



Mrs. Lee's 4th Grade Class

By April Lee,
4th Grade



This past month we have explored the different types of volcanoes and the causes of earthquakes. Then they took their volcano work and turned it into art. We did a watercolor and charcoal drawing. Students also had some fall fun through a S.T.E.M. project called, "Apple Trappers." Students created, tried, and fixed until they made the trapper that they wanted. Finally, 4th graders also had a visit from Forest Ranger De Leon, so they can each get their National Park Passes for the year.

Curlew High School FFA

By Tucker Willits,
Shop and Ag



The Horticulture class and FFA club have been working in the greenhouse planting a variety

of different plants such as lettuce, poppies, cucumbers, cacti, potatoes, tomatoes, succulents, marigolds, mums, and geranium.

We have been testing different types of propagation techniques including grafting, seedling, cuttings, and budding. We have also been taking leftover food and turning it into compost. We will soon be implementing a composting program with the waste from school lunches. Additionally, we'll be adding more planter boxes, and getting ready for the spring plant sale.

Curlew National Honor Society

By Emma Reiss,
NHS Student

In a school year of social distancing and restrictions, NHS will be looking a little different. Our usual book fair was held December 1st through the 14th. However, this year it was held online.

Our induction ceremony was also different from usual. We filmed it December 9th, after school hours and created a video that went out to the families of the new inductees: Nicholas Baker, Lane Olson, and Aurora Wentz.

As we work through this hard time, we are continuously trying to find new ways we can help our community while keeping everyone safe and separate. It will definitely be challenging, but with all the bright minds of the NHS, we will achieve our goals and continue to give to those in need.

Curlew School Plugs into Virtual Reality

By April Barreca,
7-12 Science

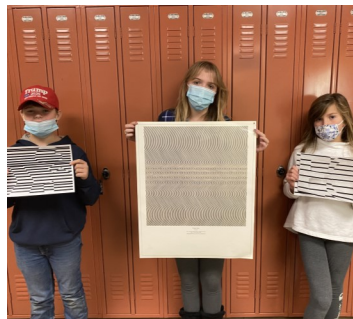
Fourteen headsets were donated by Oculus last year. The three dimensional graphics feel eerily real. These headsets can be used to tour art museums,



travel to different lands, and tour inside microscopic realms. But right now the students are just getting used to the interface by riding on roller coasters, playing games and scaring themselves.

Seventh Grade Art

By Megan Thomas,
School Newsletter



The seventh graders the last few days have been learning about a woman named Bridget Riley. Bridget Riley is an English painter known for her optical illusion paintings. The seventh graders have made their own optical illusions. "It was interesting to see how many techniques there were," says Riley Richardson, a seventh grader.

Events

- Jan 4th: Return from break
- Jan 18th: NO SCHOOL: MLK
- Jan 21st: School Board meeting
- Feb 2nd: End of quarter

Thank You



Curlew student athletes, staff and Board of Directors would like to thank the family and friends of Dale Rowton for their generous donations to our school's athletic program. Dale was an avid Curlew Cougar fan. His support for his children, grandchildren and all of the athletes past, present and future will be greatly missed.

Cougar Athletics

By Bonnie Grumbach,
K-12 Athletic Director & Counselor

On Tuesday November 17th WIAA, in accordance with the Governor's proclamation, directed schools to halt all indoor extra-curricular activities for the next four weeks.

On Wednesday November 18th WIAA came out with a new amended season schedule. The new proposal has the typical winter sports starting February 1st

and going through March 21st. Of course all dates are tentative and dependent upon the current COVID-19 situation at that time. Due to the delay of WIAA Season 2 the Board voted to approve an extension of the WIAA Open Coaching Window to January 23. The window allows for coaches in all sports to work with student-athletes in the same fashion as the summer coaching window. For more information visit: wiaa.com

Letter from the Principal

By Wyatt Ladiges,
K-12 Principal



There is so much to be thankful for here at Curlew School. I want to thank our students, families and staff for a successful first quarter. I am amazed at how well everyone has been able to make the necessary adjustments to rise above the challenges to arrive at this point.

Student conferences were a success this year, even though they “looked” a bit different. Thank you to everyone that participated. I encourage each of you to continue the conversations with your children and stay informed about all that they are learning. Students have been engaged in many meaningful learning experiences here at Curlew School, so there is always something to share.

We hope to provide students with several opportunities to be outside and have some fresh air. You can help us by sending your child to school with adequate clothing. Warm clothing will protect your child from the elements during outdoor recess as well as when

traveling to and from school.

Thank you for supporting our students by encouraging them to wear masks while at school, frequently wash their hands, maintain social distancing, and stay home when feeling ill. We are continuing to do all we can here to ensure the facility and classrooms are as safe as possible. Doing this work together will help to ensure that we remain open.

Our staff works tirelessly to provide the best learning experiences for students, spending countless hours planning, grading, researching, and preparing to make that happen. Their dedication and commitment to our students and community is amazing. I am grateful to work with them each and every day. Please contact the office if you would like to learn about ways that you can be involved.

Curlew School continues its commitment to *helping students achieve their highest potential!*

Go Cougars!

~Wyatt

Counselor's Corner

By Bonnie Grumbach,
K-12 Athletic Director & Counselor



Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000: Now open for seniors through February: Students should complete the FAFSA® form to apply for financial aid. They must provide a screenshot of their FAFSA confirmation email if selected for the scholarship.

With the College Board Opportunity Scholarships, students who fill out the FAFSA® will earn a chance at a \$1,000 scholarship. If you are ineligible to complete the FAFSA®, you can still earn a chance at the scholarship on your My Action Plan page.

The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Class of 2021 students, complete five of the six actions (Build, Practice, Strengthen, Complete and Apply) and you're eligible to earn \$40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to

students who complete each action:

- Build Your College List: \$500
- Practice for the SAT: \$1,000
- Improve Your Score: \$2,000
- Strengthen Your College List: \$500
- Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000
- Apply to Colleges: \$1.00

For more detailed information go to: <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/>

Graduation Requirements: High School & Beyond Plan

Seniors are encouraged to begin the process of preparing for their senior presentation. Documents were given to each senior either in person or through email. If parents would like to see what is required, they are encouraged to go to our website and look under Student Resources, Student Documents, and High School & Beyond Information. If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to call the school and setup an appointment.

Stay Sharp over Break

By Keith Fletcher
7-12 English & School Newsletter

As students begin winter break, here are a few challenges to keep the mind and body sharp, for a strong return to school in January (and to keep the cabin fever at bay):

- Challenge yourself to read at least 20 minutes a day, whether it be sports stats or a fantasy novel.
- Challenge yourself to do as many pushups & sit-ups as you can while the commercials are on or while your game is loading.
- Challenge yourself to do one math problem a day, whether it be a sudoku puzzle or how much money you need to earn per month to help buy that new KTM 250.

Featured Artist

My name is Emily McElheran and I am honored to be a highlighted artist. This is my favorite piece of art I have made this quarter, for several reasons. It took me the longest amount of time to finish, because I used the technique of creating small dots with the acrylic paint rather than blending the shades together except for the background and the hair. I actually started this piece about mid August this summer, and only just finished it. I think this piece can represent more than just a painting, but the idea that continuous hard work and not giving up will work out in the end. I say that because when I first started this piece, the character in it looked ghostly—undead even—which was not the effect I wanted to create. But in continuously layering paint to create the depth and life in her face, I believe I have fixed her so that she is very much alive.



Lunch Menu

4 Jan	Hawaiian sandwich, veggie, fruit Omelet, fruit
5 Jan	Beef stew, hot roll, fruit Cornbread, fruit
6 Jan	Chicken Caesar wrap, fruit French toast, fruit
7 Jan	Stroganoff, hot roll, veggie, fruit Biscuits & gravy, fruit
8 Jan	COOK'S CHOICE Maple bars, fruit
11 Jan	Mac N Cheese, hot roll, veggie, fruit Bagels, fruit
12 Jan	Tomato & ravioli soup, hot roll, fruit Yogurt, fruit
13 Jan	Chef salad, hot roll, fruit Waffles, fruit
14 Jan	Chicken enchilada, veggie, fruit Scones, fruit
15 Jan	COOK'S CHOICE Muffins, fruit
19 Jan	Tuscan turkey soup, hot roll, veggie, fruit Pancakes, fruit
20 Jan	Chicken fajita salad, fruit Breakfast bar, fruit
21 Jan	Philly sandwich, veggie, fruit Cougar muffin, fruit
22 Jan	COOK'S CHOICE Cheese toast, fruit
25 Jan	BBQ Wrangler, veggie, fruit Omelet, fruit
26 Jan	Chicken noodle soup, hot roll, veggie, fruit Cornbread, fruit
27 Jan	Crispy chicken salad, hot roll, fruit French toast, fruit
28 Jan	Spaghetti, hot roll, veggie, fruit Biscuits & gravy
29 Jan	COOK'S CHOICE Maple bars, fruit

Have a great break, and we'll see you next year!

Child Find

The Curlew School District offers screening activities for all children birth to 21 living in the school district, which are suspected of having a disability. Children are identified through screening activities performed by specialists at Curlew School. The purpose of the screening is to identify children who may have a disability that may qualify them for special services. Difficulties that may interfere with learning, if identified early, can be brought to the attention of specialists who can begin working with the child. The screening also assists the Curlew School District in planning programs and services for children with special needs. Locating children who may need special help is one way the school district is responsive to the educational needs of children in the community. If you feel that your child may have difficulties in areas of communication, self-help, academic, social skills, or behavior that may make it difficult to learn please contact Jaquelyn Harney, Special Education Teacher to set up a screening at jaquelyn.harney@curlew.wednet.edu

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Puzzle from: <https://www.puzzles.ca/sudoku/>

Some Positives from 2020

By Keith Fletcher
7-12 English & School Newsletter

- 1) Africa declared free of polio.
- 2) The second human ever was declared cured of HIV.
- 3) Drive through movie theaters made a comeback.
- 4) SpaceX was the first private company to send humans to space.
- 5) Highest voter turnout in 120 years.
- 6) Fleetwood Mac made a comeback, following a viral video.
- 7) Pollution levels dropped significantly.