



*Sand Beach, Spring 2019
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Acadia Team Newsletter December 15, 2023

On the Horizon:

- 12/21 $\frac{1}{2}$ day for students
- 12/22 - Winter Break
- 1/2 - School resumes
- 1/15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, no school
- 1/24 Early Release for students
- 1/25 Community Cafe 9:00 AM - The Christmas Truce (play put on by Acadian Students)

Needs on-team:

- Our school needs:
 - Snow sleds!
 - Duct tape! Our team goes through a lot.

In our classes: 20th Century Change & Challenge:



We are looking at the long road to women's suffrage, (the vote). It took from the start of our Nation to the 19th amendment in 1920. One of the things we are looking at is how WW I helped advance women's opportunities and ultimately acceptance of women's suffrage. Students looked at some of the strategies used and propaganda used. Our students are working on a project where they create propaganda, (poster or meme) ment for the time of the debate, arguing for or against women's suffrage. They need to be able to explain their point and who their intended audience is.

20th Century Conflict:

This week we explored what brought the US into WW I. Along with that, how being at war changed our Nation and the war's outcome. The US went from a Nation with a



small army determined not to get involved in Europe's war to one fully engaged with millions drafted. Those opposed to the war, or too German, risked jail. Here too we looked at how propaganda was used to build support and paint the



enemy as evil. And how the war opened the door for womens to have opportunities.

The Last of Human Freedoms:

After reading through the play The Christmas Truce, students voted to put on the play for the Community Cafe. We've broken up the play into sections and each class is planning how to present their section to the Community Cafe. Parents are invited to attend the performance on 1/25.



Never Fail to Protest:

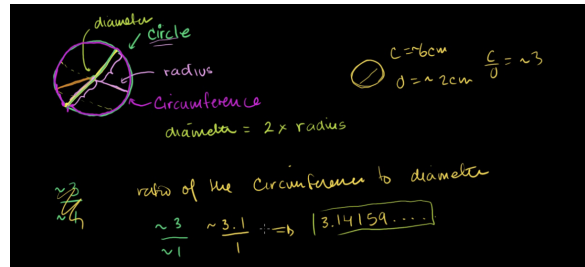
This week we discussed a petition Mrs. Roesner received last Friday after school from a few of our Acadian students.



Students analyzed the petition, giving both warm and cool feedback to the petitioners. We discussed peaceful protests, such as sit-ins, marches, and rallies and how organizing groups of people can be powerful and effective. Students learned about Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Sojourner Truth and their contributions to the womens suffrage movement.



Math (grades 6, 7 & 8):



Acadia Math has begun the transition to the use of Dreambox and Khan Academy. These supplemental programs are widely used by other teams to support our mathematicians in training. We have made some great strides in creating a focused, supportive work environment as we move toward the next unit assessments. These will take place shortly before or after the holiday break for different grades.

