

Socrates Academy Owl Observer



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Spelling Bee Follow-up... and the Winners Are...

by Morgan

If you haven't heard, here are the winners of the Socrates Academy Spelling Bee.

Grade Level Winners:

Kindergarten

1st: Arnav Srivastava
2nd: Hannah Williams
3rd: Eva Vila

First Grade

1st: Destiny Davis
2nd: Austin Daniels
3rd: Stefano Braho

Second Grade

1st: Nidhi Padala
2nd: Reagan Fauser
3rd: Tharun Jaiganesh

Third Grade

1st: Katerina Peroulas
2nd: Rylie Ponder
3rd: Kabir Dewan

Fourth Grade

1st: Orpheus Ziamakis
2nd: Carter Seguire
3rd: Annalise Dale

Fifth Grade

1st: Reagan Ponder
2nd: Christina Athens
3rd: Luke Butler

Sixth Grade

1st: Morgan Opela
2nd: Rishab Agarwal
3rd: Gabriella Bellot

Seventh Grade

1st: Lucas Collins
2nd: Jonathan Diamantis
3rd: Mikey Hendry

School-Wide Winners:

1st: Rishab Agarwal
2nd: Morgan Opela

Morgan Opela will actually be representing Socrates in the regional Bee in place of Rishab Agarwal.

Winter Performance Review

by Candace

In my eyes, I thought the Winter Performance this year was awesome, but that's just me (and the rest of the school).

It wasn't just the band that made it great, but it was also dramatic and Offbeat and so much more.

The 6th graders had their first concert and the veterans (the 7th graders) played their hardest. The teachers danced for us, Ms. Taft sang for us, and Ms. Fortune read us a poem that summed up the seven years of Socrates.

All in all it was fun and everyone contributed something.

Activities for the Holiday

by Morgan and Corie

This year First Grade did an activity called "Holidays Around the World". They learned about the traditions of Italy, Mexico, Germany, Holland, and Greece.

The children made special gifts for their parents and learned about reindeer and even made reindeer food.

What are the ingredients in reindeer food?

- One cup oats
- One tbsp. colored Christmas sugar

The tradition says the Christmas sugar will sparkle in the moonlight so Santa can find your house and the oats will attract the reindeer.

You put the reindeer food on your lawn.

To keep the children focused at this exciting time of year, the first grade teachers wrote the names of the students that followed the Socrates Rules and got their schoolwork finished on a "Smile Club List". The teachers are confident that everyone will make it and be rewarded with a fun Holiday activity.

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Girls on the Run Complete Their 5K

by Rachel

On Saturday, December 3, 2011, the Socrates Academy Girls on the Run went to a 5K (3.125 mi) run in Huntersville, NC.

Reagan Ponder and Helena Davis, two fifth graders who were in the run, gave some insight on Girls on the Run and their experiences.

Ponder says she runs outside of her training three times a week. She ran the 5K in 42 minutes. She says she wasn't nervous because she knew that she was ready and that she trained well.

Ponder says she runs about three miles a week, not including Girls on the Run.

Awards were not given to winners, by everyone received a medal for crossing the finish line.

Davis says they run about one to two miles at each Girls on the Run practice. Davis ran her 5K in 50 minutes. She stated that before

the run, "We were pretty wild and cold." Davis runs about two miles each week outside Girls on the Run.

Socrates Basketball Season Kicks Off Season

by Rachel

On Thursday, December 1, 2011, our school basketball team, the Owls, had their first game. Our boys and girls teams played Lake Norman Charter. Mr. R., Socrates coach, said that he had never coached before, but he played basketball his whole life.

Here are some quotes from the game:

Mr. R.: "It's the first season of basketball for the school. The girl's team might not be as big, but they have big hearts."



Coach "R"

Mylon Patton, {grade, position}: "Basketball is a great sport, that's why I love playing it."

Despina Geourgoulous, {grade, position}: "The feeling right now is awesome!"

Sadly, both our teams lost to Lake Norman Charter, but we are prepared to come back and try our best in future games.



Socrates Cheerleaders