

# The ASU Leader **Elementary Edition**

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#### October 2016

## **Upcoming Events:**

- Nov. 4: Report **Cards sent home**
- Nov. 11: Parent-Teacher **Conferences**
- Nov. 30: PTG Meeting

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**Check out our** website at asu.edu.mn to see more photos from ASU events.

## Students scare up some fun during Halloween Spirit Day

Our October Spirit Day was all about Halloween as the students dressed up as their favorite characters, with superheroes, monsters, wizards and witches being popular choices. After our monthly assembly, which featured awards, dances and more, students paraded through the hallways for trick-or-treating fun.

(see Halloween, p. 4)







## Principal's Message Working together toward development of the whole child

At ASU part of our vision is for students to "actively discover and develop their intellectual, physical and creative potential." Notice that there are multiple parts to student growth and development. Each student has their own strengths and needs, and we want to target those specific areas to help every student

reach their full potential. Dr. Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences broadened the idea of student ability to include many areas, which is in keeping with our view of diversity among our students. You can find out more about multiple intelligences at our next Parent Teacher Group meeting on November 30.

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## Students integrate computer skills, learn about digital citizenship



Niguutsetsen of 2C draws a Pumpkin using Microsoft Paint.

Our students are at the center of everything we do. As educators, our foremost goal is to prepare them for their future. The ASU Elementary School uses the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) standards as the guideline to teach Computer Technology classes.

We all know that computer skills are very essential in today's technological society. Therefore, it is essential for all my students to have basic computer knowledge and capabilities. Thus far, students

have done an excellent job learning and improving these much needed skills. Throughout the year, students in kindergarten through fifth grade will be

working on the following skills through class activities and projects:

In Kindergarten and Ist grade, the main focus will be very basic computer skills, such as keyboard and mouse skills, along with reading and math skills through our Starfall Resource program.

In Ist and 2nd grade, students will be introduced to and continue to develop the keyboarding, word processing skills and drawing.

The primary learning focus areas for students in grades 3-5 are: Keyboarding and word processing skills, spreadsheets, research, photo editing, publishing and presenting, and Digital Citizenship.

Students from Grade I to 5 are also introduced to Coding and throughout this school year will continue to develop basic computer programming skills. (See Computers, p. 4)

Mongolian Class projects commemorate school's 10 year anniversary

In commemoration of ASU's 10th Anniversary, Grade 5 students (pictured right) have worked on the



We are playing 'Go Fish' the words we made ourselves asking the question 'Do you have ...? in Mongolian.

project 'American School of Ulaanbaatar'. Students showed their ability to write in cursive. Students



collaborated with other students, for example foreign students lent a hand to help make the project an achievement as a group goal.



Enkhriilen and Miu from 5B work on an assignment in Google Docs.

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## School Libraries Month

October was International School Libraries Month. To celebrate, the Elementary Library had a book draw every Friday in October. To get ballots, students needed to write a review. The more reviews they wrote, the better their chances. Students took this in stride, and the Library received over 300 reviews this month.



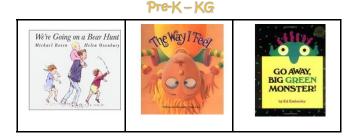
The winners of the draw were: Enkhjin (2A), Anar (2B),Satai (2B), Dani (3B), Serchee (4A), and Solongo (5A). Congratulations to the winners and to everyone who participated. It was great seeing our students share their thoughts on the books they have been reading.

## **ES Library Webpage**

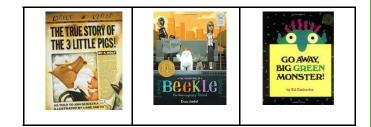
The Elementary Library webpage is up and running! There, you'll find online resources available to you at home, along with things to look forward to in the Library. You'll find us under the Elementary School tab.



## Books Read in October



#### Grades 1-2



## Looking Ahead:

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Nov 18: International Games Day This is an ASU Parent and Child social night. Come out and enjoy the fun with your child!

#### Nov 25: Coffee & Conversation

This is a monthly event for parents to come and chat about what's happening in the Library and how they can support their child's learning at home.





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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





(Halloween, from p. 1)





If possible, please allow your child to practice computer skills at home at least two times a week. Some examples of areas of practice are: Google research, typing capabilities, coloring online, etc.

I look forward to teaching your child this year, and helping to develop the confidence and ability they need in this global society.



Some students sported costumes of current comic book characters while others wore more traditional costumes during the annual Halloween event.



