**February Classroom News**

**Lower Elementary**
Ms. Heidi

January saw the conclusion of our South America studies. Everyone did a very nice job presenting their reports on their South American animals. In February, we will start our next continent study- Africa! We will also start studying electricity and magnetism. We will continue to study the five kingdoms focusing on plants.

**Preschool/ Kindergarten**
Ms. Kelly and Ms. Lydia

We are deep in snow here so why not learn about other arctic regions? Primary classrooms will journey to places where snow is a year round thing. We'll explore the animals that live in these chilly places and the people who call them home. We will also dive into the wonders of the human body and learn about germs and how to prevent them from getting us sick. We'll explore the five senses and understand the differences between a solid, liquid and gas. We'll be spreading love around all month long and be crossing our fingers on Groundhogs Day for an early spring.

**Upper Elementary**
Ms. Starr and Ms. Charlotte

This is always an exciting time to be a part of the Upper Elementary program! The grade specific cultural programs will be getting up and running the beginning of February. Our 6th year students are excited to begin designing their own “Imaginary Islands”, the 5th year students will begin their studies into the Early Civilizations of Japan, China, and India, the 4th year students will be learning about our early human ancestors. These projects always yield many beautiful visual maps, so be sure to check out the items in the hallway near the UE.

In January, the students participated in the 4th annual Science Fair! It was great to see so many well thought out and well done displays and the students enjoyed sharing their information with their guests. Thank you to everyone who attended!

Preparations are gearing up for the UE class’ annual trip to Teton Science School, April 20-24, in Grand Teton National Park. This is always a highlight for the UE students and already the excitement is building. They are all hoping for spring-like weather at that time!