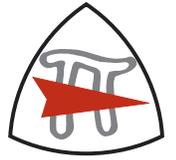


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Rosenauer Players Take on SEUSSICAL!

The Rosenauer Elementary Musical Theatre Club was founded in 2019 by director and music teacher, Mrs. Lynnea Noble. The Rosenauer Players have a large percentage of the eligible student population in this year's production of Seussical Kids and was recently awarded a grant from the Charlie Lovett Fund for Elementary Drama. Recent performances were held on Thursday, April 30th and Friday, May 1st at 7pm in the Rosenauer All Purpose Room. ■

Crawford Room A212's Hosts a Holiday "Virtual Baking Show!"

Mrs. Alkalay, Ms. McLaughlin's, Mrs. Polito's & Mrs. Acquaviva's class of elementary students didn't let the Covid pandemic and a brief remote learning period stop them from baking some amazing holiday sugar cookies. Utilizing the technology of Google Meet, they just improvised their instructional method and collaborated online and were able to create their goodies in their own warm kitchens. Holiday music and home baking scents filled the air and brought a little holiday magic to everyone involved as their holiday baking show came alive! What a fun & delicious learning experience for all! ■



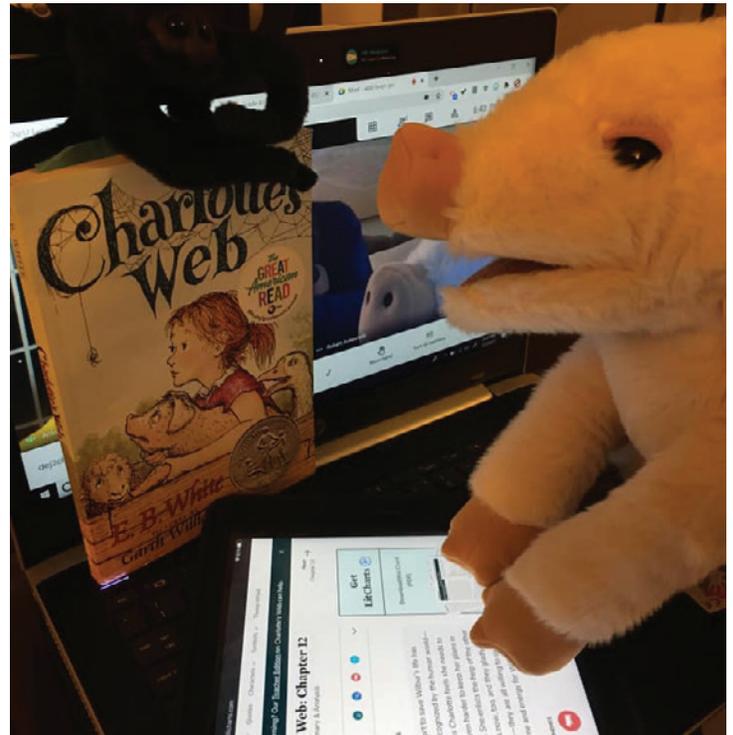
Goetz Middle School Social Studies Class Constructs Snow Pyramids!

Mrs. Ellenport and her 6th grade students must have recently studied the glorious pyramids of Egypt, because look at what they constructed during one of our many snowfalls this winter. Intelligently imagined, students used their hands and a little snow and ice to create these geometrical marvels which would certainly stand the test of time if Mother Nature cooperated. ■



Switlik “Read The Movie—Charlotte’s Web Edition” is an Instant Hit w/Students & Staff!

Switlik teachers Fran Liverani & Lori Palme created a wonderful program for our elementary readers that focused on the classic 1952 novel *Charlotte’s Web*, written by American author E. B. White. Using our Switlik webpage and an interactive Google Slide show, students began with a “Spirit Week” and interacted with various activities such as coloring pages, short writing prompts, and even an interactive poll on a Google Form. As students began absorbing the text of their novels, they were able to access a daily “read-aloud” video on our school webpage that introduced them to the current chapter that they would be reading for their homework later that evening. Upon completion of each daily reading assignment, students were challenged to complete a daily trivia question that focused on the current chapter as they finished. The best part of this program was when some of our teacher leaders hosted a “Family Reading Night” Google Meet where they read a chapter aloud to the students



and their families, which also included a chapter discussion and trivia activities during the evening. This all led to our “Switlik at The Movies” school day event where each classroom was given a digital copy of the movie adaptation to watch during a coordinated day throughout the building. It was a perfect day to get everyone involved with a classic piece of literature that most of our own staff as well as our local Switlik community could participate in with the kids! ■



McAuliffe 6th Grade Literacy Students Have Had Enough & “B R E A K—U P” with the Challenging Year of 2020!

This is certainly one of the most fun and original activities you will see in this newsletter. McAuliffe Literacy teacher Sherri Halligan had her 6th grade students move away from the traditional “New Year’s Resolution” activity and had them

develop a tactful, yet direct letter to “Break-Up” with the astrological year of 2020! Needless to say, it’s been a tough year for all and it’s nice to see the students expressing their honest feelings while looking forward to a New Year. The first sentence of their letters began with “It’s not me, it’s you!” Next, they wrote about all the things they hated about 2020 and since 2021 is thought of as hopeful, they were to tell 2020 that they are now choosing to talk about 2021. What a great way to get out some of their frustrations! They moved on from the past but have learned many lessons and become better, smarter, and more confident because of it. ■



Goetz Middle School Staff Showing Spirit During “Read Across America” Month!

Goetz teachers and staff kicked off the month of March with a tribute to Dr. Seuss in our fun and colorful rhyming shirts! We’d like to give special thanks to our very supportive PTN for the gifted shirts and of course to our building staff who participated, which was so much more than just those pictured here! ▼



Rosenauer Elementary School Spreads Holiday Cheer & Joy!

Students, alumni and teachers participated in this wonderful event produced/hosted by music teacher Mrs. Noble and co-hosted with high school tv/film teacher Mr. Noble. It was just what everyone needed to unwind and bring 2020 to a close. Contestants performed their lip sync acts to classic holiday songs such as Winter Wonderland, Jingle Bell Rock, Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree, Dominic The Donkey, and The Heat Miser Song from The Year Without A Santa Claus, to name just a few. The show was broadcast LIVE on JTV and even included a visit from Santa as well as audience participation with a live voting website. If you missed this event, you can catch the performances by visiting our District Jackson Television channel on YouTube. This was an evening that will surely be remembered! ■

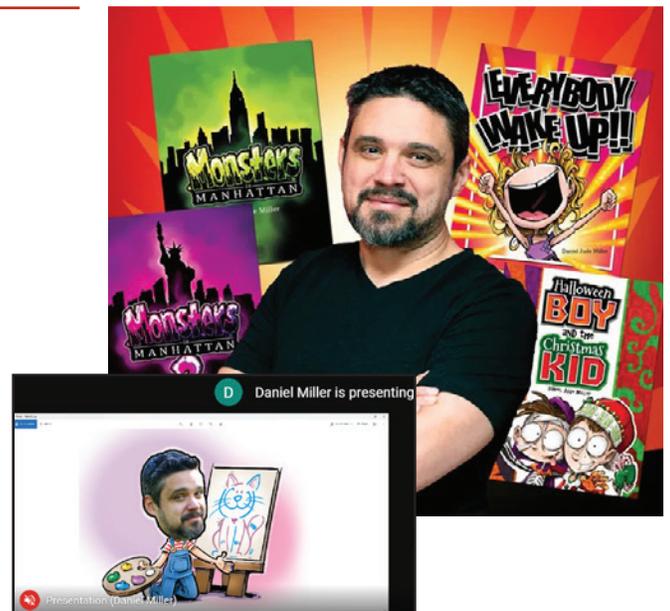
Virtual Holiday Chorus Concert Performed By Rosenauer Elementary Students!

2020 did not stop seventy-six of our Rosenauer elementary students from singing their hearts out through a diverse song selection playlist! Each grade level from kindergarten through 5th-grade learned a specific holiday song in their remote music class with Mrs. Noble. Students then submitted a video recording of themselves singing their song from home. Videos were edited into a virtual chorus performance for each grade. The finale was a whole school performance of Feliz Navidad which premiered on JTV on December 25th. The Rosenauer Roadrunners dedicated their performances to all Jackson School District staff and administration as a thank you for their tireless work this school year! With some creativity, technology and passion, students and families were able to come together through the arts! The performances can be viewed on YouTube by searching Jackson Television (JTV). ■

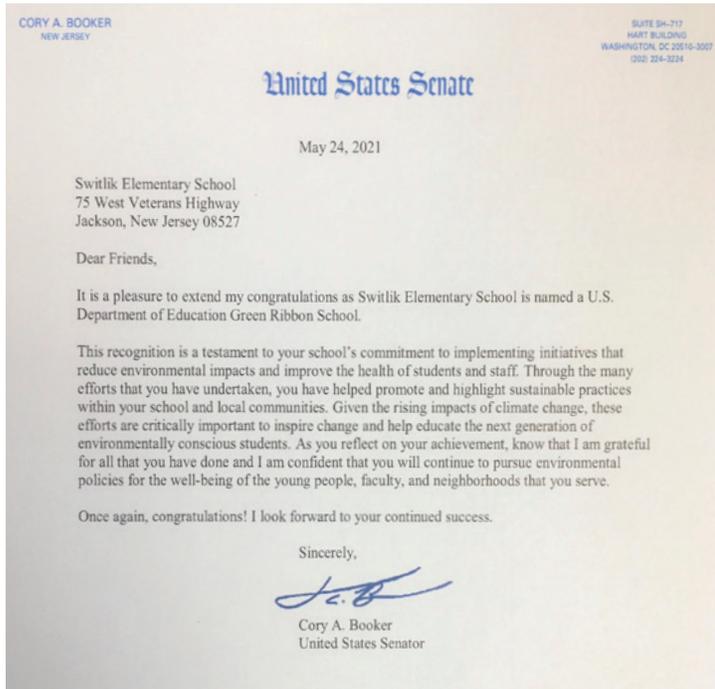


Renowned Author, Illustrator & Designer Daniel Jude Miller Virtually Visits Elms Students

Daniel Jude Miller, author of Everybody Wake Up! and Monsters In Manhattan, interacted with students from Elms Elementary School over two nights in February. Families and students logged on to hear Mr. Miller read from his stories and share how he develops his books. A talented illustrator and writer, Mr. Miller explained how he uses a writer's notebook to collect ideas and encouraged students to keep practicing when it came to drawing. Over 100 families attended these events. Children shared their own artistic creations and were inspired to draw, write, and create their own works of art. The Q and A session was lively and engaging. Mr. Miller's "Page of Fun" website includes an Empire State Building Challenge, a "Feet Sheet" to finish monster illustrations, and a Monster Project to build a recycled creature based on the characters in his books. Elms's library now has copies of Mr. Miller's books and the students are eager to check them out! ■



Switlik School Recognized as a “2021 New Jersey Green Ribbon School”



It is with great pride that we announce that “Switlik Elementary School” is officially a “2021 New Jersey Green Ribbon School” as well as a “2021 U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools Nominee.” This is a very high honor for both Switlik Elementary School and the Jackson School District as this recognition is a national honor. The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools (ED-GRS) inspires schools, districts, and institutions of higher education (IHEs) to strive for 21st-century excellence by highlighting promising school sustainability practices and resources that all can employ. To that end, the award recognizes schools, districts, and IHEs that reduce environmental impact and costs, improve the health and wellness of schools, students, and staff; and provide effective environmental and sustainability education. Combined progress in ALL three of these areas, known as Pillars, serves as the basis for recognition. Switlik Elementary School prides itself on being the oldest building in the Jackson School District- “The building of character.” Panther pride runs rampant throughout our building. This is evident not only through our fine academic programs but also through our programs that reduce our environmental impact and improve the health and wellness of everyone. Because of these efforts, last year, Switlik was awarded the “Silver Certification” through Sustainable Jersey for Schools. Switlik was one of only 19 in the State of New Jersey that has received this award since its inception. This year, Switlik is one of only two in the State of New Jersey to receive this prestigious honor! ■



Crawford 3rd Graders Dissect Text Features During Recent Literacy Activity!

The Crawford 3rd graders in room A212 enjoyed dressing up as surgeons as they performed “Non Fiction Operation.” They read their patients’ specific diagnosis and removed the “non fiction text feature” as they required a little hands on surgical procedure. Both the students as well as their teachers had so much fun during this hands-on and unique activity. Thank you, Mrs. Acquaviva for providing us with such a fun and innovative lesson! ■



Memorial Adventure Bound Students Learn About Real World Survival Techniques!

Jackson Memorial teacher Mr. Withstandley demonstrates the art of making fire from scratch to both in-person and remote students during his Adventure Bound class. As you can see in the photo, he has his laptop camera perfectly positioned to show students learning remotely as well as those in the classroom how a little knowledge of materials and friction can generate a heat and light source. This is such an important lesson where all can see a useful real life skill if they were to enjoy camping or such an activity outdoors. ■



usage. Then, they conduct investigations at home and share what they have learned with other family members. Because of our students' efforts, Elms families now have draft socks lining their doorways, timers that are set to monitor holiday light usage, and reminder signs around the home for turning off switches and decreasing water usage. The students share what they've learned and celebrate their successes. Currently, our school is ranked fifth out of thirty participating schools across the state. ■

Switlik Community Project Spreads Love, Kindness & Compassion to Local Healthcare Heroes and Senior Citizens!

Everyone loves cards, especially on Valentine's Day! It was the perfect time for Switlik to share love, kindness and compassion through a school-wide community service project for our healthcare heroes and senior citizens. Media teachers Ms. Palmé & Mrs. Brenner read Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch by Eileen Spinelli, to their students during library media time and discussed the project. This story is not only beautifully written and funny, but also perfectly illuminates some crucial big ideas such as how people all around us may be lonely and that a little cheerful mail could positively change someone's mindset for a day or even longer. Next, Switlik students decided to reach out as they created awesome Valentine's Day cards in art class with our very own talented art instructors Ms. Martinez and Mrs. Quick. Our amazing classroom teachers worked just as hard with their students to write encouraging and heartfelt notes inside. The Valentine's Day cards were then delivered to seniors in a local assisted living & nursing home and healthcare workers at CentraState Medical Center. May we all continue to

spread love and kindness wherever we go, not just on Valentine's Day, but EVERY day! ■



Elms Super Power Savers Practice Energy Efficiency at Home!

This year, Sheryl Konopack, Media Teacher at Elms Elementary, is leading a group of fourth grade students from Jennifer Giaconia and Sharon Lokerson's class on an energy conservation initiative called Power Save. The program was created by emPowered Schools, and relies on teachers to help organize and execute the multiple benchmark projects with eager participants. In years past, students have conducted energy evaluations of their own school, but this year, the program has been tweaked to be used at home. At Elms, students Meet virtually each month to learn about energy by studying elements such as HVAC systems, Energy Star appliances, and thermostat





Sustainability Skills Learned Through Aquaponics at Elms Elementary School!

What do you get when you cross aquaculture and hydroponics? Aquaponics! This initiative, which began with grant funding from the “Sustainable Jersey for Schools” program, is literally alive and well this year. A small group of fourth grade students plant seeds and nurture them as they germinate. Then, students transfer their plants into the system where they become part of this self-sustaining ecosystem. Diana Morrow’s fourth and



fifth graders ensure that the fish are being fed twice a day, illuminated by new tank lighting so that everyone gets a chance to see what’s going on in our 300+ gallon tank. Currently, we are growing bok choy, joi choy, mint, tomatoes, and bibb lettuce. Students harvest vegetables when they are ready and take them home to wash and eat. The project is hands-on, interactive, and led by librarian Sheryl Konopack. ■

Switlik Souper Bowl Collects a Record Amount of Goods For Local Jackson Food Pantry!

During the last few weeks of January before the big NFL game, Switlik students and their families showed what it meant to give back to their local community as they stepped up and donated canned goods and other non-perishable food products during our annual “Souper Bowl” prediction event. This year we saw the Tampa Bay Buccaneers face off against the Kansas City Chiefs and created



bins for each team, decorated with their unique logos and team colors. Students were challenged to predict the winner by placing their goods into the appropriate bin which was located in our gym hallway. Additionally, we set up a drop off voting station outside our main doors so that any remote students would also be able to participate in this wonderful event, which truly brings out the kindness in all of us. Although it would ultimately be Tom Brady and the Buccaneers who prevailed to win their 2nd NFL championship, our final student prediction seemed to indicate that we had many more rooting for Patrick Mahomes and the Kansas City Chiefs. Regardless, Switlik School collected well over 600 items, which were all donated the following week to the Jackson Food Pantry. Great job to all for their wonderful generosity and efforts to make a difference in their own community. ■

Crawford Students Show Love & Care Through Community Outreach!

The amazing elementary students in Mrs. Sanzone’s, Mrs. Alkalay’s, Mrs. Rizzilo’s & Mrs. Acquaviva’s 3rd grade classroom along with Mrs. Clayton’s 2nd grade class at Crawford made the most creative and fun Valentines Day cards for the residents of a Staten Island Nursing Home, who since the Covid pandemic started have been unable to see their own family and friends. Special thanks to our colleague Mrs. Allocca for delivering the cards for the children, who really pride themselves on spreading kindness and love. These are the moments that truly teach our children about the influence that their positive actions and words really have towards others. ■



Johnson School Celebrated “Read Across America” Through an Outdoor Story Walk!

This year Johnson School readers celebrated Read Across America by taking their love of reading outdoors. Our entire school community was invited to participate in Johnson School’s first ever StoryWalk event. Our StoryWalk allowed students to enjoy reading and the outdoors at the same time. Pages of a selected picture book were laminated and attached to stakes, which were then displayed along an outdoor path. As students walked along the path, they read each page of the book and completed a physical challenge. Our debut selection was *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissor* by Drew Daywalt. After participating in the StoryWalk, students provided feedback about their adventure and shared suggestions for future StoryWalk book selections. Our StoryWalk was funded through a generous grant from the American Library Association. Our Johnson School readers are grateful to the ALA for their support of our library program! ■



Holman School Celebrates Read Across America—even in a Pandemic!

Holman Elementary School loves to honor Read Across America with students and families! Although an in-person celebration was not possible this year, the Holman Staff was still committed to making a fun experience for the community! More than 20 staff members participated in creating a video acting out the Dr. Seuss story *What Pet Should I Get?* Even Holman principal Mr. Richard Karas got in on the act! The video was shared out to the school community on March 2, the 117th anniversary of Dr. Seuss’s birthday. Even in these unusual times, families can still share and celebrate the love of reading! ■

McAuliffe Honors Their Namesake—United States Teacher & Astronaut Christa McAuliffe, During 35th Anniversary of the Challenger Disaster!

Upon entering McAuliffe Middle School one will find the words of Christa McAuliffe adorning the wall, “I touch the future. I teach.” These words rang true on January 28, when McAuliffe Middle School celebrated the life of their school’s namesake on the 35th Anniversary of the Challenger disaster. Student Activity Advisors, Jerri Parlow and Stephanie Healy, along with a teacher committee, planned activities that provided students with a glimpse as to who Christa McAuliffe was as well as interesting facts about NASA and our space program. Lunar and meteorite samples were shared and the students were able to touch a piece of the moon. Culminating the week’s events, teachers nominated students who best exemplified the qualities of astronauts. A drawing was held and 68 of these students were recipients of astronaut ice cream. ■



Switlik School Hosts Virtual 2020-21 Elementary Spelling Bee!



The Elementary Division held their building Spelling Bees on January 27. The Switlik Spelling Bee took place online using the Scripps Online testing platform. Thirty spellers from 4th and 5th grade showed their hard work and dedication throughout the entire process. The winner of this year's spelling bee is 5th grader Maya Kowalczyk. Congratulations to our runner-up, fellow 5th grader Ria Mugloo. Maya proudly represented Switlik in the Press Communications Regional Spelling Bee, which was held on March 22, 2021. Due to COVID restrictions and for the safety of our learners, there was not a traditional district-level Spelling Bee, but the 1st place winners of each school bee were invited to the Scripps event. Congratulations to all our participants and thanks to all staff members who helped assist with this wonderful program. ■

Holman Elementary 2nd Grade Accepts the Candy Heart Challenge!

During these unprecedented times, Ms. Mayer's 2nd grade class at Holman Elementary School was able to have a little Valentine's Day fun. The students competed in various "Minute-to-Win It" candy heart challenges. For example, they competed in a "heart drop" game where each student had to use forks to pick up as many candy hearts as they could and place them into a cup in one minute. The students even participated in a heart relay where only 7 seconds separated the two teams! Their final activity was the "heart stack" building game. The highest number of hearts that were stacked in one minute was 8! The 2nd graders loved playing these games and truly had to use some problem solving skills to help build the tallest candy towers. ■



Switlik Kindergarten Staff & Students LOVE to Care for Our Furry Little Friends!

Check out these adorable little chicks that recently hatched within our Kindergarten classrooms. Switlik teachers Mrs Temple, Mrs. Malcolm, and Mrs. Robinson always take such enjoyment in this annual program with all of their students, who get to observe part of the life cycle live and in person and this year as well as virtually during Google Meets. It's always a treat to see the excitement of the children and the joy in their faces when they get up close and personal with these furry little friends! ■



Holman ESL Students Learn about Reindeer!

Back in December 2020, Holman Elementary School ESL teachers Mrs. Desai and Mrs. Mitchell worked with their students to learn all about reindeer. After reading facts about reindeer such as where they live and how big they are as bucks, does, and fawns, the students took a virtual field trip to watch live reindeer online. They then participated in a Kahoot quiz game to show what they had learned. The study of reindeer was capped off when the students made reindeer food using oatmeal, chocolate chips, coconut for snow, and sparkles to put out for Santa's reindeer on Christmas Eve to guide them to the students' houses! If Santa gets cookies, then maybe the reindeer would enjoy a sweet treat, too—something other than carrots! ■



Holman Celebrates Diversity

Diversity is something that is always celebrated at Holman Elementary School. During the month of February, classrooms in Holman School celebrated African-American History Month by participating in a variety of educationally enriching lessons and activities to honor the achievements and contributions of African Americans. For example, the second graders in Mrs. McHugh's class took



a learning quest during which they read about different famous African Americans. The students used a slide show and took notes to gather facts. The third grade students working in class with Mrs. Gruosso and Mrs. DeAndino conducted research on



noteworthy African American inventors and noteworthy women inventors throughout history, creating reports that they displayed on their classroom bulletin board. Additionally, the Holman School Library has recently added a wide selection of books to its collection, reflecting different heritages written by diverse authors and ensuring that students see themselves represented in the books they have available to them. ■

Johnson Elementary Prioritizes Social & Emotional Learning as Students Return!

H.C. Johnson Elementary School has been using Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) to help ease the transition back to school for its students. SEL has a profound impact on students' well-being, behavior and performance and the teachers and staff at HCJ believe in the critical need for SEL now more than ever. Johnson Elementary School celebrated National SEL Day on Friday, March 26. Students made "SELfies" and hung them outside of their classrooms. On SEL Day, each student took a walk-through of Johnson to see what they have in common with each other and also to see what makes each of them unique. Social emotional learning prepares youth to face challenges, build resilience, have empathy for others, and develop healthy relationships. The competencies of social emotional learning; self management, social awareness, self awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making are crucial for all. ■



The Jackson School District Recognizes the 2020-21 Educators of The Year!

It was such a pleasure to see our fellow colleagues nominate and award "Educator of The Year" status to the following staff members within our district teaching community. Each has exemplified what it is to be both a master educator as well as a trusted building colleague who goes above and beyond to not only serve as a role model to their students, but also to every other person with whom they interact on a daily basis. We wish to congratulate all of you: Laura Reilly-Crawford, Christine Frenville-Elms, Jenn Haas-Holman, Crystal Barlow-Johnson, Dawn Loser-Rosenauer, Kristen Hoermann-Switlik, Dawn Henninger-Remote, Lisa Trojakowski-Goetz, Caryn Buonocore-McAuliffe, Lauren Komanitsky-Remote, Megan Bender-Liberty, Lisa Soltmann-Memorial, Chris Stella-Remote. ■



History Comes Alive Through a Power Lesson @ Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary!

The Crawford 3rd graders and their teachers, Mrs. Sanzone, Mrs. Alkalay, Mrs. Rizzilo & Mrs. Acquaviva, built model covered wagons to show how people helped others escape slavery on The Underground Railroad in the 1800s. They compared literature, learned about Harriet Tubman, & which states were slave or free states. Our 3rd graders learned powerful lessons in American History to help prevent such events from ever repeating. Knowledge is power! ■



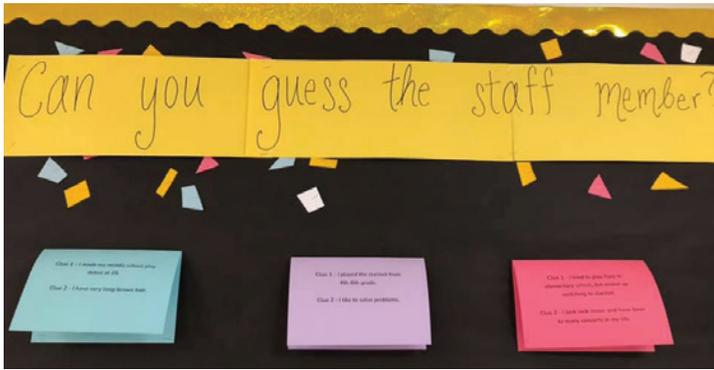
Jackson Liberty Chorus Performs Live For Local Church Group!

Members of the Jackson Liberty Chorus led by Rebecca Young, entertained all of the vendors and guests at a recent event on site at Jackson Baptist Church. Needless to say, they were amazing and brought such joy to everyone who attended. These are the moments that our district prides itself on, and we know that the community is so impressed with our staff and student efforts and most importantly, their dedication to everyone who is lucky to reside and work in Jackson Township. ■

Liberty Science Students Make a Difference By “Restoring the Earth” on Earth Day!

On Thursday, April 22, 2021, Earth Day, my Conceptual Science students set their minds on “Restoring the Earth.” Even though the temperature outside was a blistering 37 degrees, our resilient second period students: Tyriek, Andrew, Ashley, Pedro, Calman, Tyler, and Anastacia, together with their teacher and Mrs. Gladysz collected 9 bags of trash along the wooded area of the Liberty High School student parking lot. Another group of students geared up and went outside during 4th period: Evan, Denielle, Mike, and Crystal together with the teacher and Mrs. Hosford where they collected more items that ended up filling 6 additional bags. We are very proud of them for not only their efforts, but also for the impact that they made on their local community as well as on our planet Earth. ■





Musical Musings Trivia Challenge from Our Marvelous McAuliffe Members Celebrating Music in Our Schools Month!

Clue 1 - I played the clarinet from 5th through 10th grade.

Clue 2 - I was a member of chorus through 10th grade.

Clue 3 - I can be found playing recorder on my Google Meets.

Mrs. Connor

Clue 1 - I played drums, bass, and guitar for 17 years.

Clue 2 - Before I became a teacher, I traveled the east coast playing at venues.

Clue 3 - I teach literacy and social studies.

Mr. Bradley

One of the most important lessons that a student can learn isn't always from a book or computer screen, but from the social interactions that they have with their teachers and fellow students. One such activity was apparent during "Music in Our Schools Month" when a trivia style bulletin board challenge appeared for all to enjoy. Students and even staff members had to read clues and guess which staff member was being identified. These are the types of learning experiences where our kids really learn some interesting and fun facts about the teachers that they see around the building or online daily! ■



character traits and then tasked with making a creature out of play-doh that reflected different traits. The kids had 10 minutes to mold their play-doh figures, and then they presented their creations to the group, describing their creations' personalities and hobbies. The students enjoy the opportunity to experiment and create in the Gifted and Talented Program! ■

Johnson & Rosenauer 5th Graders Using Art & Guidance Lessons to Promote Mental Health Awareness in Their Schools and Community!

Each year Johnson and Rosenauer fifth graders receive a mental health lesson from Mrs. Schnorbus, their school counselor. Topics discussed include organizing your time, building relationships, feelings and much more! At the end of the lesson students are encouraged to make a poster showing ways to stay mentally healthy. Mrs. Schnorbus then submits the posters to the Ocean County Mental Health Awareness Committee. Congratulations to the Ocean County Mental Health Awareness Poster Contest winners—from Johnson, Isabella Pelligra and from Rosenauer, Gianna Palmeri. CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS!!! Your posters will be in a future calendar and online for all to enjoy! We are so proud of your accomplishment! ■

Holman Gifted & Talented Program Enriches & Challenges Learners!

In the Holman School Gifted and Talented Program, taught by Mr. McEwan and Mrs. Desai, students explore a wide variety of topics during virtual classes. Building and creating are some of their main focuses, such as building structures from recyclable materials, or building tools to lift, move, and maneuver objects. During one session, students were provided a list of



“What’s Moo” at McAuliffe? Just Check Out These Cows!

The Jackson School District truly has the most amazing art program around. Beginning in Elementary and all the way up to the High Schools you will see the most stunning and dynamic works of art created by the most talented artists around. But let’s just focus on these projects displayed at McAuliffe Middle School for a moment. If you ever walked the hallways and stairways, you would see the most colorful paintings and murals anywhere, each created by our talented students and staff members. However these cow interpretations recently caught our eye as each painting and dimensional model are so beautiful with their creativity and attention to detail. Keep growing your talents and be proud of your work! ■



Kindness—The Heart of Holman Elementary!

Random Acts of Kindness Week” is observed during the third week of February each year to encourage people to celebrate and spread kindness. This week centers around making kindness a standard to follow to make our world a better place to live in. It is about showing appreciation for those around you, seeing others in need and taking action, and instilling kindness in our children so the future can look a little brighter. Working with Ms. Many, the Holman School art teacher, the students created kindness hearts. The students decorated their hearts and wrote words of kindness or acts of kindness on their hearts. The hearts were displayed on the front lobby bulletin board to remind the school community that “Kindness is the Heart of Holman Elementary School.” ■



Elms Students Practice “Tooth Care” & Make The Tooth Fairy Proud of Their Efforts!

Check out these cuties created by the kindergartners in Ms. Langer’s class at Elms Elementary. These “Tooth Fairy” creations are some of the most artistic displays we’ve seen around the schools this year and just wanted to share an example or two with you! ■



Have you lost your first tooth yet?



Elms Elementary Sensory Garden Springs to Life!

Our Elms Elementary School learning garden needed a little (actually A LOT) of TLC since not being tended to as much as usually required since Covid kept us socially distanced and remote. But this has all changed once teachers, paras and students had a better opportunity to spruce it all up and now we are all so excited that our efforts will allow us to see everything grow! ■



Building Bridges, Embracing Our ELL Students

In these unprecedented times, teachers are building bridges to not only connect with other cultures but to also keep students' interests piqued. One of the ways this can be achieved is by reaching out towards ELL students and making them feel like the star of the show for embracing their native tongues, and by allowing them to participate in the class in different ways. Nowadays, many popular children's books that are read at the elementary



level are available in different languages. For example, one very popular book among elementary school teachers and students these days is Wonder, by author R.J. Palacio. Holman fifth grade teacher Mr. McEwan purchased a digital copy of this story to read with the entire class during these hybrid learning times. Mr. McEwan also purchased the same book in Spanish for the ELL learners in his class to follow the read-along in their first language. During one read-aloud session, a student in this class who has recently been released from the ELL program read aloud from her copy of the book in Spanish while many of her classmates followed along in English. It was a beautiful experience to see the kids appreciate how eloquently this young learner read in her native language. We need to always remember to embrace our differences and welcome diversity into our classroom, and we certainly strive to do this daily! ■

3rd Grade Students at Switlik Elementary Promote Writing and Creative Skills with Essays and Gorgeous Clay Triangular Displays!

It's always so nice to see student created materials displayed around any school environment, but we take great pride when it's within our own. In addition to our wonderful bulletin boards all over the hallways, we have begun to set up some 3 dimensional displays that truly show off the creativity that our young learners have. These wonderful literature projects created by Mrs. Ackerman and her 3rd grade class were recently shown off for all to see and even allowed for other students to vote for their favorite overall projects. Keep up the great work! ■



Dynamic & Colorful Displays All Over Jackson Memorial High School!

When walking around the Memorial hallways, make sure you stop to notice all the fun new things that keep appearing around this historic and well known building. Pay special attention to this wonderful United States visual map





that illustrates specific and unique characteristics of each individual state. It's truly a sight to see and you'll be surprised with what you'll learn as you study it. This is certainly one of the coolest displays we have seen in some time! ■



Going to Battle with our McAuliffe Lego League!

Mcauliffe students are lucky to have such talented staff members who inspire greatness and fair play through friendly competition. Lego robotics activities bring out the best in those who like to design, tinker, and program. Awesome job and thanks to Mr. Bradley and Mrs. Valgenti for bringing this awesome activity to our students! Go Team McAuliffe! ■



Switlik Students Create Pixel Artworks During Technology Class!

One of the coolest projects that our students do during Computer class is our popular pixel art assignment. Students use both a pixel art website as well as a Google sheet document to create their own individual works of art, which they create by using a paint bucket and painstakingly filling in blocks of color one at a time. Usually we focus on video game and animation characters but you never know what the kids

will imagine and develop. Check out some of the gorgeous examples below! Computer teacher Mr. Autenrieth is already archiving all student projects and can not wait to do it again with his 2021-22 classes! ■



The Jackson Education Association Wishes EVERYONE a Well Deserved & Relaxing Summer Vacation as We Prepare For September and a NEW School Year!

As we bid this school year goodbye, let's remember the lesson we've learned: We are so much stronger than we ever believed we could be and our strength brought us to a place where we understand just how much we love our district and our commitment to educating all of our learners, from the Kindergarten classroom to remote learners and even our adult staff members, teachers and administrators! 2020 thought it could knock us out but instead we persevered, excelled and are now looking forward to the 2021-22 school year. Bring it on! We've got this. Together. ■



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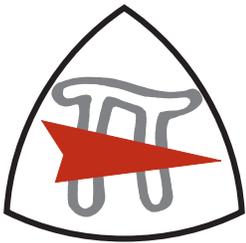
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Recent High School Productions Available For All to Stream Anytime—Check Out The Jackson Television (JTV) YouTube Channel!

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The 2021 Talent Show!

Grab some popcorn, sit back, and relax while watching our completely virtual talent show. We hope you enjoy!

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A RETURN TO BROADWAY

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If you haven't visited our JTV YouTube page recently, please do yourself a favor and check out all the wonderful content that our district has to offer. Some recent additions are "Return to Broadway," the Jackson Memorial High School virtual choral concert and the 2021 Jackson Liberty High School "Tri-M Talent Show." Our district is so proud of our productions and of course, the students who create and bring it all to you! One of the most

positive achievements during this unusual school year was how we had a vision in utilizing our talents, ideas and especially our technology resources to really show what we are all capable of. All the hard work and effort is worth it once we see final products like these. Thanks to all involved and for supporting our district performing arts. ■