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Math Lessons for Real Life

Ever wonder about how much it costs to go to Outback Steakhouse with two friends and order all of the appetizers on the menu? About how much would that cost each person? Well, Ms. Schlossberg's resource math class at Crawford can tell you. In fact, they can probably tell you a lot about the prices on the menu and about how much it would cost to eat there.

In early March, they worked on a math decimal project using the menu from Outback Steakhouse with various scenarios. The owner of a nearby Outback was so impressed, that each student received a FREE "Joey" entree item toward their next visit! Students wrote thank you letters to the owner of the restaurant and are very excited to use their coupons and eat some good, free food! They're also excited because they can now show off their math skills when they go out to eat! ■



McAuliffe Middle School Welcomes Incoming 5th Grade Parents

The McAuliffe Pride Committee was happy to welcome all of the incoming 5th grade parents to McAuliffe's 6th Grade orientation. With the help of Builders Club members, parents were welcomed with goodies supplied by the JEA Pride committee. The Builders Club members gave tours to the parents of the school and answered any questions that they may have had. With the help of the qualified teachers and exceptional students at McAuliffe, 5th graders can look forward to a successful transition to middle school. ■

Beloved Jackson School District Educator Mrs. Ruth Davis and Switlik School Recognized by Ocean of Love

Switlik Elementary School has been affiliated with Ocean of Love for well over a decade. Ocean of Love is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Ocean County children with cancer along with their families. The purpose of the organization is to assist children through their illness and provide financial and emotional support so that they can experience the “normal” joys of childhood, knowing their lives are significant and meaningful to everyone.



Switlik Elementary School’s affiliation with this organization began when, as a preschool teacher, Mrs. Davis had a student that benefited from the emotional and financial support of Ocean of Love. Since then, Mrs. Davis has recruited staff and families alike to support this foundation and its dedication to

the children of Ocean County. To this day, Switlik Elementary School continues this tradition of commitment and support through the dedication of its Parent Teacher Network, staff support and generous parent community. The Jackson School District is fortunate to have Mrs. Ruth Davis, a most devoted teacher and caring individual, as part of their staff. ■



Second Grade Students Learn Valuable Lessons

Johnson and Rosenauer Elementary Schools have been busy learning about bullying, drugs and hygiene thanks to the Ocean County Health Department. They have also been involved in the *Footprints for Life* program through the OCHD. All second graders have received a research-based primary prevention program designed to focus on good decision making, interpersonal skills, cultural competence, peer pressure and peaceful conflict resolution. The students have learned a lot of important lessons that they will take with them as they continue to grow. ■



Take a Glimpse into Henninger and Shadell’s “Yummy Curriculum”

Mrs. Henninger and Ms. Shadell have instituted the *Doctor Yum* curriculum with their respective preschool students with disabilities classrooms’ in

Sylvia Rosenauer Elementary School. Both classrooms work together and share many materials and resources which allow students to participate in a more controlled whole group atmosphere while using appropriate modifications and adaptations. As a whole, students were not the most willing to touch, let alone put a new fruit or vegetable to their lips. Can you imagine their anxiety and hesitation to chew or ingest those new foods?

Mrs. Henninger and Ms. Shadell have worked to create a structured, consistent, and safe environment for their students. Their classroom environments, in correlation with the *Doctor Yum* curriculum, have encouraged all of their students to take the risk to not only put new foods to their mouths but even enjoy tasting new fruits and vegetables!!!

Each month Mrs. Henninger and Ms. Shadell look over each recipe and work cohesively to plan sensory and STEAM based learning activities for the students to participate in. Students have enjoyed squishing, painting, sorting, and building with various fruits and vegetables. Each month is concluded by creating the invigorating recipes provided. Pictured are students thoroughly enjoying creating the Jack-o-Lantern hummus peppers. It was hands down a favorite recipe! Not only are students enjoying these delicious recipes, but so is the staff!! ■



The Battle of the Books 2018

This year at Rosenauer Elementary School's 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders took on the challenge of reading more books this year than any in their last few years of school. With weekly challenges, March Madness, and a raw competitive nature, students have read over 3000 books since the competition began on February 16th. The challenge ends with a basketball shootout between teachers, winner taking home the coveted basketball trophy. Teachers earned shots on basket based on the number of books read throughout March. Mrs. Liebes and Mrs. Kenney earned 18 shots on basket equating to 180 books read! The overall winning class will take home the Champion of Readers Trophy, earn a pizza party and grab some extra recess. Who knew reading could be so competitive? ■



March Madness Basketball Becomes May Madness

Due to a late March snowstorm that closed school, Holman Elementary School's annual "March Madness" basketball game was postponed and became "May Madness." This event teams up Holman fifth grade students against Holman staff members for a fierce game of basketball. The game was moved to May 3rd and was sponsored by the parent-teacher organization, H.O.P.E. Held in the Holman School gym, dozens of Holman teachers matched up against the fifth graders. The game was officiated by members of the Georgian Court Women's Basketball team. The Holman staff played well, but the fifth grade students overpowered them and won resoundingly! Congratulations, Holman fifth graders! ■



The "Art" of Design

This school year, the elementary schools rolled out a new Science curriculum. This new curriculum included student-based *Design Brief Challenges* that allowed students to put knowledge into action. These challenges quickly

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became the highlight of each Science unit, getting the students enthusiastic about their learning and problem-solving skills.

Mrs. Lynch’s and Mr. Hynes’s 5th grade class at Holman Elementary School took on the challenge of creating a bobsled track, coinciding with the 2018 Winter Olympic Games in PyeongChang. The “Dream Team,” that is pictured, won the Design Challenge in the class. Their original design held the winning time for height, turns, and speed, but the Dream Team was not satisfied. These students immediately put themselves right back to work to see if they could beat their own record.

These engineers spent many additional hours of their own free time to enhance their already winning model. Not only was the bobsled track reconfigured to achieve more twists and turns, but it also became a structured work of art- just in time for this year’s Holman Art Show night on March 28. ■



Rosenauer Elementary Hosts Whole-School Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

Camp Fire New Jersey has been conducting programs in Mercer County for years, however, on April 10th they extended their reach to Ocean County by hosting their *Absolutely Incredible Kid Day* at Rosenauer Elementary School in Jackson. Students in preschool through fifth grade learned about finding their “spark,” or what they are good at and enjoy. Representatives from Camp Fire New Jersey read a book and helped the students read letters from their parents telling them why they are incredible. It was an event that speaks to the character education of the students at Rosenauer and the overall mission of the school: to improve student life and school climate through school-based and community-wide programs and experiences that promote communication and engagement. ■



Holman School Celebrates Creativity

On the evening of Wednesday, March 28th, the hallways of Holman Elementary School were filled with works of writing and works of art. At the annual Holman Art and Writing Fair, the entire school celebrated the students’ creativity. Parents and family members came to tour the hallways, viewing the different works of art and writings by students in all grade levels. Additionally, the Friends of the Jackson Public Library and staff members from the Jackson Branch of the Ocean County Public Library attended the event to provide outreach to the Holman School community, offering prizes and information on services available at the Jackson Public Library. The Ocean County Library’s mascot, Sparks came for a visit, too! The evening was a lovely way to celebrate the hard work and creativity of Holman students. ■

Switlik School Hosts Annual Living Wax Museum, Young Authors Showcase and Science Fair Night!



On March 27th, Switlik Elementary School held some very special events to showcase the wonderful work and learning going on throughout the school. The events gave everyone a chance to highlight the many talents of the young actors, scientists and authors of all ages and grade levels.

With support from the Jackson Education Association and the local Jackson Rotary Club, guests were treated to hallways filled with examples of student writing! Everyone was invited to leave "post it note" comments to congratulate each author on their spectacular work.

Meanwhile, down in the gymnasium, 5th grade science and math teacher Mr. Mathews welcomed all of the guests to view the 5th grade science projects, which incorporated their knowledge of science, math, technology, and engineering skills. Everyone in attendance was quite impressed by the student-made creations.

Finally, guests got to visit the All Purpose Room where the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade Enrichment students displayed presentation boards filled with facts and photos about famous people throughout history. Students wore costumes and used props that represented the historical figures they researched. Using their public speaking skills, the children gave all of the guests a two minute speech filled with all the information and fun facts about their person from history.

Thanks to Jackson's very own JTV for coming to document the event and a very special congratulations to Enrichment teachers Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Magee. They did a wonderful job of organizing and preparing the students for this very special event! ■

Goetz RACERs Give Back!



At Goetz Middle School, character education is critical to student development. The RACER Club, consisting of students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades, focuses on providing opportunities for the student body to demonstrate the qualities of Respect, Acceptance, Citizenship, Empathy and Responsibility. Throughout the year, RACERs conduct school-wide activities to highlight these qualities. In March, the RACER Club conducted its second annual Operation Empathy, a collection of travel-size toiletry items for American troops stationed here and overseas.

While there are many activities taking place in our classrooms, one class infused Operation Empathy into the daily curriculum. Speaking of her students, Mrs. Ebeling announced, "This is a very patriotic class!" The students spent time thinking of the soldiers and what they might be missing from home. Empathy was the first lesson they learned. Next Mrs. Ebeling, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Urban led Social Studies lessons about soldiers and others in our community who may be involved in helping the soldiers. Furthermore, as the class members and their families brought in their donations, the class counted and sorted the items for math lessons. They proudly displayed their tallies on their door. Not only did Mrs. Ebeling's class donate a total of 461 items, their participation motivated others at Goetz. As Mrs. Ebeling reported, "Many teachers and students were so impressed with our class collection that they came to the door each day to see our daily totals."

Indeed, Mrs. Ebeling's class is just one example of how Goetz families respond to a cause. Throughout the building home-rooms collected many items; 97 pounds of travel-size toiletries were ultimately sent to Operation Gratitude in California from our school! The postage was paid by the Goetz PTN, a critical member of our Goetz family. Mr. Perino, Principal of Goetz, announced, "I am consistently inspired by the generosity and patriotism that is displayed by the Goetz Community. The showing of support through donations to help those that serve truly demonstrates our Jackson pride!" ■





The Art of Comprehension Lifts the “MOOD” at Rosenauer Elementary

As the school year comes to an end at Rosenauer, the first instinct is to look back over the 2017-18 moments that are worth remembering. One of the favorites here is by far the time spent in grades 3rd-5th with Mr. Trevor Bryan, the art teacher at Elms Elementary. Mr. Bryan visited several times this year and with each visit he worked alongside students and teachers to foster comprehension conversations and communication skills. Mr. Bryan also worked with Mrs. A.

Vetrano and Mrs. Mullins to coordinate a 5th grade trip to talk about and write about art at The Princeton Art Museum. The trip was a first visit to a museum for many students and was considered a complete success. These are great times in the Jackson School District when one teacher’s passion can resonate throughout the district and enhance writing and reading in our own school as well as create a district-wide collaboration between schools. ■

Johnson School Holds Annual Art and Writing Expo

HC Johnson School held their annual Art and Writing Expo this year on May 17th. Each child was showcased with their writing and art work throughout the school. Sculpture, drawings, paintings and many other art pieces were on display that evening. It was a great night with a wonderful turnout of families in attendance! ■





Switlik School Students Sing the National Anthem at FirstEnergy Park for Annual Switlik PTN BlueClaws Night Fundraiser!

On Monday, May 14th, members of the Switlik 5th Grade Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Brian Morgan and Mr. Tim Trout, performed the National Anthem before a crowd of thousands in attendance. Following their performance, Switlik 5th grader Nicholas Pearson threw out the ceremonial first pitch to kick off the game. Thank you

to all of the Switlik families and friends that came out to support this event! Special thanks to the many wonderful Switlik staff members who volunteered their time to work the food and concession stands during the entire game. Everyone had a great time and all are looking forward to being back next season! ■



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Let's Peek into McGill's World

This year the preschoolers in Mrs. McGill's room, took to saving the earth! They dug deep and used trash to create "Recycled Robots". From cereal boxes to paper

towel holders, the youngsters worked hard to create Recycled Robots and proudly displayed these creations throughout the classroom. Some stood nearly as tall as the students! ■