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Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 2-13: Annual Food Drive
- Feb. 11: 100th Day Celebration
- Feb. 13: Valentine's Day Celebration
- Feb. 13: School 60 Performance
- Feb. 17: International Day
- Feb. 18-23: Tsagaan Sar holiday break

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Dodgeball Tournament a Big Hit with Upper Elementary Kids

The month of January saw a multitude of exuberant students participate in ASU's Elementary dodgeball tournament! The participants from grade 3 to 5 all had a blast (not just dodging balls but eating pizza as well), and we can safely say that it was a huge success! The kids were split into four different teams to compete: The Wolves, The Bears, The Sharks and The Lions. They played a round-robin competition to determine who would be in the finals! After an intense final game, it was clear that the Wolves were the winners! Well done boys and girls! A huge thank you to Coach Zinck and Mr. Bayaraa for organising the whole event!



Principal's Message

Counting the Days: We Miss You When You Aren't At School

The winter weather is taking its toll on attendance. Many students have been out sick due to colds, flu and other ailments. While we always encourage our students to take proper precautions to avoid getting sick – get plenty of sleep, eat right and dress properly for the weather – we can't

always prevent a cold from catching up on us. However, because there are so many unexpected absences due to unpreventable illnesses, it is more important than ever to ensure students are in school when they are healthy. We have seen a significant

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Fifth Graders Study Mongolian Provinces, Review Popular Novels

The Fifth graders have returned to school with more energy than ever! They have been having a great time researching the different Aimags for the big social science project. For this project the learners will have to research a number of different and interesting facts about their chosen Aimag ranging from the Aimag flag to Ancient Civilizations!

In Language Arts, the Fifth graders are hard at work with their prospective novel Studies!

5A has been hard at work following the adventures of Edward Tulane (a Porcelain Rabbit who learns that love is one of the most important things in life)! Meanwhile, 5B has been exploring the mystical world of Narnia and the four children who are transported there through the magical wardrobe!

These novels form part of our extensive novel studies unit that runs throughout the year!

See below what the kids have had to say about the various books!



Student Book Review: Sanchir 5B

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane: 5 Stars

The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane taught me that everyone can be loved. It is a great book that shows kids a really amazing journey. Each character had different personalities that made them interesting and different. I thought to myself if it is possible to love a china rabbit that much. I recommend this book to everyone!

Student Book Review: Yanjaa 5A

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe: 5 Stars

I give this book 5 out of 5 because there is an adventure and many talking animals. I would recommend this book because there are four children named Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy. They were sent from London during the war because of air raids. They go to the English country side and live with the professor in a huge house. There was a wardrobe and behind the wardrobe there is a country named Narnia! The queen is the White Witch. She uses her powers to bring winter to Narnia always. Lucy came through the wardrobe and saw a lamp post and Mr. Tumnus. Then all the other children went through the wardrobe and that is the beginning of their adventure! Read this adventurous book!

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Student Book Review : Umi 5B

The Tale of Despereaux : 5 Stars

I really enjoyed *The Tale of Despereaux*. I have 3 big reasons. First, the character was fun and unique. So it made the story interesting, scary and happy! Second, there were four tales in one book. I was surprised because all the tales connected and it made the story more interesting. Third, the topic was awesome! It was about soup and knights with shining armour and love. It was funny because everything started from soup. These are the reasons I enjoyed *The Tale of Despereaux*. I would recommend this book to everyone who loves to read!

All three of the novels mentioned in this article were included on the US National Education Association's "Teachers' Top 100 Books for Children."

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Student Book Review: Khaliun 5A

The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe: 5 Stars

This book is fantastic. You would feel like you are in the book with Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter as well as all the living creatures in Narnia! Lucy first discovers that there is another country in the wardrobe but her brothers and sisters think she is lying! Edmund discovers that there is another country in the wardrobe. They all get into the wardrobe and discover Narnia. Suddenly Edmund goes missing. He goes to the White Witch and that's when the war began! Will the children save Narnia with the help of Aslan and bring back spring and make the living creatures of Narnia happy again? I recommend this book because it is very adventurous!

Fifth Graders Mentor Younger Students During Reading Buddies Time

'Reading Buddies' has been a great source of fun for all of the first graders. Each class is paired with another to meet and read in partners or small groups. The older children have shown wonderful levels of maturity and patience when dealing with the younger children and, I daresay, have had as much fun as the younger children have. 'Reading Buddies' is helping to encourage reading and allowing the children to mix and have fun with children from other grades.



Students Recognized in Monthly Assembly for Showing Good Citizenship



Students received certificates for a variety of achievements, including showing good citizenship.



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Expected School-wide Student Outcomes

ASU students will be...

Academic Achievers

Critical Thinkers

Involved Citizens

Effective Communicators

Self-Directed Lifelong Learners

Home of Future Leaders**(Attendance, from p. 1)**

increase in requests for absences for holiday trips or other activities that should be scheduled outside of instructional days (in other words, during holiday breaks). We have outstanding teachers at ASU, but it doesn't matter how skilled they are as teachers if their students aren't in school. I cannot overemphasize this point – chronic absence *will* affect your child negatively. Even students who have been able to catch up after missing multiple days are building bad habits that will eventually create problems for them in the future. Every parent who sends their child to our school has made an important investment in their child's future. Consistent and punctual attendance is critical to their success. Thank you for sharing a passion for your child's success by making sure they are in school and ready to learn.

Pre-K Produces Projects

In Pre-K the students have all had a great time exploring all about the Winter! They have learned about the weather, the different winter animals and what important clothes they need to wear when it gets cold! BRRR!

**Elementary Kids Learn Art Appreciation at Secondary Art Exhibition**

Elementary students had a chance to attend the Secondary School Art Exhibition at the Marshal Gallery. This exhibition included works by junior and senior art students. As the students arrived, they were given a brief background about the student projects by Art teacher Ms. Mutrux. A couple of the artists led tours of the

gallery, as well as guiding the younger students in an activity that encouraged art appreciation. The students were given heart, sad face, star and question mark cutouts and were instructed to place them next to works that they felt corresponded to the emotion represented by that symbol. Then they had a follow-up discussion based on which works received those symbols, and they were able to ask questions about the art.

