The Falcon News

October 2, 2026

Auger's Accounts:

Curiosity, community, and discovery in K/1

Our K/1 classroom has been all about growing independence and following our questions! As we continue settling into our routines, the children are learning how to work more independently during centers—following familiar visual directions, knowing what comes next, using materials responsibly, trying a strategy before asking for help, and moving on to another familiar task when needed. That growing independence has been especially important while I finish beginning-of-year assessments and work with students individually. It has been exciting to watch the children begin to trust themselves more and realize, "I know what to do next."

In Fundations, Kindergarten is building a growing bank of letters and sounds with t, f, b, i, and u. Our newest work has focused on i and u, including lowercase letter formation, letter-keyword-sound connections, and listening for beginning sounds, while continuing to review previously learned letters. First Grade has been working with the digraphs th, wh, sh, ck, and ch and using our familiar Read → Build → Write routine to tap, blend, read, spell, and write words with increasing independence.

In Number Corner, we wrapped up our September work and have now begun our October routines. This month, much of our mathematical thinking centers around the number 10. Students are using 10-frames to recognize quantities and explore different combinations of 10, while continuing to track our days in school in groups of 5 and 10. Our new fall calendar markers are also helping us tell number stories, write equations, and think about how a whole number can be made from two different parts. We will continue building number sense as we count forward and backward into the 20s and 30s, compare numbers, and look for patterns in our growing number line.

Our biggest thread though, has grown from the questions on our I Notice/I Wonder wall. Rather than simply giving children answers to their apple questions, we have been thinking about how scientists find things out. We discovered that we can learn by reading a book, by looking closely, and by asking someone who knows more.

Today, we get to put all of that into action at Tellman Farm Apple Orchard! Our young scientists are taking three important jobs with them: LOOK • LISTEN • ASK. We will use our eyes and ears, talk with people who know the orchard well, connect what we discover to the questions we have been asking in class, and probably come home with some brand-new wonders too. It is also a wonderful chance to practice our School Family skills beyond the classroom—staying together, listening, being responsible, and using our calming strategies when excitement gets big.

I love watching the pieces of our learning begin to connect—reading, writing, math, science, independence, curiosity, and our School Family skills all working together in real ways. We can't wait to see where our wondering takes us next! 🍎❤️

🌟 Student Spotlight 🌟

Choosing just one student to highlight for this newsletter proved to be an impossible task, simply because every single child in our 2nd and 3rd grade classroom is so remarkably deserving. Each day, I am blown away by their dedication, resilience, and genuine care for one another. Whether they are tackling tough assessments or working through challenging classwork, this group approaches every task with incredible perseverance. They are truly self-motivated, constantly pushing themselves to reach higher levels while demonstrating a level of responsibility and kindness that makes our classroom a wonderful place to be. We make it a point to celebrate our individual wins daily, with students eagerly clapping for their peers whenever someone experiences a breakthrough or positive change. Because each student brings unique strengths and continuous growth to our community, picking just one would feel unfair when I am so endlessly proud of them all.



The Principal's Post: Keeping you current with SVS news

Attendance- I am excited to share that so far this school year, we have had 98% daily attendance! We appreciate your dedication to helping your students arrive at school on time and ready to learn every day. It is one of the best ways to set your child up for success, as making up for lost learning time can be so difficult. As a reminder, a student who has more than 5 unexcused absences is considered truant.

End-of-Day Dismissal Routine: With a large number of students being picked up at dismissal each day, student safety is our top priority! To make sure every child leaves safely, all kiddos will stay with a staff member until we visual-check and connect with their parent or guardian. Thank you for your patience and support in keeping our dismissal smooth and secure for our SVS family!

The Jewell Journal: News from ⅔

In math this month, our students have been diving into number pairs to 10 and 20, as well as kicking off our new Number Corner routines. They have been sharpening their skills with patterns, money, and word problems while making fantastic observations about our calendar markers. It has been wonderful watching them support one another by sharing strategies and offering helpful suggestions.

In science, we explored the fascinating world of apples, learning about different varieties and discovering that over 4,000 types exist. Inspired by learning about the world's largest apple, students became little inventors using paper engineering to design their own Apple Grabbers to pick up classroom apples. They showed amazing persistence as they tested, learned from failure, and refined their designs.

Our learning journey also took us through mindsets, literature, and cinema. During our Growth Mindset lessons, students explored different parts of the brain, discovering what each part helps us do and brainstorming how we use them daily. In reading, we enjoyed the classic story of Ferdinand, the gentle bull who prefers smelling flowers to fighting. After reading the book, we watched the award-winning 1938 Disney animated short film and compared the two using a Venn diagram. We rounded out the comparison by watching the 2017 feature movie, completing a final Venn diagram to look at all three versions. While the movie added its own twists, the core message of peace, love, and laughter shone through.

We wrapped up the week with some wonderful creative contributions from our students. After finishing Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook, the class was inspired to create a Lost and Found box for our school. Student Noah Martin even adapted a poem from the book for our crate, writing, "If you find something that isn't yours, put it in the crate, and you'll feel great!" To top it all off, Celia shared a clever original knock-knock joke that brought big smiles to our classroom: "Knock! Knock! Who's there? Celia. Celia Who? Celia ya later!" We hope her joke brings a smile to your face too, and we wish everyone a terrific weekend.

Riddle Me This!

There is a word of five letters. If you take away two, six remain. What is the word?



Answer from last issue: She wanted to see Butter-Fly

Answer in next issue!



Martin's Media Wave: Updates from 4/5/6

Students in 4th,5th and 6th grades completed their first novel. The events in this book did not actually happen, but they could have, meaning this book, *Hatchet*, is realistic fiction. This book is the first book our class will read covering the topic of survival. Throughout our reading students created an anchor chart listing the most important events. As we read students became aware of personality traits assigned to Brian as he struggles to survive alone in the Canadian wilderness. Students read about setbacks Brian endured as he faced losing progress he'd made. In the final pages of this read students thought about Gary Paulsen, the author, and what he might write if the book had just one more chapter. As a culminating task students have begun writing their own survival story. Our classroom was abuzz today as students began writing. They will create characters, setting, and a plot for their own fictional narrative survival story

Several students enjoyed Gary Paulsen's and have picked titles written Mr. Paulsen from our shelves as individual reads!

Students continue to work on their cursive writing packet each week. They are observing their individual cursive writing progress. Not only are they honing their cursive writing skills, they are also now reading cursive!

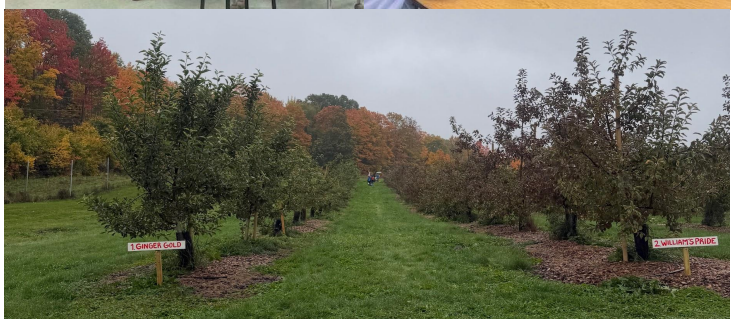
This week marks the end of week six! Our school year is moving along rapidly!

Brady's Eye on the Sky: Weather Report

*7 day forecast from Weather Underground

Sat 10/3	Sun 10/4	Mon 10/5	Tues 10/6	Wed 10/7	Thurs 10/8	Fri 10/9
Hi: 59° Low: 33°	Hi: 62° Low: 41°	Hi: 54° Low: 34°	Hi: 47° Low: 25°	Hi: 56° Low: 39°	Hi: 64° Low: 41°	Hi: 56° Low: 33°





The OT Oasis: What is OT?

Occupational therapists help students develop the skills they need to participate in everyday tasks at school. OTs support skills such as fine motor, visual perception, visual motor, handwriting, self care, and sensory integration. OTs work with students, teachers, and families to provide strategies, accommodations, and supports that help students access and engage in their educational environment.

Dear Stark Village School Community,

I have news that is both exciting and heartbreaking. Over the past year, helping with our local ambulance services inspired me to earn my EMR and EMT certifications. Loving the hands-on care, I've decided to step up and enroll in an AEMT class this spring and have accepted a position as an ED Technician at Weeks Medical Center, while continuing to serve on our local ambulance services.

This was a tough decision because, as you know, I love Stark Village School and truly thought I'd never leave. I could not have achieved this without your incredible support while I juggled classes and fostered children. We've shared laughter, tears, and total chaos, and you became so much more than colleagues—you became my people.

I will miss the staff, kids, and families immensely. Thank you for the wonderful years and unforgettable memories. I look forward to continuing to serve our community, so if you see an ambulance drive by, give a wave—I just might be in the back!

-Mrs. Wentworth

Monday Guidance	Tuesday Art	Wednesday Library Media	Thursday Wellness	Friday
5 School Board Meeting @5:30	6 Picture Day	7 Joint School Board Meeting @5:30 Stratford	8 WMSI	9 **No School** Professional Development Day
12 **No School** Columbus Day	13	14	15 **4H** @5:30	16
19	20	21	22	23 AMC

Breakfast Menu

Stark Village School

October 2026

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Ham Egg & Cheese Sandwich (P), WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, Cheerios Cereal	2 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, WG Cherry Muffin, WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal
5 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Round Granola Breakfast Bar, WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast	6 WGR Donut, WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, Cheerios Cereal	7 Bacon, Egg and Cheese Breakfast Sandwich (P), WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal	8 Strawberry Mini Bagel, WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal	9 NO SCHOOL HAVE A GREAT DAY!
12 	13 Cinnamon Bun, WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, Cheerios Cereal	14 Egg and Cheese Sandwich, WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, Cheerios Cereal	15 WGR Donut, WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, Cheerios Cereal	16 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, Cheerios Cereal
19 Round Granola Breakfast Bar, WG White Bagel, Cream Cheese, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal	20 Ham Egg & Cheese Sandwich (P), WG White Bagel, Cream Cheese, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal	21 Cinnamon Bun, WG White Bagel, Cream Cheese, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, Cheerios Cereal	22 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, WG White Bagel, Cream Cheese, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal	23 Banana Bread, WG White Bagel, Cream Cheese, Fruity Parfait, Cheerios Cereal, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast
26 Maple Mini Waffles, WG White Bagel, Cream Cheese, Fruity Parfait, Cheerios Cereal, WG Honey Bear Graham Crackers	27 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, Cheerios Cereal	28 Whole Grain French Toast Slices, Cream Cheese, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, Cheerios Cereal	29 WGR Donut, WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, Cheerios Cereal	30 Sausage, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, WG White Bagel, Fruity Parfait, Red. Sugar Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal, Cheerios Cereal

View this menu on the mobile app, FDMealPlanner, or on the web at www.FDMealPlanner.com

*Consuming raw or under cooked meat, poultry, seafood, shellfish or eggs may increase your risk of food borne illness, especially if you have certain medical conditions.

**Menu is subject to change, notice posted when available. If you have a food allergy, or intolerance, please notify us.

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Available Daily

Fresh, Canned or Dry Fruit

100% Fruit Juice

1% White Milk, Skim White or Fat Free Chocolate

PRICES

STUDENT BREAKFAST $2.50 REDUCED BREAKFAST $0.00

STUDENT LUNCH $3.50 REDUCED LUNCH $.40

ADULT BREAKFAST $3.50 ADULT LUNCH $5.00

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Lunch Menu

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Make Your Own Salad Salisbury Steak Homemade Mashed Potatoes Whole Wheat Dinner Roll	2 Make Your Own Salad Homemade Mac & Cheese Green Beans Whole Wheat Dinner Roll
5 Make Your Own Salad Baked Chicken Tenders Oven Baked Fries Whole Wheat Dinner Roll	6 Make Your Own Salad Nachos Grande Seasoned Rice	7 Make Your Own Salad Cheesy Stuffed Bread Sticks Homemade Chicken Soup	8 Make Your Own Salad Beef and Tomato Macaroni Casserole Cheesy Garlic Bread	9 NO SCHOOL HAVE A GREAT DAY
12 	13 Make Your Own Salad Classic Tex Mex Burrito Sweet & Spicy Roasted Corn	14 Make Your Own Salad Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Broccoli	15 Make Your Own Salad Homemade French Toast Apple Bake Sausage Patty 	16 Make Your Own Salad Turkey BLT Wrap Sweet Potato Fries
19 Make Your Own Salad Chicken Corn Dog Homemade French Fries Cinnamon Applesauce	20 Make Your Own Salad Walking Taco Vegetable Rice Pilaf	21 Make Your Own Salad Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Glazed Carrots	22 Make Your Own Salad Homemade Chicken & Broccoli Alfredo Cheesy Garlic Bread	23 Make Your Own Salad Cheeseburger Oven Baked Fries
26 Make Your Own Salad Meatball Hero Sweet Potato Fries	27 Make Your Own Salad BBQ Chicken Quesadilla Vegetable Rice Pilaf	28 Make Your Own Salad Cheese Pizza Pepperoni Pizza Steamed Peas	29 Make Your Own Salad Pasta with Meat Sauce Homemade Garlic Bread Steamed Carrots	30 Make Your Own Salad Sloppy Joe on a Bun Crispy Potato Puffs Apple Cobbler BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

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Pre-made Deli Sandwiches, Fruit & Yogurt Parfait, Fresh Fruit & Veggie Bar

1% White Milk or Fat Free Chocolate

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Meal Prices

Student breakfast $2.50
reduced breakfast $.00

Student lunch $3.50 reduced lunch $.40

Adult breakfast $3.50 Adult lunch $5.00

Milk $0.60