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Liberty Band Repeats as New Jersey State Champions!

The Liberty Band has done it again and earned the title of Tournament of Bands NJ State Champions! These students and staff worked hard all year winning awards for Best Music, Best Percussion and Best Colorguard. Throughout the fall the group not only performed at football games but also traveled to various competitions in which they received 1st place at every single show. Not only were they crowned State Champions but they also took the title of Region Champions as well. This is the Liberty Bands' 6th State Title. Congrats to those students and staff members on all their achievements this season. ■



Jackson School District Teacher Recognized w/ Prestigious "Milken Family Foundation" Educator Award!

Shaina Brenner, a second-grade teacher at Elms Elementary School in Jackson was surprised at a recent faculty meeting to learn that she was one of the 2022-23 recipients of a \$25,000 Milken Educator Award for her outstanding leadership and professionalism in the classroom. Ms. Brenner was chosen for this honor as she best exemplifies the needs of her students and is able to captivate them daily through innovative and engaging classroom lessons and hands-on learning activities. Congratulations Shaina—you certainly are an example to all! ■





1,000 Paper Cranes, 1,000 Wishes for Healing: A Holman Passion Project!

For several years the students in Room 113 of Holman Elementary School have been learning about Sadako Sasaki, a young Japanese girl who passed away from leukemia that she developed as a result of the United States dropping an atomic bomb on the city of Hiroshima during World War II. In Japan, it is believed that if a person makes 1,000 paper cranes (senbazuru), then they will be granted a wish. When young Sadako was in the Red Cross hospital she made over 1,000 paper cranes with the wish that she would get better. Unfortunately her wish did not come true. The students in Room 113 keep Sadako's spirit alive by folding 1,000 senbazuru each year and then donating them to someone that they know who is battling an illness. This year one of Mr. McEwan's friends is battling cancer and the students have folded 700 cranes in just seven days already. They will have these 1,000 cranes ready to be sent out with wishes of health for their teacher's dear friend within the next week. In addition to folding 1,000 cranes for the friend of their teacher, the students are going to be folding an additional 1,000 cranes to sell in various art projects to purchase a Peace Pole for Holman Elementary School. On this pole will be 8 different languages with the saying, "May Peace Prevail On Earth." The students have decided to use the languages, English, Japanese, Russian, Ukrainian, Arabic, Hebrew, American Sign Language as well as a Braille placard for the pole. It is their hope that they will raise enough money to have a dedication ceremony for this new pole with students from past classes attending on their teacher's birthday. Any money above

and beyond the cost of the Peace Pole will be donated to the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society in the name of Sadako Sasaki and Brian McEwan, (Jason McEwan's father who was a teacher in the Jackson School District for over 2 decades who passed away from leukemia 3 years ago). ■



Elms Elementary School Celebrates AAC Awareness Month!

The month of October was AAC Awareness Month. AAC stands for Augmentative and Alternative Communication. Many students at Elms, and throughout the district, utilize AAC to communicate. AAC is often used by people who do not speak words to communicate or who may have breakdowns in their communication skills making it hard for others to understand what they are saying. The Elms Speech Team brought education and awareness to staff and students through various activities during the month of October. During morning announcements the first week, the students heard an “AAC Fact of the Day” and each day a student who utilizes AAC used their system to recite the pledge of allegiance.

In one of our preschool classes, the Speech Therapist was invited to be a special guest and read a story about a child who uses AAC. After the story, all the students utilized various forms of AAC to participate in a fun movement song! Throughout the month, the staff who work with students in the preschool, MD and Self contained classes were presented with weekly challenges to help aid in the success of their students. The challenges focused on getting to know their student’s AAC systems, modeling the use of the AAC system throughout the school day, ensuring students had access to their systems at all times during the day and working with their students to utilize their devices for various functions of communication. The staff had fun participating in the modeling challenge all month long. When a Speech Therapist caught staff modeling language on their student’s AAC system, they had their star placed on the, “Elms Next Top AAC Model” runway, along with a sweet treat. The Elms Speech Team is grateful to all the staff that help make our students be successful communicators! ■



Botany Comes Alive for Goetz 7th & 8th Grade Science Students!

Ms. Schmidt’s amazing 7th & 8th grade classes just finished a unit on the fascinating world of plants. Students learned about the parts of a plant, life cycles, and of course photosynthesis. The unit was finished when students participated in a hands-on activity in which they made a plant foldable and “planting” watercress seeds in cotton!! The students were super excited and worked so hard on their foldables!!! ■

Johnson School Happily Celebrates “Grinch Day” on December 1st!

Some of the happiest teachers around won’t be found with a frown during the HCJ Grinch Day! Johnson students and staff had so much fun during the start of December as they focused on various “Grinch” themed activities and lessons while having fun as they displayed smiles all around! ■



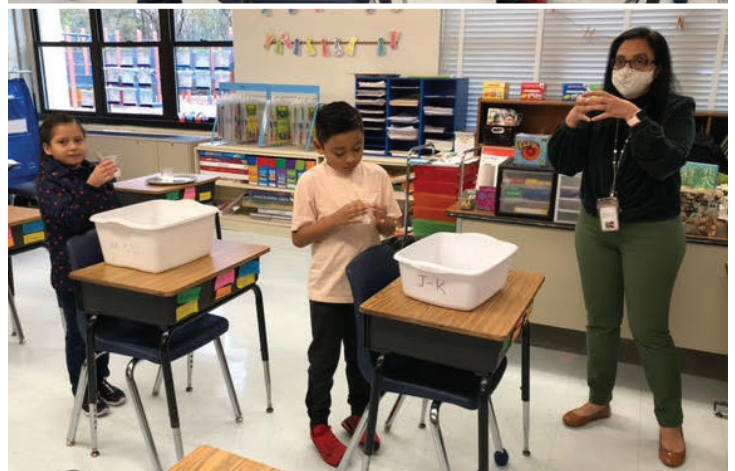
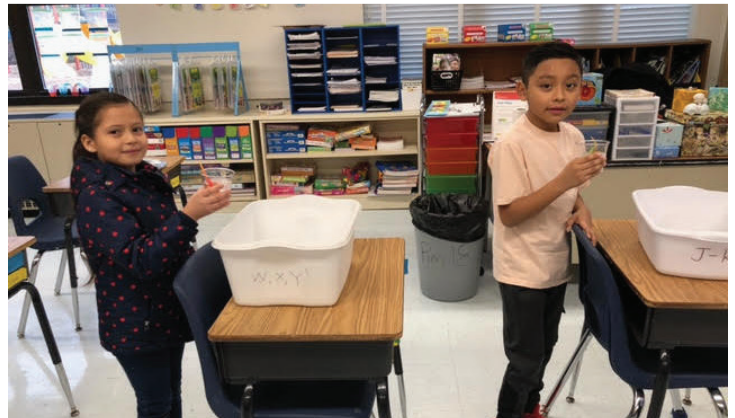


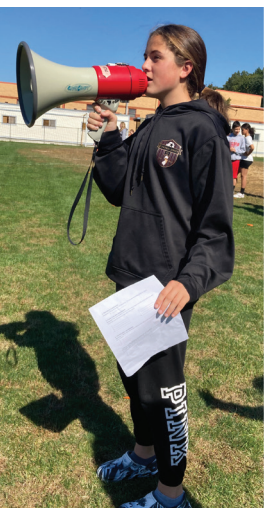
Switlik JTAG Students Doing “The Twizzler Twist!”

Check out these 4th and 5th grade Switlik students working together in JTAG (Jackson Talented And Gifted program) this morning. The goal? With one hand each, work as a team to figure out how to knot six twizzlers together the fastest! This activity not only had students working together cooperatively, but also made them think outside the box in order to figure out the best way to complete this tasty task. Co-teachers Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Magee were so amazed by the passion, teamwork and creativity displayed by all their student teams! ■

Rosenauer ESL Students Demonstrate “Matter Change” With a True “Hands On” Activity!

ESL students were in for a treat as their teacher, Mrs. Tripti Desai, gave everyone a container of water and a few other “changing” materials as they studied a unit of matter. In her experiment named “Matter Changes,” students were able to both see and feel different states of matter as things changed from solid to liquid, and the different effects that occurred within. Great job all, it’s really a treat to see how you made science really come alive! ■





McAuliffe Middle School Hosts 2nd Annual Student Run “Fall Fun Day!”

October 7th and 11th marked the Second Annual Fall Fun Day sponsored by Student Activities and Student Council. Under the direction of the advisors, Jerri Parlow and Jaime Hesnan, students competed in events, and grade level winners were determined. Fall Fun Day consisted of a variety of relay races and included the Balloon Pop, Pumpkin Sweep, Sack Race, Hula Hoop, Candy Corn Toss, Halloween Egg and Spoon, and Skeleton Relay. The members of the Student Council joined the classroom teachers as coaches and encouraged their team to display sportsmanship as well as win. The McAuliffe lion made an appearance to cheer on the students. Students bonded during this safe and positive activity and cannot wait for the Last Splash held in the spring. Our overall McAuliffe Winning Teams were as follows: For the Grade 6 Classes; 1st–Ms. Bischoff and Mrs. Feinen, 2nd–Mrs. Casasnovas, 3rd–Mr. Roma, Sportsmanship–Mr. Bradley, Ms. Chinery, and Mrs. Schultz, Team Spirit–Mrs. Hamman and Ms. Strizki. For the Grade 7 Classes; 1st–Mrs. Jaeger and Ms. Catanese, 2nd–Mr. Gliatta and Mr. Vaughn, 3rd–Mr. Schultz, Sportsmanship–Mrs. Nieduzak and Mrs. Healy, Team Spirit–Mrs. Jaeger and Ms. Catanese For the Grade 8 Classes; 1st–Mrs. Buonocore, 2nd– Mr. Novak, 3rd–Ms. Pecelet and Mr. Lavezzo, Sportsmanship–Mrs. Rose, Team Spirit–Ms. Kurinsky and Mrs. Healy. ■



Elms Aquaponics Provides Real Life Learning Opportunities for Students and Staff!

The trout have arrived! This week, Elms School's fifth graders received trout eggs and will be raising them through the year as part of our Media/Aquaponics program. As participants in the “Trout In the Classroom” program, our eldest students will diligently feed and nurture these tiny fish each day. The NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife and Trout Unlimited have partnered up to offer this program to students in the state, with the goal of learning about cold water conservation with an emphasis on hands-on learning. The trout eggs were harvested at the Peaquest Trout Hatchery, delivered to our school by volunteers, and maintained in the IMC by Mrs. Konopack. Students will learn to create and sustain a healthy, cold, freshwater environment for the rainbow trout. They will take turns counting the fish, measuring their growth, changing the tank water, monitoring the pH levels, and even scooping out dead fish! In the spring, fifth graders and their families will be invited to the Forest Research Education Center, right here in Jackson to participate in a trout release into the Toms River! If you are interested in bringing the program to your school, contact Sheryl Konopack. ■

Jackson Memorial High School World Language Club Exemplifies Pride!

We are so proud of our current 2022-23 World Language Club at Jackson Memorial High School and all the creative and innovative things that they are doing. By immersing themselves in various cultures and languages, they are learning about both themselves and others all around the world. It's such an important program for all in this club to experience as they become better acquainted with each other and the different backgrounds that we all may have! ■



Liberty Students Demonstrating Talents Within the Hallways!

Songs of Good Cheer, Christmas is Here! Mr. Katona and his amazing Liberty Band students are always working to fill our school with such pride and joy. Just recently they were seen doing an impromptu performance of "Carol of the Bells" in the hallways of Liberty High School. Keep it up, you all sound great! ■

Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary Room A12 Welcomes Back Former Classroom Graduates!

What a great morning it was having all our past President, VPs and Speaker of the Houses back to help swear in our new 2022-23 classroom politicians. This was a true passing of the torch as our past student government met with our current and future leaders. Thank you to Mrs. Jean-Denis for arranging transportation and to the Jackson Education Association for supporting this event with a generous donation of snacks for all. ■



Holman School Parades The Building While Celebrating “Thankfulness!”

The 5th Grade Class at Holman School held their own special Thanksgiving Day Parade on November 23, the day before Thanksgiving. The parade featured the 5th Grade’s Kindergarten buddies dressed in festive costumes with student-created floats. Also in attendance were their Second Grade buddies who joined the Fifth Graders in designing and creating fancy balloon characters that incorporated a series of cross-curricular activities. These activities culminated in the celebration of their STEM projects and their parade for the rest of the school. All three grades learned about the history of balloons in the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. Additionally, the students implemented SEL skills in the creation of their STEM projects, and finally, in a show of community, organized the parade route through the school’s hallway. With music playing and smiles on their faces, both the participants and audience enjoyed the Thanksgiving celebration. The wonderful creations are a testament to the hard work of all of the students, with the annual occurrence of this parade, the students of Holman have this event to look forward to each year. ■



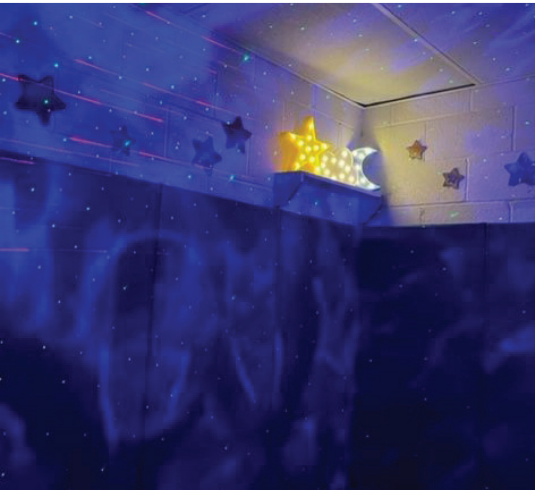
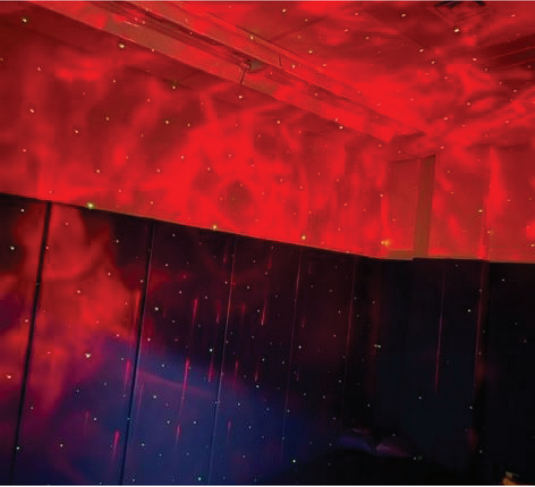
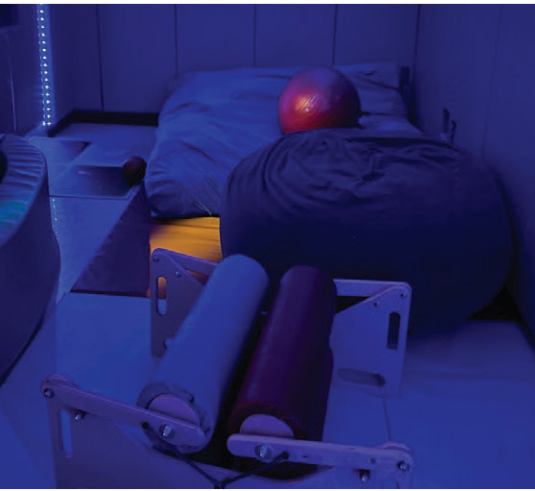
Rosenauer 1st Grade Family Event Making Butter-ful Memories!

Rosenauer first graders made butter on Wednesday 11/23 with their families. Students were encouraged to bring in a bread to share from their culture; we had lots of croissants, italian breads, irish soda breads, corn breads, and rolls to share. With a partner, students shook their heavy cream containers to make butter and then spread it on all the delicious breads. While everyone was eating, each student came up to read their “What I am thankful for” writing assignment. ■

Physical and Occupational Therapy Debuts Relaxation Rooms to Calm Our Senses

The related service department is excited about our new relaxation rooms. Our physical and occupational therapists have been busy setting up the relaxation rooms throughout our school district. Currently they are located in the Crawford-Rodriguez, Elms, Johnson, and Holman schools.

Our “relaxation rooms” are sensory enriched calming rooms with bean bags, lights, squish cushions, and other sensory friendly equipment/toys. The purpose of the relaxation room is to provide a safe, supervised space for students to go when they need a break. The relaxation rooms offer quiet and soothing spaces for students to visit to help refocus and get ready to get back to learning. ■





McAuliffe Students Create Art & Support Their School in Most Fashionable Ways!

McAuliffe students are working hard to repurpose clothing for students and families in need in their school. The Thrifter Upper grant provided through the NJEA HIPP Grants is helping them achieve this goal with the assistance of Ms. Murphy, Ms. Hay and Ms. Valgenti! Students recently “tye dyed” shirts that were donated so that students could participate and feel patriotic during their annual Run for Vets program that took place earlier this month. ■



Jackson Memorial Band Teams Up With Goetz 7th & 8th Graders During Event!

Goetz 7th and 8th grade Bands recently participated in Marching Band Night with the Jackson Memorial Jaguar Bands. Great music, good weather, and an awesome halftime show! Thanks to Mr. Diaz and Mr. Ficarra for hosting this event. Thanks to the Jag Band photographers for providing these stellar photos of the students. ■



Rosenauer After School Intramural Basketball Program a Success

Our Elementary School division “Intramural Sports Programs,” has been a success since we began this initiative in the Jackson School District last spring. This is certainly the case at one of our smallest schools Sylvia Rosenauer Elementary, where over 40 fourth and fifth graders participated in their after school intramural basketball program this fall and winter.

Skills and drills are being taught by a former Memorial High School basketball coach, high school athletes and Rosenauer staff. Students are selected based on their attendance and/or behavior over the weeks prior to the program. There has been a great response from students who participate and we can't wait to see what the future holds! ■

Holman 1st Graders Celebrate Veterans Day & Thank Those Who Serve!

Holman School first grade students in class with Ms. Mayer and Mrs. Kowalewski learned all about Veterans Day. They created flip books to highlight the important characteristics of veterans, such as bravery and helpfulness. Veterans also work hard to protect others and spread peace. The students proudly wore red, white, and blue to honor the holiday. Thank you to all of our Veterans! ■



Holman Pre-School Students & Staff Host Family Thanksgiving Feast!

On Friday, November 18, the All-Purpose Room of Holman Elementary School turned into a banquet hall! The Holman Preschool Staff hosted their first Thanksgiving Feast with families and students. Co-sponsored by the JEA, the preschool staff, students, and families gathered together and contributed to make the feast possible! Turkey, mashed potatoes, rice and beans, cupcakes, and many more side dishes and desserts were shared, as were lots of smiles and laughter. We look forward to making the Holman PreSchool Thanksgiving Feast an annual event! ■





Goetz Student Council Hosts Inaugural “Clubs & Activities Fair!”

Goetz Student Council members and advisors, Mrs. Daton and Mrs. Graham, organized our first “Clubs and Activities Fair,” which was held on Thursday, November 3rd. Students had the opportunity to visit tables and view displays created by many clubs at Goetz. Students were able to talk with club members and discover which extracurricular activity they may want to join. It was a great success and the student council is hoping to make it an annual event! ■



Crawford-Rodriguez 3rd Grade Students Experience Real World History at Allaire State Park!

The third grade classes at Crawford-Rodriguez had a great time going back in time to the 1800s at Allaire State Park. The students learned how to become a blacksmith, carpenter, and how challenging school was for children back then. Thank goodness policies changed for the better! Our own Albert Xu was chosen to ring the school bell that still works today. What a wonderful day it was! ■

Jackson Elementary School Counselors & Hope Cathedral Give Thanks and Turkeys!

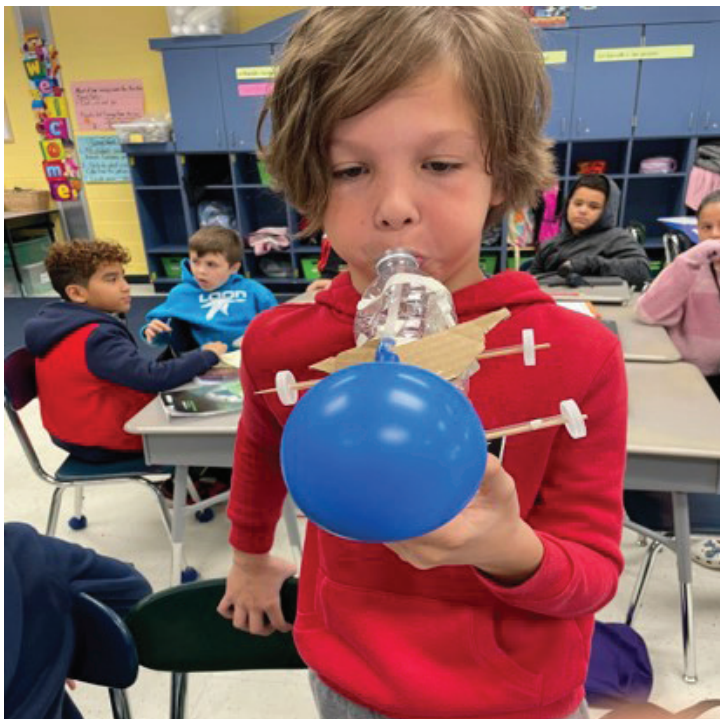
The Elementary School Counselors and Hope Cathedral have a long-standing community service partnership. Through generous donations, Hope Cathedral assists families of the Jackson Schools around the holidays. Sixty-six families were provided Thanksgiving Blessing Baskets. Each basket included all the “fixins” and a turkey for a bountiful Thanksgiving Day feast to be enjoyed by the families. Thanks to all our Elementary School Counselors for their efforts and commitment to our students and local communities. Pictured are Patti DeBenedetto–Switlik, MaryAnn Garbooshian–Holman, Erin Schnorbus–Rosenauer and Tricia Ciaccio–Johnson. (Not pictured is Crawford-Rodriguez, Anna Yavener and Elms, Cara Feibelman). ■





Elms Hands-On Environmental Science Projects Engage Mrs. Rudenjak's Class!

Nothing engages learners more than working together on a Science project. As part of the 4th-grade Science curriculum, students study how energy is transferred and how it's part of our everyday lives. The students discussed that using fossil fuels to run our machines, such as cars, can have harmful effects on our environment. They discovered that there are other ways energy can be converted that will not cause harmful pollution. Mrs. Rudenjak's class, at Elms Elementary, worked through the engineering process to design a vehicle that runs on clean energy. Many students discovered that with the use of wind energy, they could make a vehicle that meets the design challenge criteria; design a vehicle that works off of clean energy, uses recycled materials, and moves without being pushed or pulled. I'm happy to say ALL of the groups were able to meet the challenge through imagination and determination! ■



Switlik Artists Showcase Individuality With "Incredible Me" Project!

This artwork was the result of the first lesson in Ms. Langer's self-created unit called: "Incredible Me!" Through a series of self-portraits, Ms. Langer is introducing or helping to further develop the elements of art. Portraits can be challenging, depending on the comfort level of the student, so the intent is to provide an opportunity for continued practice with self-portraits in a variety of styles and with the use of different mediums. The monochromatic self-portraits were created by all of the (nearly 600) Switlik students in grades K-5 and focused on line formation, color and value, as well as proportion. After viewing the self-portraits of some famous artists, such as Pablo Picasso, Vincent Van Gogh, Frida Kahlo, Kehinde Wiley, and Yue Minjun, students used what they'd previously learned about line and proportion to sketch their self-portraits. To finish their self-portraits, students chose a singular color and practiced changing the value of the color using a variety of mediums (colored pencils, markers, and crayons), as well as by changing the amount of pressure applied with these mediums. ■





Rosenauer Gives Thanks & Celebrates One of Their Own!

Veterans Day is always a day to give thanks for all who have served and to all who continue to serve us today. It's made even more special when we give thanks to someone in person and that was the case here. Mrs. Lynch's class first listened to the read aloud "Veterans: Heroes in Our Neighborhood." Making it even more personal, Mrs. Lynch and several students brought in photos of the veterans in their families to share with the class. They shared about the branch of the military their loved ones served in. Finally, students made and delivered Veterans Day cards to a veteran in our school- Mr. Struthers! It was so nice to say "Thank You" personally and spend a little time with you during this wonderful lesson! ■

Johnson Students & Staff Celebrate Their 50th Day of School in Style!

School is Cool, especially when it's 50's Day at Johnson Elementary. Now that we hit this important landmark in our learning, we took a little time out to celebrate all the progress we have made so far this year. Students and staff dressed and acted in a 1950's team which also included a history lesson of the decade, including fashion, music, and overall culture from that time. This is truly becoming an event that we look forward to each year! ■



The Jackson Education Association Strives to Serve Our District and Community!

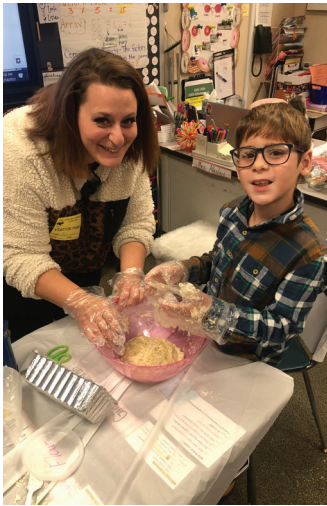
The Jackson Education Association was honored to be able to purchase and donate 15 winter coats for some preschoolers in need this week. Funding for the purchase was provided through an NJEA PRIDE In Education Grant. The grant will also help fund an upcoming winter coat drive taking place during the month of January. Stay tuned for more info to come. It's our passion to help and our commitment is always to the students all around us! ■

Johnson Students Tally Seeds During Pumpkin Art & Math Challenge!

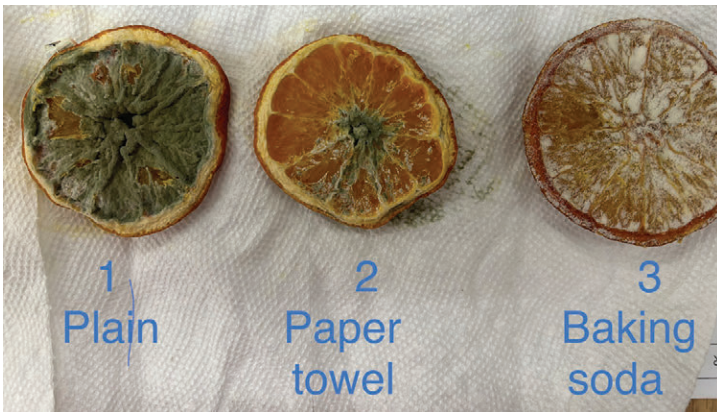
Carving pumpkins with Mrs. D'Ambrosio and Ms. Hopkins class is always more than just taking a tool and opening it up! Students were challenged to remove all the internal seeds and participate in a friendly competition that encompasses civics and math. Students voted on designs of the pumpkin faces, guessed how many seeds were within each, and counted by 10s to tally their totals. Even though everyone gets messy, it certainly is fun and educational in so many ways! ■



Crawford-Rodriguez Students Kick Off Narrative Writing Lesson in Fun & Delicious Style!



Mrs. Sanzone's and Mrs. Alkalay's 3rd grade class at Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary recently baked homemade pumpkin chocolate chip muffins to kick off their narrative writing unit! Modeling step by step writing about an experience everyone participated in, made it easier to connect to and write about! The best part was eating them and listing unique adjectives about how they tasted. The descriptions were so well thought and expressive. Thank you to the Jackson Education Association for their support of this event and congratulations to the Delpome family who was the winner of our sweet mini hot chocolate basket raffle! ■



Goetz Social Studies Experiment Illustrates Preservation in Amazing Ways!

Ms. Ellenport had her Social Studies classes complete a mummification experiment in October. In each class, 3 orange slices were prepared on Day 1 and observed daily for an entire week. At the end of the week, students were able to see how the mummification process preserves items longer than their natural lifespan! Following the Scientific method, they asked questions, made hypotheses, and observed what was happening within their own notes and summaries. ■

MUMMIFICATION CHART			
DAY	DISK 1: PLAIN ORANGE	DISK 2: ORANGE WITH PAPER TOWEL	DISK 3: ORANGE WITH BAKING SODA
1	hard, round, orange	the same as before and the inside is also orange	The bag is wet & it still smells
2	0% hold around edges center is soggy cold	edges really hard middle is still a bit soggy white is still cold	Bag is wetter than round in disc bag which was dry when I put it in. I think the bag is still wet.
3	hard on the outside inside is "spongy" and has ridges between the ridges	hard on the outside white in the middle and center is still a bit soggy	hard to charge wet round & flat like when I put it in. I think the bag is still wet.
4	hard on the outside white & hard middle is "spongy" and has ridges	hard on the outside white in the middle and center is still a bit soggy	hard to charge wet round & flat like when I put it in. I think the bag is still wet.

PREDICTION: "I think it is going to be ruined by water there it will not last the 1 day. I think the orange will go ruin to day."

CONCLUSION: "The first one was the worst because I think the baking soda helped not hard glass."

McAuliffe JEA Members Recognized w/Excellence in Education Grants!

Congratulations to Jackson Education Association members Bridgit LaPierre Valgenti, Victoria Hay, Lizabeth Murphy and Lindsey O'Brien, they are recipients of not one but TWO Frederick L. HIPP for Excellence in Education grants totaling \$6,935! We are honored and delighted to have their Thrifter Upper Fashion Club and an expansion of the Healing Library for students at the Christa McAuliffe Middle School. Just one more reason our schools are the BEST! ■





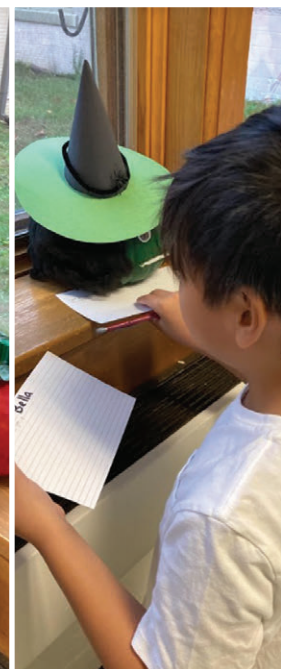
Holman Annual “Trunk or Treat Event Brings School Community Together!

It's always a wonderful school wide event when students and staff can express their creativity in a fun and safe environment. The students, staff, and families of the Lucy Holman Elementary School recently transformed our outside parking lot into a “Fall Festival” display of family fun filled with costumes and decorations all around. Thanks to the Jackson Education Association for participating in this event as we were so pleased with the turnout and especially in seeing all the fun and smiling faces that our children had! ■



4th and 5th Grade JTAG Pumpkin Design & Expressive Feedback Project!

Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Magee are at it again with their amazing students currently in our Switlik JTAG class! During the final weeks of October, each was challenged to create their own pumpkin design—whether they wanted to carve, paint or accessorize. Once completed, all were put on display for the entire school to see BUT the class took it to another level and gave active feedback to one another, complementing all the things they loved for each other's project. What a positive experience for each kid to hear all the great reviews that their own grade level peers said about the job they did. ■





Switlik 2nd Grade Celebrates 2nd Annual Thanksgiving “Float” Parade!

The 2nd annual 2nd grade Thanksgiving Day Parade at Switlik Elementary was another great event for our entire building. Under the leadership of our amazing 2nd grade teacher team, students were tasked to make their own floats and balloons prior to the event. Once they were ready and prepared to march, teachers led their classes down the hallways where they were greeted and cheered on by the students and staff from all grade levels. Music even filled our building as we used our overhead public address machine to pump out parade themed songs for all to enjoy and really get into the spirit of our event! ■



Goetz Students & Staff Tackle Substance Use and Abuse!

As the Student Assistance Coordinator (SAC), one aspect of my job is intervention and prevention of substance use. On November 4, 2022 the DART Coalition of Ocean County, Institute for prevention and recovery, came to Goetz to train a select group of students on many topics. The Coalition focuses on preventing underage drinking, prescription drug abuse and the illegal use of marijuana and tobacco in Ocean County. The coalition helps to train and advise our students on these topics. DART (YPC) used many team building activities to share information with our students as well as to assist the peer leaders with getting comfortable enough with themselves, to then be able to work assisting their peers with any issues that might come up. DART facilitators, along with advisors Stacey Fisk and Jen Graham collaborated with the Goetz peer leaders on many topics including vaping and tobacco use. The central focus is helping to educate, prevent and stomp out smoking, vaping and all other forms of substance use. The campaign to stomp out these issues has begun! ■

McAuliffe Robotics Club & Technology Student Association Honored in Welcoming New Jersey National Guard & ADVON!

Back in June 2022, the NJ National Guard's 21st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team visited the McAuliffe Robotics Club and Technology Student Association. Students were able to interact with the mobile lab and their robot-ADVON. "Students and staff enjoyed touring the mobile analytical laboratory system and learning of its many moving parts and functions. Major Stab and Sergeant First Class Norrish provided excellent tours of the vehicles and answered many questions that our students had. The interaction was excellent, and our young technology enthusiasts really enjoyed the experience. Seeing technology and robotics applied to such an important security team was very impactful. Not only does this experience reinforce and strengthen the importance of problem solving and coding, it extends the value significantly to the world outside of our school, and opens up endless possibilities for career choices as our students begin to grasp their strengths and find direction with their passion. The students really enjoyed interacting with ADVON, the advanced echelon vehicle. Each student had a chance to operate the vehicle, which is similar to how our 7th and 8th grade tech teams drive their robots. Master Sergeant Young and Staff Sergeant Potts were excellent with the students and related operating the vehicle to today's current video game consoles. As students took turns operating the vehicle, they really enjoyed that they were encouraged to teach the next driver how to operate the vehicle"—Mr. Bradley. ■





JEA Member Unity on Display During "Making Strides" Event!

JEA members came together to collect money for the annual American Cancer Society's Making Strides event that took place in Point Pleasant Beach back in October. Although we raised \$2,848 for this wonderful cause, it's just as important for us to organize together and participate in this event to show our solidarity to everyone affected by this horrible disease. We are blessed to work with such strong and compassionate staff members and will do whatever we can to support one another daily! ■





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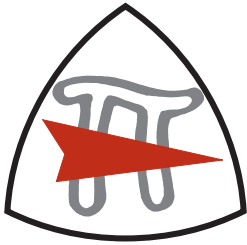
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Elms Homeroom Wars Demonstrate Character, Togetherness & Sportsmanship!

Faces were beaming with smiles and the cheers were heard through the hallways on November 1st and again on the 8th as Elms Elementary kicked off a year long initiative with 4th and 5th grade classrooms called, “Homeroom Wars.” Homeroom Wars is a fun initiative to help support and foster student morale, school climate, and develop team building skills through monthly, friendly homeroom challenges. Aside from having a great time, Homeroom Wars help students to collaborate, working on team building and teamwork skills and strategies. In November all eight classes participated in a Cornhole Tournament. Congrats to Team Tice from Grade 4 and Team Frenaley from Grade 5 who made it to the championship game. The game went into double overtime while the whole 4th and 5th grade student body cheered on their peers.

Congratulations to Team Tice for being this month’s Homeroom Wars champions. Will they keep the title next month during our Holiday Minute to Win It challenges or pass the trophy on? ■