing job, and really impressed the community with their performance. So many of our students really put their creative selves into the roles. It was so nice to see a packed auditorium again."



100 Days of School!

Students at Sandy Creek Elementary celebrated the 100th day of school in style. Wearing crowns with the number 100 on them was only part of the fun. Students also played games and did activities to commemorate the special day.



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I love fostering/adopting animals in need.

I ♥ **SANDY CREEK!**

"Sandy Creek is my alma mater and helped me make many great memories. It allows me to give back to a community that is so deserving."





Sandy Creek Students Combine Art and Science Skills



Eighth-grade students at Sandy Creek Middle School recently combined their art and science skills. They used their knowledge of science to compare viruses to their corresponding vaccines at a molecular level, and then illustrated these comparisons using their art skills.

Inspired by David Goodsell, a famed artist, professor and scientific illustrator, students utilized watercolor techniques and colored pencils to create their masterpieces.

"It's not often that we get the chance to combine art and science," said art teacher Brooke Morse. "The students really enjoyed this unique activity and, in the end, created some wonderful art."

Sandy Creek Robotics Team Books Ticket to World Championship

Many schools today offer robotics classes to their students. Some schools even form teams and begin competing with the robots that they create. However, there are very few that get to compete at a global level.

Sandy Creek High School's robotics team is one such team. The all-girls' team, made up of Hailey McNitt, Jessica Graham, Kaleigh Doyle and Skylar Clark is headed to Dallas, Texas, in May to compete in the Robotics World Championship. The girls will match up against high school teams from all around the world, in a competition that will surely put their skills to the test.

The program, which was started in 2015 by teacher John DeGone, provides students with a way to learn coding, teamwork, creativity and more. DeGone, who is also a coach for the team, said that seeing the dedication and problem-solving abilities of the students is rewarding.

"The engineering skills that our students are learning have played an important role in their life already," said Charles Worden, also a coach for the high school team. "Two of the members of our team are pursuing engineering degrees after high school."

For the members of Sandy Creek's robotics team, May cannot come soon enough, as they look to prove that you should never underestimate girl power.

For more information regarding the team's fundraising efforts to pay for the trip to Dallas, please visit www.sandycreekcsd.org/robotics/support.



Seventh-Grade Students Visit the Federal Period

Students in Sandy Creek Middle School recently completed projects based around the Federal era of American history.

Focusing on the architectural style of the time period, students created houses, weathervanes, folk art and more. The projects ranged from a model of the White House, built out of LEGO bricks, to a welded weathervane.



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Famous Author Visits Sandy Creek Middle School



Esteemed author Gordon Korman recently paid Sandy Creek Middle School students a visit to talk about his books and his life as an author.

Korman held a question-and-answer session with students after his presentation, and even stayed afterward to meet with them individually and sign their books.

"I think it's great for our students to be able to meet the author of so many of the books they read," said school librarian Rachel Allen. "For me, as a librarian, Mr. Korman is a bit of a celebrity."

Korman's visit represents one of the many unique opportunities and experiences available to Sandy Creek Central School District students.

