

LEARNERS & LEADERS NEWS

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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 7



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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Mr. Dalipi

Welcome back from what I hope was a restful and enjoyable four-day weekend! As we spring into April, let's take a moment to reflect on the fun we've had so far this school year. From engaging classroom activities to exciting school events, we've shared countless memorable experiences together. As we look ahead to the remainder of the school year, let's carry forward the enthusiasm and spirit. Remember, the journey through education is not just about reaching the destination but also about the experiences and growth we encounter along the way.

SCHOOL EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEARNERS AND LEADERS?

STEM NIGHTS

We had an absolute blast exploring the wonders of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with engaging activities and hands-on learning experiences. From unraveling the mysteries of the cosmos with Cosmic IQ to unleashing creativity and problem-solving skills with Bricks4kidz, students had a blast.



MARCH MADNESS

Our students had so much fun dressing up on different themed days throughout March.

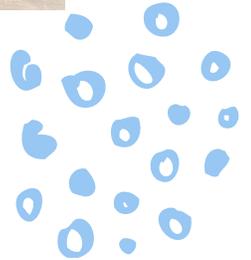


SCHOOL EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEARNERS AND LEADERS?

STARS REWARD

Congratulations to Class 1/2-6 for earning stars and being rewarded with a trip to the book vending machine! Keep shining bright and reaching for the stars, everyone! Who will be the next stars in our school community? Keep up the outstanding work, and you might just find yourself earning stars and enjoying exciting rewards soon!



BENANNA BAND

We had a fantastic visit from the BenAnna Band, who delighted our 3K, PreK, and kindergarten students with a lively and engaging performance! It was a joy to see our young learners grooving and singing along to the music.

SCHOOL EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEARNERS AND LEADERS?

BEAUTIFUL ME

Our first Beautiful Me' group has wrapped up! We're so proud of our young champions who embraced their uniqueness and spread kindness. Here's to many more inspiring moments ahead!



BASKETBALL SHOOTOUT

Our students had so much fun dressing up on different themed days throughout March.



SCHOOL EVENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT LEARNERS AND LEADERS?

PI DAY

What a fun Pi Day at our school! Teachers dug into a pie eating contest while students showcased their pi-reciting skills. Huge shoutout to the top 3 students for remembering an impressive number of digits—they earned the honor of pie-ing the administration team at our assembly!



SPRING BUNNY VISIT

We ended the month with a special visitor to launch us into Spring.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

UPCOMING EVENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS



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

EVENTS CALENDAR

- April 4th
 - Sports Night K-2
- April 5th
 - 3rd Grade Circle of Dance Performance
- April 11-12
 - Grades 3-4 ELA State Test
- April 15th
 - 5th Grade Computer based ELA State Test
- April 18th
 - Sports Night 3-5
- May 2nd
 - Home Basketball Game
- May 7-8
 - Grades 3-4 Math State Test
- May 9-10
 - 5th Grade Computer based Math State Test
- May 13th
 - Kindergarten Mother's Day Tea
- May 14th
 - Mets Trip
- May 16th
 - Book Bingo
- May 23rd
 - Talent Show
- May 30th
 - Mr. Spector's Theater Performance
- June 4th
 - 2nd Grade Ballet Hispanico Performance
- June 6th and June 7th
 - No School
- June 13th
 - 3K and Prek Stepping Up
- June 14th
 - Kinder Stepping Up
- June 21st
 - 5th Grade Moving Up

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

MS. KRISTEN & MR. RONNY

K-2

In Mr. Ronny's P.E. class, the students started working on a striking unit. The sport we used to improve their striking skills was tennis. Students were able to learn, practice, and engage in various activities individually and with partners. A key component that was emphasized throughout the month was control. Practicing tennis control skill is essential to develop the coordination for manipulating objects and striking the tennis balls with proper force and accuracy.



3-5

In Ms. Kristen's physical education class, we started our striking with implements unit. This unit focuses on developing students' striking skills, including proper stance, grip, swing mechanics, and hand-eye coordination essential for success in baseball, softball and cricket. We celebrated individual progress and achievements in hitting, fielding, and base running skills and recognized students for their sportsmanship, effort, and improvement throughout the unit. We will continue our striking unit in April focusing on the skills used in the sport of hockey or floor ball.

ART

MS. KNIGHTLEY

K-2

Our kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd-grade artists have been busy exploring the world of lines. They were inspired by the book 'Lines That Wiggle' by Candace Whitman, which sparked their imagination and creativity, leading them to explore various types of lines in the art room.

After reading the story, students embarked on a scavenger hunt to find real-life examples of lines. This hands-on activity not only reinforced their understanding of lines but also encouraged them to look at the world around them with an artistic eye. Using pencils, students carefully drew different types of lines on their papers and then traced over them with black crayon to make them stand out. Finally, they used paint in all the colors of the rainbow to fill in between the lines, creating these vibrant and dynamic works of art.

These artworks showcase our students' artistic talents and highlight their exploration and understanding of the fundamental element of art: line.



3-5

Spring has brought a burst of creativity to our art classrooms as students explored Vincent van Gogh's famous sunflowers. These cheery flowers led our 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade artists to examine symmetry through Van Gogh's paintings.

Before creating their artwork, students examined real sunflowers, noting their symmetrical nature and unique traits. Fun fact: there's a sunflower named after Van Gogh! We also learned about the flower's wide range of colors including cream to gold, yellow, orange, red, mahogany, rich chocolate brown, and even pink.

Using this knowledge, students crafted their own sunflower masterpieces, starting with a large circle and adding symmetrical petals. The result? An array of unique sunflowers showcasing their creativity and understanding of symmetry. This collaborative effort culminated in a beautiful display brightening our halls and celebrating spring.



THEATER

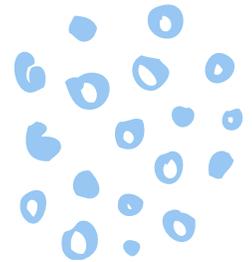
MR. SPECTOR

K-2

In March, we've focused on refining our acting skills with practical techniques. We've explored "Face Tricks" to express emotions vividly through facial expressions, especially using your eyebrows and eyes to really sell it. Our "Body Tricks" convey emotions through our movements. Our "Voice Tricks" develop distinct character voices and help us to project our lines clearly. Paired with acting partners, we've used differentiated rubrics for self-assessment and constructive feedback. Working with different texts has enriched our understanding of character dynamics and storytelling.



1st graders using a rubric to help each other show emotions with their face.



4th graders rehearsing the skit My Dad is an Alien for our upcoming school play, "Pinewood, NY!"

3-5

In March, our 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade classes crafted scripts for our upcoming school play, "Pinewood, NY." This production features six short stories, each spotlighting a different family in the mysterious town of Pinewood. Each story was written by a different class from grades 3, 4 and 5. The 4th grade will be performing it and are now rehearsing these scripts. Join us to find out what strange things are happening in Pinewood, NY!