

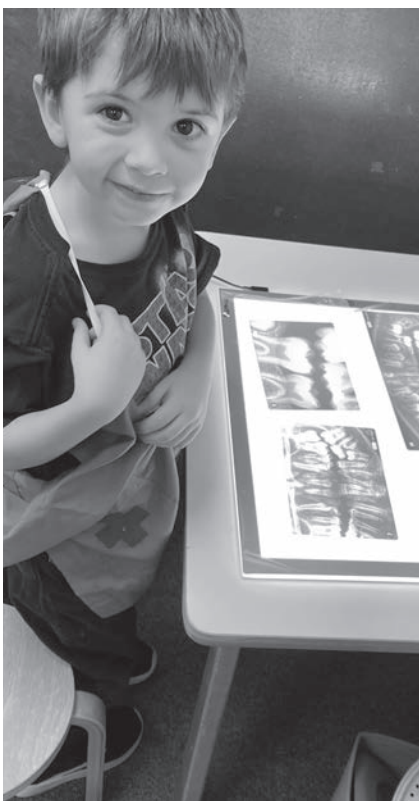
4K Dental Week
Submitted by Amanda Kinyon

4K students in Mrs. Kinyon’s class spent a week learning about dental health. Nicole Wurtz, from Brown Family Dentistry, helped to teach the importance of dental health and provided each student with a new toothbrush and toothpaste!

The students were very excited to learn about their teeth and how to take care of them



Ruby Russart



Kingston Penn



Raelyn Wehle



Joanna Burnett



Nicole Wurtz



Hudsyn Morgan

Rosendale-Brandon Second Graders Deliver
Singing Valentines to Residents

Submitted by K-5 General Music Teacher Tammy Vande Berg

COVID-19 did not stop second graders from bringing some love to residents at Anchor Communities in Brandon and Tower View in Rosendale. Brandon Second Graders facetimes residents at Anchor Communities with Valentine songs including “Valentine,” “Mail Myself to You,” and “You are My Sunshine.” The residents and students from Mrs. Alsum’s room exchanged words of encouragement and love to one another. The Rosendale Students were in walking distance to residents of Tower View and found a sunny, warmer day to deliver their messages of love, hope, and joy to the residents there. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Emerich’s 2nd grade classrooms stood at the windows of the main rooms of Tower View where sixteen residents were waiting for their arrival. They also sang songs through speaker phones and delivered cards “mailing themselves” to the residents.

The looks on the residents’ faces those days in Brandon and Rosendale were priceless. One woman could be seen through the window signing “I LOVE YOU” to the students. Other residents clapped and sang along with the children. Still others waved repeatedly with happy tears in their eyes and smiles on their faces.

Brandon 4-K teacher, Blair Moon’s grandparents, called their daughter Lynn Moon immediately following the Singing Valentine visit to tell her what a “wonderful gift” it was to see the children. The daughter went on to explain that they along with other residents are so lonely for things outside their four walls. Another resident, great-grandmother to 5th grader Cayden Gold, told her family how she loved seeing the second grade kids outside Tower View. Little did the staff and kids know she recently moved to Tower View and was missing her home and family terribly since Covid isn’t allowing visitors. She was so excited to receive a Valentine. Any guesses of the name of the child who she received it from? A boy named Caden which is the same name as her great-grandson in 5th grade! Her family said their visit brought her a little closer to family that day.

The loneliness turned to cheerful company on these days for the residents of Anchor Communities and Tower View. For the second graders, these virtual and window visits were an act of kindness that brought feelings of fulfillment and the realization that they made a difference in someone’s life that day.



Creedence Pflueger displays a message of LOVE to the residents of Anchor Communities in Brandon during their facetime visit.



Ella Bartz and Quinn Laper wave to the Anchor Communities residents virtually while Stella Baldock and Lena Arndt watch for their reactions.



Grant Langenfeld, Isla LeCaptain, Brianna Groeschl, Mikaila Penn, Pierce DeVries, Lucas Bednarowski, Jose Ramirez, Andrew Edmunds, Griffin Vis, Holly Matulle, Myla Schultz, Amelia Breister, Stella Miller, Jayden Abitz, Shelby Hinz, Theodore Leonard, Lydia Woxland, and Wyatt Mittelstadt led by K-5 General Music Teacher, Mrs. Vande Berg pose for a picture before singing to the residents at Tower View Villa.