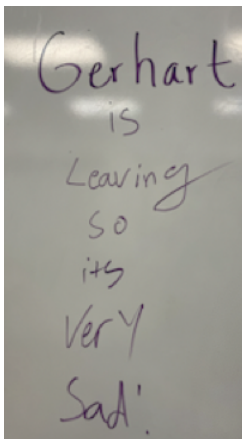


Acadia Team Newsletter 11/17/2023

Today we say goodbye to our friend, Ms. Gerhart. She's off on new adventures supporting students in a different role. We'll miss her sense of adventure, mushroom-covered shirts, and desire to engage kids in meaningful, fun lessons.

We're glad she's not leaving education because we believe she makes connections with kids that help them feel valued, loved, and completely seen. Ms. Gerhart will continue to make the world a better place, and we wish her well. On the positive side, we are pleased to have Tom Radcliff, a long-time math teacher and coach join us. We know Tom as skilled, kind, and thoughtful. He is great with kids and to work with.



As part of her farewell, Destiny Beane got to "pie" her since she sold the most pies in our annual pie fundraiser.

Meet Tom Radcliff:

Hello, folks! I've been asked by the school to step in after the departure of Mary Gerhart and continue the development of our Acadia mathematicians. I have been working with Mary, Dan, and Jean to make the transition as smooth as possible. I am a certified teacher who has been on the Maranacook campus for the past 25 years in various roles. I also coach soccer, basketball and baseball and head the Magic/D&D/Pokemon club. The past 5 years I have been working as a math interventionist here at the middle school and have already spent a good bit of time with Acadia's math classes this fall. I am looking forward to working with Dan and Jean and with your children as well. As a parent whose daughter graduated from Maranacook, I know the anxiety involved in changes that come along for our kids. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions or concerns.



On the Horizon:

11/22 No School, teacher comp day
11/23 & 11/24 No School -
Thanksgiving break
12/1 - Trimester 1 Ends, 6th grade
has new World Language Classes
12/13 - Photo Retakes
12/14 - Trimester 1 grades mailed
home
12/21 $\frac{1}{2}$ day for students
12/22 - Winter Break
1/2 - School resumes

Needs on-team:

The district is looking for drivers to bring students to school in the morning and home in the afternoon. These students may live in communities outside of the district. If you know someone who would be willing to help transport students in order for them to continue their education, please reach out to Mrs. Roesner.

Zack and Jack celebrated birthdays this week.



In our classes:



Forecasting the Future: This week we concluded the evidence of how, why and why it matters that Earth's climate is changing. Now we are looking at, what now? We are looking at the solutions available and great difference between a future with action taken vs. one with little change. It's our students are learning that chance can happen and their generation will be living with the decision. Now students are researching pieces of the solution. They will be sharing their knowledge with the rest of their class.

Hero's Journey:

Students are working hard on writing stories that follow the hero's journey. For some students, this story is about a fictional character slaying monsters. For others, they have found pieces of their lives



that follow the hero's journey and are telling the stories of their own lives. This week we practiced peer editing and helped others improve their writing. We have been talking about how feedback is important to helping us grow and that it is important that we can pick and choose which feedback we use to improve our work.

Myths and Legends:

Writing continues in Myths and Legends as students consider and prove that their book choices follow the 12 steps of the Hero's Journey.

We've been learning more about the writing process and have used tools to help. First, we started with a graphic organizer, then we made outlines.

This week we used the

outlines to start building body paragraphs. Many kids have been surprised by how much they can write!



Rock On!:



This week students, used a dichotomous key to learn about and

sort minerals. They used a variety of items to test hardness, magnetism, streak. It was fun investigation. They are learning about the rock cycle and will take part in a lab next week using the crayons many of you sent in. Thanks!

Math 6: We reviewed how to identify and interpret ratios. We learned the difference between ratios and fractions and how to simplify both. We investigated units and unit rates

and used them to solve real world



problems. We played a review game and had a quiz.

Math 7: We practiced writing one and two step expressions and equations. We learned how to distribute, factor, add, and subtract binomials. We played a review game and had a quiz.



Math 8: We discussed different ways of proving pythagorean theorem and using it to find the answers to real world problems. We practiced solving algebraic equations and discovered the differences between rational and irrational numbers. We played a review game and took a quiz.



It was a blast being an Acadian teacher. Thank you all for an amazing three months. You are all a wonderful bunch of kids. I know you are going to do great things. I will miss you.

-Ms. Gerhart

