



Stargazer

North Star Elementary Weekly News

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Congratulations to our latest winners of the Questar Box Tops challenge! Return box tops in groups of 50 to be part of the next prize drawing!

Scooter – Jessica Duran

\$10 Cash – Ramon Guadiana

Soccer Ball – Alionny Hamilton

\$10 Cash – Alexandra Dent



November is National Native American Heritage Month – Artifacts Stolen

This month, the Smithsonian displayed precious artifacts from the ancient peoples of Utah, Arizona, California, and New Mexico. The FBI took these 5,000 artifacts from thieves who wanted to sell them on the black market.

Removing native artifacts from public lands is illegal. However, at least 32 greedy people were involved in stealing and selling these

important objects. The objects date back as far as 8,000 years old, and encompass at least five tribes and ancient peoples. There were ceramic vessels, projectile points (arrow heads), shell jewelry, sacred headdresses, bison masks, and more.

Some of the artifacts are still in great shape, especially because they are very old and are made of things that decompose easily. However, this is not good news. It means that they were probably stolen from funerary (grave) sites that are sacred and should never be disturbed. And there is more bad news. Other objects were damaged because they were stored in bad places or were cleaned with modern soap that ruined them.

Now it's up to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to try to return these priceless artifacts to their rightful homes. This will be especially difficult because the thieves did not keep good track of where they took them, so they'll be hard to trace. The BLM will gladly give them back to tribes where possible, but many artifacts will have to be given to museums. This process will take years, as well as a lot of money.

Paraphrased from Kathleen Sharp, Smithsonian Magazine, November 2015

What do you think about the grave robbers? The tribes that were robbed? The FBI and the BLM's efforts? If you see an artifact in nature, what will you do?

It's Thanksgiving! Enjoy your holiday!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Release 2:30p	Release 2:30p	<u>NO SCHOOL!</u>	<u>NO SCHOOL!</u>	<u>NO SCHOOL!</u>

11/23/2015

Upcoming Events

Thursday 11/26 – Friday 11/27
Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday 12/01, 2:45p Parent
Volunteers and PTA meeting

Friday 12/04, 11:30a-2p Santa
Pictures

Monday 12/14, 2:30p Questar Food
Bank comes to North Star

Thursday 12/17, 1:30p Volleyball
Game Faculty versus 6th grade

12/21 – 01/01 Winter Break

Thursday 01/28, 5-6:30p Family
Science Night

Wednesday 02/10 – Thursday
02/11, 1-6p Student Educator
Parent Meetings (SEPs)

Tuesday 03/15, 5-6:30p Family
Math Night

March 21-25 Spring Break

April 11-15 College Week

Wednesday 05/04 @ 3p
Kindergarten Orientation

Monday 05/30 Memorial Day No
School

Friday 06/03 Last Day of School

**Please remember –
no parking in front
of the cafeteria
driveway!**

