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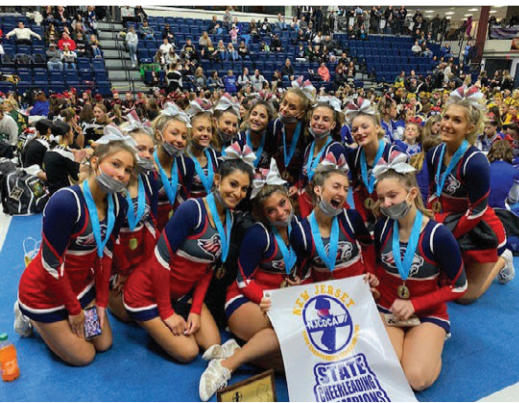
Switlik School Students Inspired By Jackson Memorial Choir Musical Performance!

On Friday, May 6, Mr. Robertson brought his Choir from Jackson Memorial High School to Switlik Elementary School to perform their original musical, "The Happiliest Ever After." Mr. Robertson tasked his students with creating a musical that they could perform for an audience of Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade students. His students took the challenge and ran with it. They combined familiar Disney songs with a script to tie it all together. The amount of joy on the kids' faces during the performance shows that both the High School students and the Elementary students will remember this for a long time. It really was such a treat for everyone, especially Switlik music teacher Mr. Brian Morgan who was able to see many of his former students partaking in this production, both as on stage performers and back stage production Jackson Television crew. Great job to all as this was a wonderful example of a collaboration between both schools! ■

Rosenauer 5th Grade Performers Amaze Us All With Their Dedication & Talents!

The Rosenauer Roadrunners have proven once again, "We may be small, but we are MIGHTY!" "The 5th grade Class of 2022 has me beaming!" proclaimed musical director Mrs. Lynnea Noble. Just when she thought that they reached the top of their talents during two recent school performances in the same week, her crew raised the bar again for a final nighttime family performance. Their show made everyone's hearts so full and happy! The Arts in our schools are a vital part of education and truly brings out the best in all as these programs really teach children how to become successful, compassionate and confident human beings. The Arts are the catalyst for allowing students to THRIVE and we are so proud of all our performers for the hard work and effort they continue to have! Thank you to Mrs. Noble for her hard work and dedication in keeping the importance of the arts in our schools! ■





Jackson Liberty Cheer Supports Toys for Tots!

Students and staff of the Jackson Liberty High School continue to have plenty to cheer about due to the recent national recognition and success of their student athletes! Liberty coach Tara Rachele has done an amazing job leading her squad and we are so glad to see that their hours upon hours of hard work is paying off during the season. Recently the Liberty squad won a major tournament which showcased their team talents and athleticism. But their success doesn't take away from their true character, which is caring for others and giving back to our local community. Recently the squad organized a toy drive in support of "Toys for Tots" which is a wonderful organization that helps children all around our community. We are so proud of our student athletes for all their hard work and passion and can't wait to see what they continue to do in the future! They are all a wonderful reflection of the Jackson School District and community. ■

Building Our Community Through Service @ Goetz Middle School!

The Goetz Builders Club was excited to be back in person this year! Builders Club, an extension of Kiwanis International, is a community service club. This school year they have held several collection drives - Operation Gratitude's Halloween Candy Give-Back, a Veteran's Day collection for our troops, a Coat Drive for Your Grandmother's Cupboard, and supply collection for the Jackson Animal Shelter. For Valentine's Day they designed and created activity booklets for the young patients at Children's Specialized Hospital. Most recently, the members participated in the second Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweeps where they collected litter and debris from the beach in Belmar. As they close out the year, they are planning a food drive for the Jackson Food Pantry and look forward to participating in the Autism Walk for a Difference at First Energy Park in the neighboring town of Lakewood. Ms. Callahan and Mrs. Pennell would like to thank all their members for a great year! ■



GOETZ BUILDERS CLUB



JACKSON ANIMAL SHELTER SUPPLY DRIVE

Elms Elementary Open Mic Poetry Celebration Showcases Young Authors!

During our "One School, One Book Read Aloud, Friendship According to Humphrey" literacy event, Mrs. Brisbane's class engaged in the art of poetry writing. This inspired some of the classes at Elms Elementary to engage in a school-wide poetry writing week that brought out the best of their writing and speaking skills. After exploring and writing different types of poems, many brave poets shared their writing during lunch periods with their friends and classmates during an open mic Poetry House Celebration. Their rhymes were enjoyed by all and it was great seeing how confident the young writers were during the performance! ■





Holman School Recognized as “National Blue Ribbon School!”

Holman Elementary School continues to celebrate earning the distinction of being a National Blue Ribbon School, which is something that the Jackson School District is so proud of! Many thanks to the Jackson Education Association and HOPE (Holman Organization of Parents and Educators) for commemorating this honor by providing blue t-shirts for all students and staff! ■

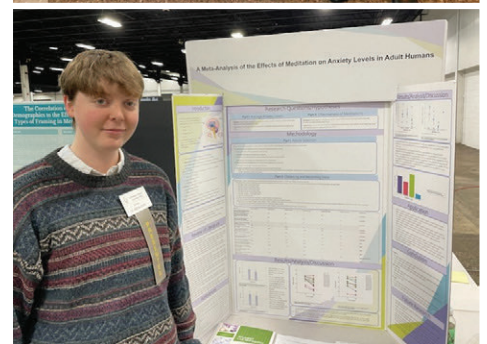
McAuliffe Students Add a Little Color Pop To Their Outside Garden Courtyard!

Look at what is popping up at McAuliffe!! Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Feinen’s classes planted several types of flower seeds. Students got their hands dirty and loved every minute of it knowing that they were creating something special! They learned about the different types of seeds and were most fascinated while watching them grow into seedlings by watering and caring for them daily. Soon the seedlings will begin to sprout to life and will be ready to be transplanted into planters and hanging baskets. The marigolds, dahlias, and daisies will certainly brighten up and add a “pop of color” to our courtyard for all to enjoy for many seasons to come! ■



Jackson Memorial High School Student Earns First Place at Jersey Shore Science Fair!

Congratulations to JMHS student Cole Tierney on winning first place at the Jersey Shore Science Fair (JSSF) on Saturday, March 19, 2022. Cole’s wonderful and extensive research was a meta-analysis that explored the effects of meditation on human anxiety levels. Cole’s work was conducted as part of the Authentic Science Research (ASR) program, led by Ms. Mary Russo. Modeled after the ASR program at Toms River Regional H.S. District, led by Christine Girtain, ASR may be taken by high school students in the sophomore, junior and/or senior years. This is Cole’s second year in the ASR program. The JSSF win qualified Cole’s project for the Delaware Valley Regional Science Fair. Held at the Philadelphia Expo Center on April 5-7th, Cole competed with other regional science fair winners from Southern New Jersey as well as Pennsylvania and Delaware in the category Behavioral and Social Sciences. Cole’s project earned the Honorable Mention award along with a \$1,500 scholarship to Harrisburg University. The previous JSSF win was accompanied by a first place ribbon, a certificate of participation and a \$25 Amazon gift card. Cole would like to thank project mentor Kelsey Rebelo as well as sponsor and ASR teacher, Ms. Russo for their assistance with this project. Cole would also like to thank and acknowledge Mr. and Mrs. Tierney for their ongoing support and encouragement. Ms. Russo would like to take this opportunity to extend her sincerest thanks to Ms. Girtain, Mr. Michael Blueglass of STEM Research Consulting, LLC, and Dr. Aaron Reedy of DataClassroom for their invaluable assistance and mentorship in the areas of graphing scientific data, poster presentation and science research teaching. Wonderful job Cole!





Starlab Returns to Johnson Elementary & Captivates Our Imaginations!

Starlab brings the planetarium to the students at Johnson Elementary. Through the diligent work of Ms. Hogan and Mr. Goldberg, the constellations come to life right before students' eyes! Everyone was amazed by the various constellations and stars that are up in the sky and it's always neat to get an up close look at these dynamic objects. This is one of the students favorite activities and it's easy to see why! ■



Switlik Enrichment Students Get a Little Dirty as They Dissect Owl Pellets!

Recently the 3rd grade students from the Switlik Elementary Enrichment Program got a little hands-on experience in science and archaeology. Led by co-teachers Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Magee, students who were selected for this program learned all about owls, their habits, and especially their diets. To take a more clinical and hands-on study, owl pellets were given to each "scientist" and they were tasked with using tools to scrape away and see what types of bones and fragments that they could find inside. Using an identification guide, students were able to match even the smallest bones to the various types of rodents and other small creatures that the owl had encountered during their hunts. Such a fun learning experience for all. It's wonderful and amazing to see the excitement on the faces of the most inquisitive students. ■



Crawford 3rd Grade Class Publishes Their Own Original Written Narratives!

Students in Mrs. Sanzone's, Ms. McLaughlin's and Mrs. Alkalay's 3rd grade class published their class narratives! This was a culmination of all their hard work and efforts and all of the teachers are so happy to be able to provide their students with this great gift that truly encapsulates their original work for years to come! ■

A Brand New Pool at Goetz? This Could Be Huge!

Well, sort of... Ms. Callahan and Mrs. Pennell's homeroom made a huge SPLASH in this year's Homeroom Battles at Goetz! Room 10 was turned into a relaxing oasis complete with a built in pool, diving board, life guards, and lounge chairs. Every student in homeroom 10 participated in the "Pool Party" by making signs, bringing in towels and pool toys, and/or wearing fun pool attire. Waves of fun were had and one student was even quoted as saying, "This is the best school day ever!" It certainly seems like it would be! ■





Holman Artists Shine During Annual School Wide Museum Showcase!

Under the direction of Holman School art teacher Ms. Many, the hallways of Holman were transformed into an art museum on Tuesday, May 3rd. The Holman Art Show showcased the artwork of all of the students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Students worked very hard to create such beautiful masterpieces, and their work was displayed throughout the building. An incredible turnout of parents, families, and students attended this event to enjoy viewing the different art pieces. Thanks to the JEA, Post-it notes and pens were passed out to all attendees to leave positive and inspiring notes on the artwork. Ms. Many is so proud of all of her students and how hard they worked, and how the faculty came together to pull off such a wonderful event! Thank you to everyone who made this possible! ■



Johnson Elementary Grounds Sparkle During Outdoor Egg Hunt!

Such a beautiful warm weather day could not be wasted at Johnson School. Students were challenged to go spy with their little eyes to find some hidden yet very colorful gems (aka Easter Eggs)! Thanks to class mom Mrs. Freund, Ms. Campitelli's 3rd graders had a blast hunting for eggs (and carrots) in the school courtyard on this beautiful spring day! ■

Rosenauer Students Organize a Wonderful Community Clothing Drive!

Rosenauer Elementary had their annual used clothing drive collection this spring. Their efforts paid off big time as they collected, organized, packed, and donated almost 200 bags! These items will go to help those in need within our local communities, something which was not lost on the 5th grade volunteers as they loaded bag after bag onto the collection trucks. Great job all, Rosenauer teachers and staff are so proud of the students' efforts with this community service project! ■





Elms Students “Bash The Trash” During a Unique Musical Performance!

What do you do with a creative mind and a bunch of unwanted stuff? You Bash the Trash! Students at Elms Elementary enjoyed a performance from the musical group Bash the Trash called Sustainable Sounds. Bash the Trash used musical instruments made from recycled and reused materials to explore concepts of sound, science, and sustainability. Building instruments from trash highlights global issues such as plastic pollution and climate change, and this show helped students to understand how they can become a positive force for environmental change. Students learned about science concepts of sound, music, and how instruments work. As Elms continues to highlight their Green Ribbon School status, the goal is to build cool instruments from the cheapest possible materials, and make connections along the way. Students who create their own instruments can highlight these at our future assembly, in June. Thank you to the Elms PTN for making this possible! ■

Jackson Memorial Jazz Band Showcases “Latin Magic” Around our District!

Latin magic as Memorial Jazz Band students, directed by Mr. Jason Diaz, shared their love of music during the first multi-grade level assembly in two years! Rotating around to different elementary schools, our wonderful and talented musicians finally got to showcase their abilities while inspiring our youngest students to appreciate the musical arts as well as the talents of our high school performers. Let the music play! ■



Jackson Memorial Cafe Celebrates “Star Wars Day” on May the 4th!

Memorial students had a laugh on May 4th, which has become known as “Star Wars Day” and everyone’s so happy about that! Staff member Sharon Green orchestrated this theme and went above and beyond as usual in the Memorial Cafe with various special food items because she wanted everyone to know that “The Force was With Them on the 4th of May!” ■



Holman School Creates Their Own Version of “March Madness!”

On May 3 the Holman Elementary School gymnasium was full of students, families, and staff for the ever-popular “Fifth Grade Students versus Holman Staff Members March-Madness-in-May” basketball game. Six teams of 5th grade students rotated playing time in a game against the Holman staff members. More than 20 Holman staff members participated in the event— playing, coaching, cheering, and scorekeeping. Many thanks to the Liberty High School Boys Basketball team and their Coach, Mr. Donald Connor, who came to help support the Holman Student team—and the Liberty players even filled in when the student team needed some substitute players! Fans in the bleachers cheered on both teams, and after a hard-fought game, the Holman 5th Graders prevailed over the Holman Staff with a score of 54-24. Congratulations to all players on a great event! ■

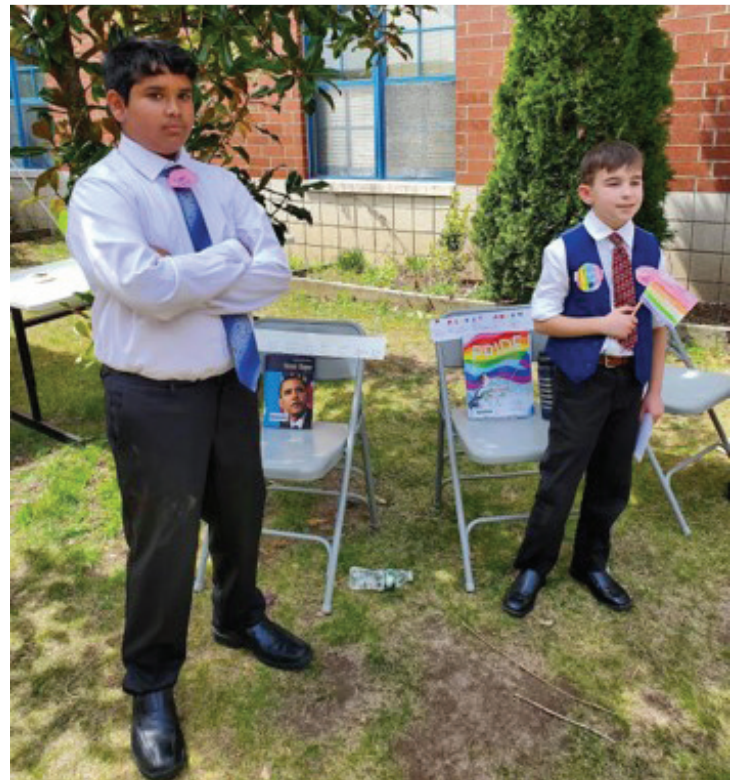
Earth Day and Arbor Day Celebrated @ Holman Elementary School!

During the month of April, students at Holman School celebrated Earth Day and Arbor Day by creating posters to remind everyone to take care of the planet and natural resources. Some students entered their posters in a contest, and winners were chosen at each grade level. Winners received prizes to reward their hard work. Our Holman winners were: Kindergarten: Ben A.; Grade 1: Trevor F.; Grade 2: Mia Q.; Grade 3: Madison H.; Grade 4 Makenzi C., Leilana C., and Grace L.; and Grade 5: Jayden M. Congratulations to all of our winners! ■



Elms Students Debut “Living Wax Museum” & Bring Historic Text to Life!

This spring, fourth and fifth grade students at Elms were challenged by Media Teacher Sheryl Konopack to spend more time exploring biographies in the Media Center. For six weeks, students explored just-right printed texts, evaluated information, and continued research with digital articles. Classroom teachers and parents got in on the fun by assisting the students as they composed and memorized a speech and created authentic and engaging costumes. On April 13th, parents and administrators were invited to attend our first Living Wax Museum in the Elms courtyard! It was a beautiful day, and a wonderful way to celebrate those who have made a lasting contribution to society. The event will be featured on an upcoming episode of “It’s Elementary.” ■





Cupcakes Wars Part II at Crawford Elementary Showcases Artisan Creations!

Check out the amazing and creative baking skills of these 4th and 5th grade students! When they are put to a challenge and a little friendly competition, the students at Crawford Elementary never disappoint. Just seeing the amount of effort that goes into their creations, all of which are edible works of art, really inspires everyone to be better thinkers, creators, and maybe even eaters! Great job everyone, the creations were amazing and delicious! ■

McAuliffe Celebrates “National Poetry Month” With Original Student Portfolio Projects!

April is National Poetry Month! The students in Mrs. Hesnan and Mrs. Parlow’s eighth-grade literacy classes celebrated by creating poetry portfolios. Included in their portfolios were black-out, acrostic, concrete, out-of-the-box, and haiku poems. They had their creative juices flowing while writing poems using extended metaphors. The end result was innovative and original poems that reflected each student’s individuality. It’s an honor to know that McAuliffe has so many poets! ■



Beauty & Peace on Display Throughout Jackson Liberty High School!

Everyone in the Jackson School District recognizes how lucky they are to interact and participate in such a wonderful and diverse local community. It’s an honor to share that compassion to everyone around the world during some challenging times. Students and staff wish to promote peace and love to all! Be the person who makes a positive influence on others. ■

National Poetry Month 2022 Celebrated @ Goetz Middle School!

Goetz Media Specialist Jacqueline Daton assisted by Reading Specialist Donna Donner hosted a six-day poetry event. Three days were devoted to tapping into students writing various forms of poetry. The final three days provided a stage for students to participate in a Poetry Slam. Choosing a favorite poem



then performing it in front of their peers. What a fun event organized by Mrs. Daton. She NEVER disappoints! ■

Jackson Liberty Marching Bands Performs in NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade!

The Jackson Liberty H.S. Marching Band continues to excel and be such a shining example of the best that our district has to offer. Back in March, the program was invited to perform "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" in the 2022 NYC St Patrick's Day Parade. Band Director Scott Katona arranged this performance and it was such an honor for all of us to watch him lead his squad around the streets of Manhattan. Great job everyone and we are so proud of your accomplishments! ■

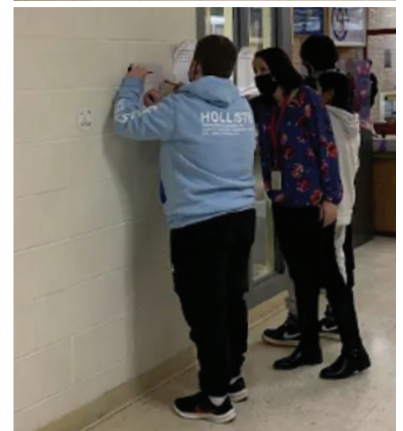
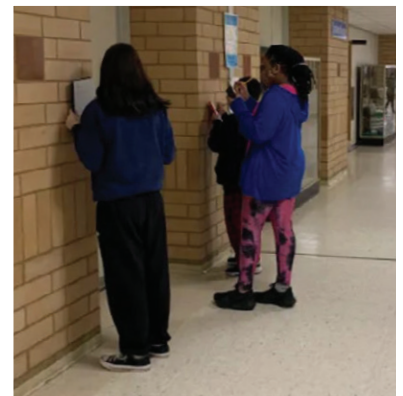


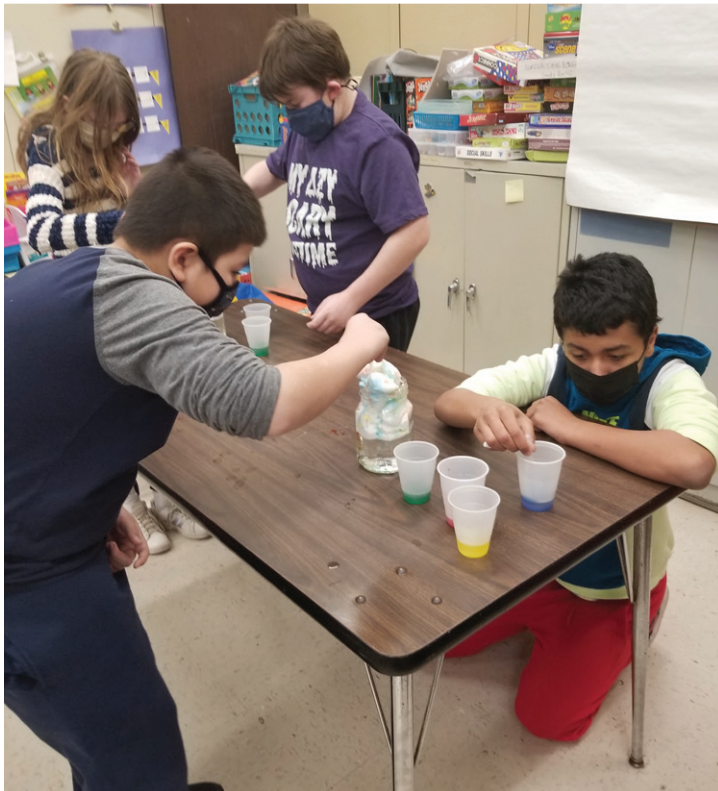
The Goetz National Honor Society Visits Our State Capital!

In March, Stacey Fisk and Donna Donner accompanied the Goetz National Honor Society to the New Jersey State House, in Trenton. This trip was funded by a grant from the state of New Jersey. Aside from the joy of finally taking a trip again, the highlight of the visit was when students participated in the process of taking an idea and voting on whether or not it should begin the journey of becoming a bill and eventually a law. They advocated for the side they were voting for and were able to see how the process evolved through public opinion and plenty of passion. Think twice before debating a Goetz National Honor Society Student, they are fierce advocates. Goetz has some lawmakers in the making! ■

TWOSDAY Scavenger Hunt Challenge @ McAuliffe Middle School!

Back on 2/22/22, Mrs. Clauburg, Mrs. Svoboda, and Mr. Lavezzo's 7th grade math classes at McAuliffe Middle School celebrated "TWOSDAY" with a scavenger hunt. The students solved multiple questions in search of the number 2. Each answer that contained the number 2 gave a correct letter to solve a math riddle. Do you know what is really odd? Numbers that are not divisible by two! ■





Goetz Middle School Scientists Study Clouds & Rain Through Unique Ways!

Goetz teachers are always innovative and that was certainly the case during a recent hands-on lesson conducted by Mrs. Donna Schmidt. Earlier in the year, her students experimented with a few household ingredients to better understand how moisture builds up within clouds and results in rain. Her intrigued students learned about this process by creating shaving cream “clouds” saturated with colored water. Obviously they had a blast as this truly brought the concept to life for all! ■



Workshop Teaches Our JEA Members Stress Reduction Techniques & The Importance of Mental Health Among All Learners!

Recently many JEA members took an opportunity to learn about stress and how to deal with it, learning some great techniques for how to make sure mental health is a priority. This is crucial in allowing educators to become both better leaders and teachers. By focusing on these relaxation techniques, everyone can be better versed in how to turnkey such exercises to all the students and staff. As the year is winding down, everyone is beginning to reflect on what has been a challenging year but are starting to prepare for the coming year, which is already bringing excitement. Thank you to Colleen Neil from Uniserv for sharing her expertise. These skills will help everyone be the best that they can be as they move forward in their careers! ■



The “Lesson”:

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards.

They are the ones that care!

“Don’t worry about the world coming to an end today. It’s already tomorrow in Australia.”

(Charles Schultz)



Holman STEM Lessons Showcase Creativity, Innovation & Design!

At Holman, as part of the STEM curriculum, students in Mrs. Johnson's 3rd - 5th grade classes created Marble Runs with Keva Planks during Technology. They used the Engineering Design Process and worked as a team to build it and videotaped the marble moving through the run. They then shared the videos with the class and discussed what worked well and what they struggled with. Their Marble Runs were very creative! ■

McAuliffe Scientists Identify Various Physical & Chemical Properties Through Investigative Experimentation!

The aspiring scientists of Ms. Kurinsky's 8th grade science classes conducted a series of tests on various "mystery substances" to help them identify the substance based on observed physical and chemical properties; such as starch-iodine, acetic acid, solubility, and heat reaction tests. After identifying the corn starch, baking soda, sugar, and salt substances, students were given a "mystery mix." Repeating the same series of tests, the students were able to identify which of the original mystery substances were in their unique mix. Everyone enjoyed this experiment and were very successful in identifying their mysterious mix! ■



Switlik Preschoolers Creating Brilliant Works of Art!

It doesn't matter how young you are, talent and creativity come from all ages and that's certainly the case with the Jackson School District Preschool program. Check out the wonderful works of art happening in one of the Preschool rooms at Switlik Elementary. If this is a clue as to what will come later, Switlik is certainly going to have some very talented students brightening the building for years to come! ■



McAuliffe Art Project Beautifies Our Building & Showcases Student Abilities!

Check out these beautifully sculpted birds and birdhouses that were created by students at McAuliffe Middle School through the guidance of the exceptionally talented art department! Everyone is amazed by the talents of the students and love seeing nature come alive! ■

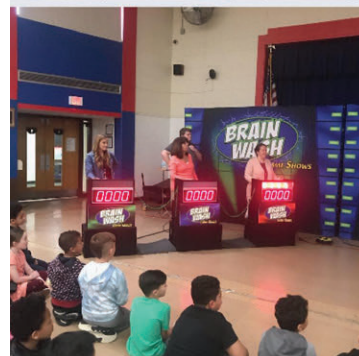
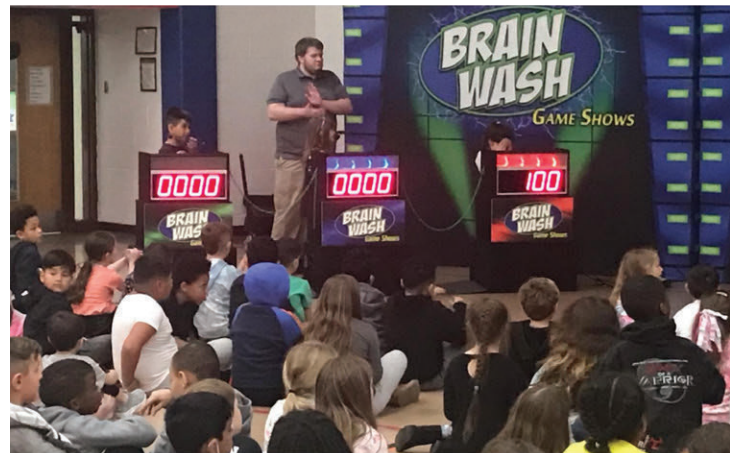


Rosenauer Teacher Inspires Students to Put Down Their Electronics & Enjoy Nature!

Mr. Jackson has created the 'Put Down the X-Box and Pick Up the Tackle Box' fishing club at Rosenauer Elementary and the kids and families are so psyched! Twenty-one 5th graders are participating in the club and will go on their first fishing trips in May and June! ■

The Jackson Education Association Thanks ALL Our Community PTNs & Volunteers!

Members of the JEA can't say enough about the importance of PTAs and community involvement in our schools! As much as we receive from our wonderful schoolwide community in and around Jackson Township, we always strive to give back in some way, whether through clothing drives, clean ups, or just by saying "Thank You!" We are forever interconnected and grateful for their support with all they do for our students and staff. Your assistance in bringing such wonderful and interactive assemblies is something that all of us look forward to each year, but we know you do so much more in supporting our schools. Thank you to everyone who has brought a little joy to our community of learners and we wish everyone a wonderful summer season! ■



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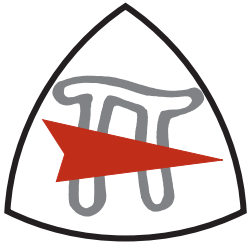
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The Annual Jackson Elementary School Spelling Bee Concludes for 2021-22!

The Jackson District Spelling Bee took place on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at Jackson Liberty High School. The 30 contestants consisted of the top 5 spellers at all 6 elementary schools. These talented 4th and 5th grader spellers were spelling words from Scripps, the National Spelling Bee corporation's word list. Mrs. Pagno-Hein was the pronouncer, Mrs. Liebes, Mrs. Frenville, and Mrs. Haas were the judges, and Ms. DiLorenzo was the coordinator. The winners were: 3rd place - Nicholas Souza (Holman), 2nd place - Ridwan Adebayo (Crawford), and 1st place - Amber Oexmann (Holman). Thank you to all of the Elementary School students & staff for their support and participation in making this annual event such a successful competition for all. Additionally it's important to acknowledge the local Jackson Rotary Club for their support and dedication to the entire elementary school district spelling program. Thank You! ■