

**HAPPY GROUNDHOGS DAY**



## Acadia Team Newsletter February 2, 2024



**THANK YOU!!!** We were overwhelmed by your support once again as we took on a challenge. This week, students presented "The 1914 Christmas Truce" to the Community Cafe. Several parents were able to attend, others sent in snacks to share, and even more made costumes and worked on lines together with their students. We are so grateful for your support and help! There are so

many people to recognize and thank.

### **On the Horizon:**

2/17 to 2/25 February Vacation  
2/28 Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7 PM  
2/29 \*\* note new date\*\*  
Community Conversations about *Night and Man's Search for Meaning* 9:30 AM (part of community cafe), evening option at 7 PM. Parents and community members are welcome to participate

### **Needs on-team:**

All set. Thank you all!

### **In our classes:**

#### **20th Century Change & Challenge:**



We are going over some economics basics. What is money, supply, demand and inflation? The event we are learning about is the Great Depression, where the system was in a tailspin and Americans were deeply afraid.

## 20th Century Conflict:

*Fascism beats Democracy in spite of greater numbers!?* What?



This week Students learn about the history and appeal of Fascism as well as other appeals by demagogues. During the 1930's both Communism and Fascism said they had the answer and that Democracy and Free markets had failed. This ties well to Ms. Roesners classes on the Holocaust. The tug-a-war activity represents the Fascist thinking. Democracy is soft and too free thinking. Fascists follow one leader and are focused on being strong. In a Democracy free people can go the direction they want. So that's how they pulled the rope, in all different directions. A few ( told they are superior) fascists, under one leader, pulling the same direction, won each time. It's easy to see the appeal.

**The Last of Human Freedoms:** This week we have worked diligently at

rehearsing and performing the play. We also finished reading the book Night by Elie Wiesel. Students will be starting Man's Search for Meaning next week.



*A good turn out for the play!*

**Never Fail to Protest:** We're still working on the writing process! This week students completed their outlines for their persuasive essays. Next week will find us writing the essays and preparing our lessons for our peers.