



# News From Borlaug Fourth Grade

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Dear Family,

We will be sending our conference reminder sheets soon. Please check the date and time and let us know if it will still work for you. If you haven't signed up for a time yet, please let us know a time that will work for you. We look forward to sharing your child's progress this winter.

## Curriculum Updates

### Language Arts:

Our story last week was "Ecology for Kids." It shared ways that even children can help the environment and the animals of earth. This story fits well with the nonfiction nature stories we have been reading recently. We have been working on a longer persuasive writing piece that we began planning last week and will finish next week.

Our next unit is called "Change is All Around." The big idea in the unit is that change happens to us and because of us.

### Math:

Our current math topic, Topic 7, is an exposure unit on factors and multiples. We will be focusing on fractions in Topic 8. The topic covers equivalent fractions and comparing fractions. Students will use a variety of visual tools, as well as multiplication and division skills to find equivalent fractions.



## Dates to Remember

- January 16** Spirit Day-  
Wacky Day
- January 25** Borlaug Movie Night  
(6:30 pm in Gym)
- February 5** PTO Meeting  
(6:30 pm in Media Center)
- February 13** Borlaug Talent Show  
(6:30 pm)
- February 14** Valentine's Day Party



### Science:

We have been working on our next science unit, Energy, since before winter break! Students have been building parallel and series circuits using light bulbs and motors. In Investigation 2, we will learn about magnetic force.

### Social Studies:

We are working our way around the United States to prepare for our research project in February. We are currently learning about the Midwest region.