

LEARNERS & LEADERS NEWS

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 6



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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr. Dalipi

Welcome to our March newsletter! Spring is just around the corner, and with it comes a host of opportunities for our students to flourish academically, socially, and creatively. In this edition of our newsletter, we are thrilled to share the exciting things that have been happening in our school and provide a glimpse of what is to come. As partners in your child's education, your involvement is invaluable, and we're grateful for your continued support. Let's make this month one to remember.

SCHOOL EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEARNERS AND LEADERS?

WORLD READ ALOUD DAY

We celebrated World Read Aloud Day with our 5th grade students and teachers all visiting different rooms sharing the joy of reading aloud.



5TH GRADE WRITING CELEBRATION

Our 5th grade students had a great time sharing their writing pieces with students in kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade. So much fun to see them share their work and encourage each other with their love of writing.

SCHOOL EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEARNERS AND LEADERS?

RESPECT FOR ALL

Our students transformed into living wax figures, embodying historical figures and teaching us about contributions to our world. It was a powerful showcase of diversity, empathy and learning.



100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

We had a great time celebrating the 100th day of school. We started the day with prizes for the 100th student to enter each building and then every class took a walking tour of the building to see everyone's projects.



SCHOOL EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEARNERS AND LEADERS?







METS YA GOTTA READ

Back at the beginning of February we had our kickoff rally for NY Mets Ya Gotta Read was a blast, and guess who joined us? That's right, Mr. Met himself! He even took time to visit our Pre-K classes. Thank you to the New York Mets for the awesome start to our reading journey!!!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	25	26	27	28	29  NYPD Jazz Band	1 College Day STEM NIGHT	2
	3	4 BenAnna Band Concert 3K-1st grade	5	6  Wear Animal Print	7 PTC Half day	8  Flannel Friday	9
	10 Picture Day 3K,Prek, Kinder,5th  Wear Green	11	12	13	14  Pi Day Contest	15  Superhero Day STEM NIGHT	16
	17	18 Wear Blue	19	20	21	22  Dress like a teacher	23
	24	25  Music Monday	26 Twin Tuesday 	27  March Madness Jersey Day	28	29	30
	31	1	2	3	4	5	6

REMINDERS

Morning Arrivals

We ask that all students come to school by 8:05 using our entrance in the schoolyards. Please be sure to have your children on time so they do not miss a minute of learning.

Dismissal

Please pick up your child no later than 2:30. We ask that all parents be in our school yard for dismissal by 2:20

***Parents we ask that pets are not brought on to school grounds

THE CLUSTER CHRONICLES

PHYSICA EDUCATION, ART, THEATER



WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- A note from the teachers
- What we have been learning

A NOTE FROM THE CLUSTERS

Ms. Kristen, Ms. Knightley, Mr. Spector & Mr. Ronny

As cluster teachers, we wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude for your ongoing support and collaboration in your child's education journey. March is a special time filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and connection.

We are pleased to see the progress and dedication your child has shown in their academic pursuits. From mastering new concepts to engaging in creative projects, we celebrate their achievements and growth.

Thank you for entrusting us with the privilege of educating and nurturing your child. Together, we can create a positive and enriching learning environment that empowers every student to thrive.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION



K-2

Mr. Ronny

For the month of February, the sport that the students learned about and practiced was American Football. Some of the basics and fundamental skills the students were engaged in included, throwing and catching touchdowns, and kicking field goals. Students also learned basic vocabulary and roles, such as Quarterback (thrower), receiver (catcher), and kicker.

3-5

Ms. Kristen

During the month of February, our students completed the FitnessGram assessments. FitnessGram is a comprehensive fitness assessment program designed to evaluate students' physical health and fitness levels. It is used in schools to measure various component of fitness including, cardiovascular endurance, muscular strength, flexibility, and body composition. FitnessGram provide valuable insights into students' overall well-being.



THEATER



2nd graders practicing their acting skills with Jack and the Beanstalk.

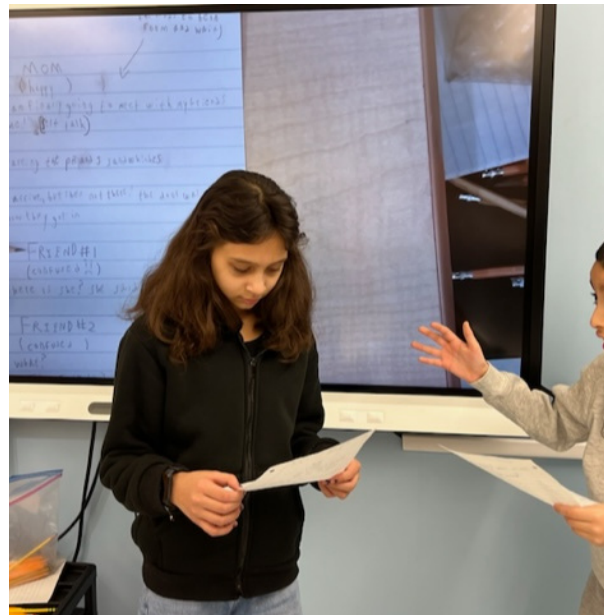
K-2

Mr. Spector

Throughout February, our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders dove into the enchanting world of fairy tales. They immersed themselves in reading and discussing these magical stories, bringing them to life by working together to create spirited performances for classmates. The students then assessed each other's acting skills, focusing on body movement, voice, and emotional expression.

3-5

In February, our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders began learning about the format of script writing. A script isn't written like a book. The words have different placement to make it easy for the actors to read. We discussed the placement of character names; parenthesis for emotions; dialogue and action lines. We broke into teams and wrote our own scripts. We also used a checklist to help us self and peer assess each other's scripts for using correct script format.



5th graders performing scripts they wrote.

ART

K-2

Ms. Knightly

Throughout February, our Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd-grade students have been exploring the vibrant art of Alma Thomas as part of our celebration of Black History Month. Alma Thomas made history as the first Black woman to have her artwork displayed at the White House and the first African American woman to have a solo exhibition at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City.

One of the masterpieces we explored was "Breeze Rustling Through Fall Flowers, 1968." This colorful painting features a striped pattern made up of tiny dashes and dots. Through close observation, our students learned to appreciate Thomas's intricate use of shapes and colors. Inspired by her techniques, our Kindergarten students honed their fine motor skills as they tore, cut, and glued colorful construction paper to create their own Alma Thomas inspired collages. This hands-on activity encourages creativity and attention to detail, skills that are essential for artistic expression and cognitive development.



ART

3-5

Ms. Knightly

This month, students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade learned about the colorful artwork of Alma Thomas to celebrate Black History Month. Alma Thomas was a very important artist: she was the first Black woman to have her art shown at the White House and the first African American woman to have a solo art exhibit at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City.

Students studied Alma Thomas's artwork, including her most famous painting "Resurrection, 1966," which features a bold circular pattern. On closer examination, students discovered that these circles were actually made up of small squares and rectangles, like little tiles in a mosaic. We noticed that Alma Thomas used lots of bright colors in her paintings, like bold reds and oranges, and soothing blues and greens. These colors made us feel cheerful! The way she arranged the colors in circles made the painting look like it was moving, as if the colors were dancing across the canvas. It felt balanced and harmonious, as if everything was in the right place.

Inspired by Thomas's technique, students embarked on their own artistic journey, creating collages using colorful construction paper. They experimented with different shapes, sizes, and colors, arranging them in concentric circles to mirror Thomas's distinctive style while also focusing on elements of design such as color, repetition, balance, and unity. By carefully selecting and arranging their collage elements, students aimed to create harmonious compositions, echoing Thomas's approach in her artwork.

