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# Jr. Seahawk Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

**December 21**  
**Early dismissal, 2:10**

**December 22**  
**to January 6:**  
***Winter Vacation***

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**Michole and Tyler**  
**Room 17, Grade 2**

In class we made a wish chain. Also in class for social studies we do communities. For art we are making Christmas stuff.

What do you call a man covered with snow?



A snowman.

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**Nicole and Hailey**  
**Room 18, Grade 2**

We made some reindeers to hang up in our room. We put our twins up. We are learning about our body. We are done with our body twins. We are reading Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. We're doing a gingerbread house, and we made tom paper Santas. We all wrote a letter to Santa.

Why did the snowman cross the road?



Because Christmas was around the corner.

**Ashley and Anish**  
**Grade 3, Room 13**

We might have a Christmas party in our classroom. And maybe we will watch the new Rudolph video, and maybe the old one. We will eat cookies, and Winter Break will start on the 21st. And we will have a 2:10 dismissal. We might make little Christmas ornaments. Maybe we will make a Christmas tree!

Why did Rudolph have a red nose?



*Because he was cold in the winter!*



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Stories, poems, articles, and *great* jokes from student news reporters at Arbor Heights Elementary School in Seattle, WA  
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*News from the classroom.....*

**Teryn and Jenna  
Room 25, Grades 4&5**

In our class we are studying geometry. The shapes we are studying are trapezoids, pentagons, hexagons, heptagons, and octagons. We are also making Native American long houses. We are making beds, pots, and bows and arrows with clay. We just finished reading The Double Life of Pocahontas. On Dec. 12 we went on a field trip to the Seattle Art Museum.

What did the policeman say when he saw Frosty the Snowman stealing?  
"Freeze!"



"Freeze!"

**Meshia and Malia  
Room 19, Grade 1**

We are going to make Rudolfs and candles of people who let their lights shine!

"Rudolph the red nosed reindeer,  
Had a very shiny nose,  
And if you ever saw it,  
You would even say it glows!"

Why did the snowman stay out in the cold?  
Because he didn't want to be a drip!

**Kwanzaa Word Search**

- AFRICA
- BLACK
- FAITH
- FAMILY
- FLAG
- FRUIT
- GREEN
- KINARA
- KWANZAA
- LIGHT
- RED
- ROOTS
- SEVEN
- SWAHILI
- UNITY

P U E A G R G R F O  
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**Marcus and Kayla  
Room 24, Grade 5**

Most people are thankful for having a roof over their head, and for having clothes on their backs, and for having food to eat. We're very happy that all the fifth graders get to go camping in Everett. We want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy Kwanzaa!

What's the snowman's favorite food?  
Snow cones.

*More classroom news.....*

**Ashley and Grace  
Room 23, Grades 3,4&5**

We are going to a play to see Rumpelstiltskin and the real story of Little Red Riding Hood at Garfield High School. We put up a Christmas tree and will exchange gifts. We will have hot chocolate and donuts. We wish everyone a happy holiday!

Who delivers Christmas presents to dogs?

Santa Paws!

**Kylee and Andrew  
Room 9, Grade 3**

We think that third grade is fun! On Nov. 30th our class and Mr. Ahlness' class went on a field trip. We saw "The Hoboken Chicken Emergency". It was fun that week. Before we went there the class saw the movie. That was a very funny show.

Why did the baker try to catch the snowman?

Because he needed frosting.

**Surafail and Jim  
Room 21, Grade 5**

Our class started to needlepoint. Since our class knows needle pointing, they do that every morning. We started a book called Racing the Sun. This Christmas I (Surafail) want a big Christmas tree and to get lots of presents. I (Jim) get lots of presents because I have Christmas at my mom's house and my dad's house. Our class went on a field trip to the Nutcracker on December 13th, 2001.

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

Frostbite!

**Max and Jacob  
Grades 1 & 2**

We are making a 2002 calendar of Chicken Soup with Rice. We are also making a plate out of clay. We went to the Children's Theater and saw "The Hoboken Chicken Emergency". We are going to other schools to do our play "The Three Little Pigs".

What did the mother flea say to the baby flea?

Don't go out in the reindeer (rain, dear)!



*Even more classrooms news...*

**Michael and Karla  
Room 22, Grade 4**

We got the salmon eggs on December 4th. They will hatch soon.

Michael: my cricket is dead, I think. My pill bug is dead. My fish is still alive, same with my snail, maybe. I can't tell because it moves so slow. We're doing the Bon pen friend thing. We have sent them one cycle of letters. They have sent three cycles to us.

Why did the snowman cross the Sierra Desert?

- A: To get a fresh glass of water.
- B: To look hot.
- C: To get a melted snow cone.
- D: He didn't want to freeze.
- E: He didn't want to get a cold.

Why does Santa have three gardens?



Some can go HO, HO, HO!

**Marlys and Aaron, Room 12, Grade 3**

We have a tree in our room growing in a pot, and Mr. Ahlness put lights on it. We also made six-sided snowflakes, and Mr. Ahlness taped them on the shades. Mr. Ahlness is reading us a book called Stuart Little. We have a Christmas cactus in our room, and it's blooming!

What do elves learn in elf school? The elf-abet!

Solve these Christmas Riddles using the code below



A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Why does Santa Claus have three gardens?

2	13	6	3	2	0	13	7	5	5	2	6	1
+17	+2	+2	+2	+1	+1	+1	+1	+10	+3	+13	+2	+14

What does a cat on a beach have in common with Christmas?

1	0	9	2	12	1	8	0	21	11
+18	+1	+5	+2	+13	+2	+4	+1	+2	+8

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?

4	10	0	14	7	1	4	10	0
+2	+8	+15	+5	+13	+1	+5	+10	+5

What does Santa clean his Sleigh with?

1	13	5	4	10	11	1	2	7	18	8	16	3
+2	+2	+8	+1	+10	+4	+5	+1	+8	+3	+10	+3	+2

