

Newsletter

February 29, 2024

WHAT'S IN THIS NEWSLETTER?

- **Updates** - Art Walk, Reading Month Ends, Gala Donations Needed
- **Sign-ups** - Lunch Volunteers, New HS Hoodies
- **Profile of the Week** - Chelsea Gall, 1st Grade Teacher & K-2 Lead Teacher



MOMENT OF SILENCE

On Wednesday morning, FIT Academy observed a moment of silence in recognition of fallen Burnsville Fire Department Firefighter/Paramedic **Adam Finseth** and Burnsville Police Officers **Matthew Ruge** and **Paul Elmstrand**. We want to honor their lives and sacrifice in service of our community.

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FAMILIES**

IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 23 - Valentine's Dances

Mar 8 - Staff Dev (NO SCHOOL)

Mar 14 - Art Walk

Mar 22-29 - Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)

Apr 13 - Annual Gala Event

May 17 - Spring Carnival

**K-8 MARCH LUNCH
MENU**

**9-12 MARCH LUNCH
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FUN AT VALENTINE'S DANCES

Our 4th grade through 12th grade students had a great time at the Student Council Sweethearts Dances on Friday night!

We want to say a **big thank you** to the student council, Ms. Halama, and Mr. Jeske for coordinating this fun event as well as all the parents who helped as chaperones!

I LOVE TO READ MONTH - CONCLUSION!

FIT Academy sure showed their love of reading this month! Over **25 mystery readers** surprised our elementary students. Parents, grandparents, teachers, administration and other staff members



shared their love of books as well as some Minnesota Gophers and St. Thomas Tommies football players! The Apple Valley police department even sent an officer to read to one of our 4th grade classes.

The 1st graders walked to the assisted living facility across the field and performed Readers Theater for some of their residents. They did such a fantastic job that we have been asked to come back!

A huge thank-you to all the teachers who took the time out of extremely busy days to include all the reading fun. A special thank-you to the following:

- Mrs. Connelly for hand-painting our Gnome signs,
- Ms. Solbrack for taking over the mystery reader project and helping to decorate,
- Mrs. Baker for all the behind the scenes help and making sure our Tuesday afternoon book videos went off without a hitch,
- Mr. EJ for creating an incredibly fantastic skit for the kick-off along with all the teachers who participated, and
- Ms. Johnson for spending a weekend creating the "Reading with the Gnomies" t-shirts.
- And **thank you, Ms. Amy McGuire, for coordinating everything** this month!!

Look for the Bookmark Decorating Contest winners next week and keep on reading!



MINNESOTA WILD FLAG BEARER

One of our students, Alexander Kirkland, was a flag bearer for the Minnesota Wild game at the Legislators Reception at the Xcel. He also had the privilege to skate with some of the women's hockey players!



AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED!

As we look forward to the Spring Gala, we need donations for the Silent Auction! So what kind of donations are we looking for? Tickets to sporting events, services like home cleaning, or gift cards for a free oil change. These things will be auctioned off, and the proceeds will support the school! Please contact [Angie Halama](#) if you would like to donate.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK

Chelsea Gall, 1st Grade Teacher & K-2 Lead Teacher

Ms. Chelsea Gall has been at FIT Academy since the very beginning of our school. So 7 years ago, she joined the teaching staff as a 1st grade teacher and the lead teacher of our FIT K-2nd grade teachers. She completed her bachelors degree in Early Childhood Education from Gogebic Community College and UW-Stout.



When asked what she enjoys most about her job, she said, "I LOVE the content taught in 1st grade and the fun and the dynamic age of 6 & 7 year olds! I really enjoy helping students become well-rounded learners and setting them up for success on their academic journeys!"

Her primary goal as a teacher is "to make each student feel welcomed and a part of our class community by giving them skills to navigate social and academic challenges."

In her life outside of the classroom, she is married and has a toddler at home. She loves working in her garden and going home to Michigan to spend time with her family where she loves to go fishing and swimming at the lake.

Ms. Gall is also a part of the **FIT Sunshine Committee**. You may be wondering, "What is that?" The "Sunshine Committee is a few staff members that plan and organize staff morale events and activities!" They send out birthday wishes, wedding cards, plan baby showers, etc. Thank you, Ms. Gall for all the ways you enrich the lives of the students and staff at FIT!



NEW HS HOODIE!

We now have a new high school hoodie available for sale! The fabric is Sport-tek, and the pattern is blue/black camohex. You can order through the SchoolBelles website.

School Code is s3052

Cost is \$35

Sweatshirts are listed under Spirit/School Wear

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HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

Mr. Allaire and our secondary coordinator Mrs. Halama have recorded an introduction and orientation to next year's high school program. You can view the orientation here and email any questions to Mrs. Halama at ahalama@fitacademymn.org or Mr. Allaire at callaire@fitacademymn.org.

WATCH VIDEO!



ART WALK

March is Youth Art Month (YAM) where we celebrate the visual arts in schools. To celebrate we would like to invite FIT students and families to walk through the halls of FIT (both floors) to see all the great artwork the FIT students have created this year so far.

March 14th, 2024

6:00-7:00 pm

Punch, coffee and cookies will be served!



END OF BASKETBALL SEASON

The JV boys ended their season with a loss to Higher Ground. Though the team didn't get a win in their inaugural year, they were competitive and gained valuable experience throughout the season. Congratulations to the players and Coach Mike Vang for their excellence off and on the court!



LUNCH VOLUNTEERS!

We would love for you to volunteer in our lunch room! It's a fun way to connect with your kids and other students. You will help students open milk and lunch items as well as clean the tables after each lunch period. Click to sign up!

[SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER](#)



HEALTH REMINDER

We want to remind parents to keep your children home from school when they are ill. As a refresher, **school policy requires students to stay at home if they have had a fever or vomitted in the last 24 hours.**



AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

We offer after-school care again this year from 2:45 pm to 5:00 pm. Open to students in grades K-5. You must enroll by Wednesday, if you plan to use after school care the following week. If you have questions, please email [Jen Iten at jiten@fitacademymn.org](mailto:jiten@fitacademymn.org).

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