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Goetz Enrichment Students Learn About Evidence Gathering with the Jackson PD

On February 16, Mrs. Closius and Mrs. Netis along with their Seventh and Eighth Grade Enrichment classes welcomed Officers Colin Manafra and Michael Bollard who spoke candidly about the gathering of evidence at crime scenes. They also informed students of a new fingerprinting technique used by our own Jackson Police department. Investigators now obtain palm and side hand prints of culprits suspected of a crime. At the end of their seminar, Officer Bollard demonstrated the fingerprinting techniques he has used to print criminals.

This was an extension to our previous lesson of fingerprinting where students made, observed and documented the uniqueness of their own prints. In addition to discussing fingerprints, the officers gave advice to students regarding what to do if they were to encounter a stranger at their door while they were alone in the house. They were advised to keep doors and windows locked, including cars and to put valuables in a secret spot. They discussed how social media has created some crimes, but at the same time has also been successful in the apprehending of criminals. All in all, it was a successful presentation. ■



Elms Choral Concert is a Big Success

The Elms Fifth Grade Chorus had their first concert last month under their new director, Emily Clark. The theme was "Broadway" and everyone did a fabulous job. Both students and parents had the opportunity to see the concert. ■



Scripps Spelling Bee Competition at Goetz Middle School

On Tuesday, January 24, 2017, students from the Goetz Middle School participated in the Scripps Spelling Bee. Students from all grade levels participated in the event. The Bee was coordinated by Mrs. Jackie Daton and Mrs. Robin Molitores with Ms. Jenna Sciarappa and Mrs. Kelly Hobbs acting as the judges. The Rotary Club sponsored this event and proudly presented the winner with a trophy and generous gift card to Barnes and Noble. Congratulations to the winner, Brian Cooper with an honorable mention to second place contestant Adrian Nasr and third place contestant Nelson Arias. Best of luck to Brian as he enters into the next round of competition at the regional level! ■

Holman Students "Paws Fur Love"

Third Grade students in Ms. DiLorenzo's and Ms. Hulley's classroom have been focusing on the character trait of kindness this year, and they were particularly excited about showing kindness towards animals. These third grade students sponsored a donation drive called 'Paws Fur Love' for a local animal shelter. The students worked very hard creating beautiful posters to promote the donation drive in the school hallways. Students also sent flyers home to families requesting donations of items including pet food, pet toys, dog leashes and kitty litter. The students even contacted a local ice cream shop and asked them to get involved! Four Boys Ice Cream of Jackson has agreed to generously donate chocolate and vanilla ice cream for the grade level that brings in the most donations! Ms. DiLorenzo's and Ms. Hulley's students have been counting donations every day to see which grade level has brought in the most. So far, they have collected over 320 items to distribute to the local animal shelter and foster pets in need. What a wonderful way to show kindness! ■



Elms Learning Garden

The Green Team/Elms Learning Garden Committee has been very busy planning and getting their hands dirty in preparation for their efforts to take action towards sustainability. Several staff members at Elms have gotten together to design a green space in the school's courtyard. The team has collaborated with other New Jersey schools who have developed similar projects. They have also been working closely with a Master Gardener through the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, who also happens to be a fellow Jackson resident.

Students will have access to learning opportunities outside of the classroom and exposure to information regarding making healthier food choices. The garden will be made up of fruit and vegetable plants, herbs, flowers and a sensory garden complete with plants with vibrant colors, assorted textures and various scents. A few of the preschool classes have plans to incorporate some of the fruits and vegetables that align with recipes they use in their Preschool Snack Curriculum. The recipes focus on seasonal fruits and vegetables with the goal of providing exposure to healthy and nutritious snack options.

The Green Team recently received recognition and a grant from the Elms PTN to support the project. They look forward to unveiling the "Elms Learning Garden" this Spring. ■



Holman Kids Care

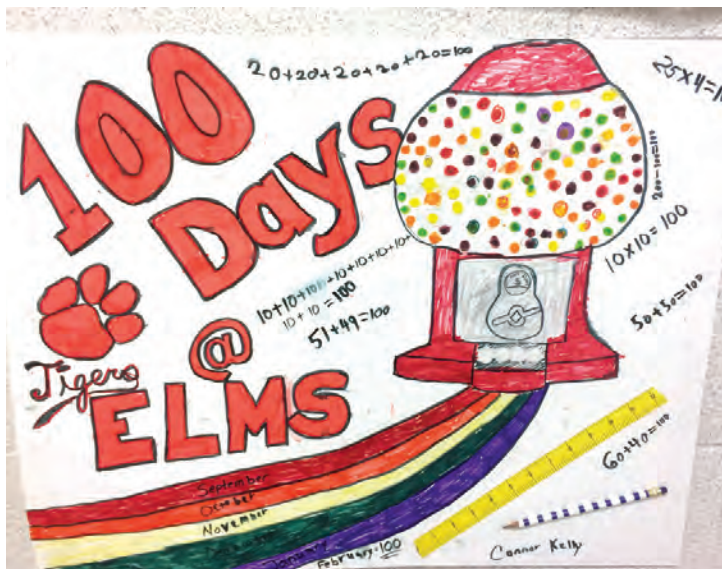
The Fourth Grade students of Mrs. Shilan's and Mrs. Macaluso's class sponsored a fundraiser to benefit children in need through the Pajama Program. The Pajama Program donates new pajamas and new books to children of all ages. The Holman community came through once again and donated a total of 277 new books, ranging from picture books to chapter books. Accompanying those books, 150 pairs of new children's pajamas were collected ranging in size from newborn through 14. A volunteer from the Pajama Program visited the classroom to thank the students and provide them with details about what they do. We are proud to say that at least 150 children in Monmouth and/or Ocean County will be receiving new books, new pajamas, or both. ■



McAuliffe Teachers Make Science FUN!

The 'Distance Between Planets' was recently brought to life in Sixth Grade Science at McAuliffe Middle School. Students used the astronomical units from the sun in order to measure and make a replica of the solar system. Scale, proportion and quality was used as they developed and created a systems model of the distance between planets.

The four planets closest to the sun, Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars are called the terrestrial planets because they have solid rocky surfaces. The four large planets beyond the orbit of Mars including Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune are called gas giants. ■



Elms' First Grade Tigers Make the 100th Day Count!

First Grade Tigers at Elms Elementary were all ready to celebrate the 100th day of school. On Tuesday, February 21st, students wore their class made t-shirts that showed 100 colorful fingerprints organized by tens. The classes gathered to share and show their school spirit and also toured each other's classrooms to see each student's 100th day projects. The planning and design of all the student work revealed that mathematical fluency is indeed flourishing in Jackson! ■

Goetz and McAuliffe Schools Celebrate Read Across America

Read Across America Week was celebrated in both middle schools during the week of February 27th. Several activities took place throughout the week to honor both reading and the late, great Dr. Seuss.

Students participated in several events in both Goetz and McAuliffe including wearing stripes in honor of Dr. Seuss, participating in trivia contests that asked questions about favorite Dr. Seuss books, listening to stories read by guest readers in their classrooms and having a 'Drop Everything and Read' day.

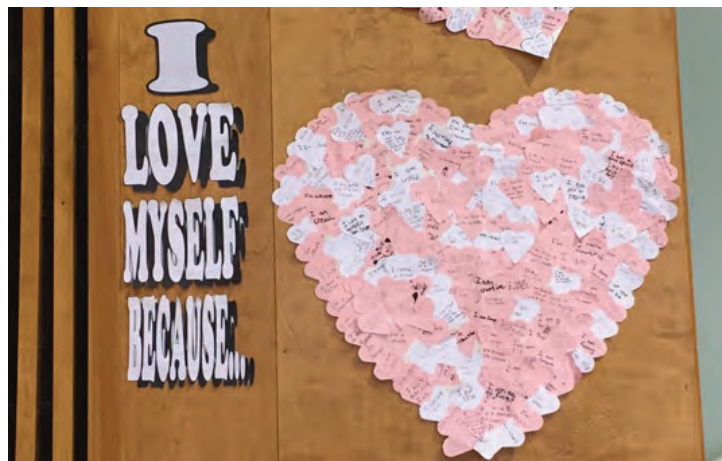
Students were also invited to bring in their gently used books they were no longer reading to donate to their classroom libraries. Finally, students were asked to give suggestions for the books they'd most like to see on their summer reading lists this year.

A great time was had by all! Special thanks to Mrs. Molitores and Mrs. Daton of the Goetz Middle School and Ms. Poppe from McAuliffe for coordinating all of the events! ■



Hats Off to "Reader Man" at Elms Elementary

Kindergarten classes at Elms School are EXTRA excited about reading this year because of a new superhero who visits their school. His name is "Reader Man." He leaves notes in each Kindergarten class with different messages to help their reading progress. He sometimes leaves special reading "tools" including "pointer power sticks" that help to point to each word. This particular January afternoon "Reader Man" left video compliments and special "super reader capes" for each kindergarten student, in their classroom. Hats off to "Reader Man" and to all Elms students...Read ON! ■



Love Yourself on Valentine's Day

With the help of art teachers Lia Thomas and Melissa Murphy, students at Crawford Elementary School were each given a heart and asked to write a reason they love themselves in honor of Valentine's Day. All of the hearts were then displayed in the cafe for everyone to see for the month of February. ■

Johnson, Switlik and Elms Schools Play in the “Souper Bowl!”



In an effort to help our community, Mrs. Glushko’s Third Grade Class collected cans of soup for a fun “Soup-er” Bowl Event. Students in the H.C. Johnson School brought in cans of soup and placed them in the “Team Bin” of who they thought would win the Superbowl. The children had so much fun listening to the announcements each morning to see which team was winning. A total of 437 cans were collected and donated to The Jackson Food Pantry.



Switlik School has supported the community for the past seven years by helping stock the shelves of the Jackson Food Pantry by collecting over 4,300 food items.



Elms Elementary school had a busy “pre-Super Bowl” week by staging their own “Souper Bowl.” Students and staff were asked to bring in a can of soup (or any non-perishable item) and put it in a Falcons can or Patriots can. According to Elms students, the Falcons were an overwhelming favorite to win the big game. OOPS! The Jackson Food Pantry turned out to be the BIG winner! ■





Storybook Character Day at HCJ

This year Johnson School once again celebrated Read Across America with the annual “Storybook Character Day”. All students and staff were invited to join in the fun by coming to school dressed as their favorite book character on Thursday, March 2nd. Classes shared their favorite storybooks together, and capped off the celebration by reading to one another! ■



Barbara O'Connor

January 30, 2017

Dear Ms. Schlossberg:

Thank you for sending me all of those wonderful letters and pictures. I enjoyed them so much! Here are the answers to some of their questions:

Mya: My first book was a biography titled Mammolina: A Story About Maria Montessori.
Tyler: I came up with the idea for How to Steal a Dog when I saw this poster:



Camren: I have no plans to write a Part 2. But you never know!

Summer: I named the dog Willy because of the dog on the poster above.

Maria: Georgina told the truth because she knew it was the right thing to do.

Hailie: I have been writing books for about 28 years.

Nataly: I am very fortunate that I have never lived in a car. And I definitely haven't stolen a dog. :-)

Alexandra: I named the dog Willy because of the lost dog poster above.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR WONDERFUL PICTURES!!!!

Breken O'Connor

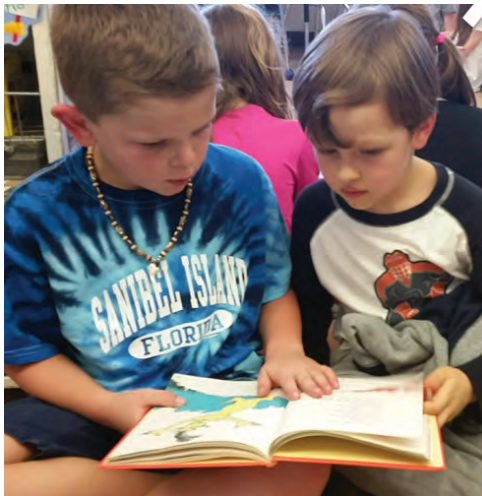
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Crawford Fifth Graders Contact Author

Ms. Schlossberg's Fifth Grade class recently finished reading a great book called *"How to Steal a Dog"* by Barbara O'Connor. Everyone loved the book so much that students wanted to know more! Students took the time to write to the author of the book and were thrilled when she responded to each and every student. ■



Johnson First Graders Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday!



On the fun we had in grade one! First Graders at HCJ celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday! Partners read a variety of Dr. Seuss books and compared characters across texts. They enjoyed some Hop on Popcorn, Pink Ink Drink, as well as Red Fish and Blue Fish. Everyone dressed as

their favorite book characters and shared character traits. Students examined fiction and nonfiction books, as they compared a Dr. Seuss biography to various classics, like *"The Lorax"*, *"Cat in the Hat"* and *"Horton Hears a Who"*. It was a fun filled day of reading and honoring a wonderful author. ■



Crawford Students are Busy Students!

February was filled with fun! The Third Grade students in Mrs. Alkalay's class took an interest in the US government. After students wrote and presented their speeches about why they wanted to be Class President, an election took place. Amanda Cerino was voted Class President and Michael Bittar was chosen as our Class Vice President. Later, Cabinet members were chosen by President Cerino. On February 17th, to celebrate President's Day, all government officials were sworn in, followed by an Inaugural Ball with Mr. Maher's class. Cabinet members include: Speaker of the House Samantha Barth, Secretary of State Aleya Torres and Secretary of Education Gregory Sinkleris. The Inaugural Ball included both classes circulating through both classrooms to participate in activities that included a dance, Presidential Trivia on Kahoot, a team president's game, and cupcake wars (students had five minutes to decorate their cupcake as patriotically as they could) Fun was had by all. A special thank you to Mr. Maher for inspiring and helping our class learn and enjoy class politics!

For Valentine's Day, students made homemade pizzas and sugar cookies! Special thanks to the parents Mrs. Alfano, Mrs. Barth, Mr. and Mrs. Bittar, Mrs. Cerino, Mrs. Grego and Mrs. Lagary who came in to help the class "cook up a storm" on a day filled with caring! Students also had the chance to celebrate



the 100th day of school with students dressing up as their 100 year old self. Students used their math skills to create a house of 100 index cards, and science skills abounded as everyone used the Scientific Process to predict where 100 drops of water would reach (in a jar). The '100 Year Old Students' also enjoyed a few rounds of Bingo to cap off the day! Special thanks to Mrs. Mika for sharing these fun STEM ideas! ■



Goetz Students Honored

The Goetz National Junior Art Honor Society participated in the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. The top three winners from the Goetz Middle School were honored at a dinner on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the Olive Garden Restaurant in Toms River. The local first place winner, Christina Ho, was awarded a gift card and certificate from the sponsoring club and a plaque from the Lions Club District Governor for placing third in the district. The second place winner, Sydney Coleman, and the third place winner, Kathryn Hayden, were also awarded a gift card and a certificate. Congratulations to the winners! ■

“Super Readers” Spotted at Holman Elementary School



It wasn't a bird! It wasn't a plane! It was Holman's Kindergarten Super Readers parading their school to the applause of all their schoolmates who congratulated them on the development of their reading Super Powers. With powers such as Pointer Power, Picture Power, Partner Power, Sound Power, and Snap Word Power, Kindergartners at Holman have been developing their Reading Super Powers for the last several months.

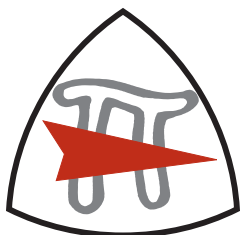
On February 16th they all celebrated their growth as readers with an exciting day, planned by their teachers where each Kindergarten traveled to each of the other Kindergarten classrooms. Each Kindergarten teacher implemented an exciting Super Reader activity, allowing Holman's newest group of readers to practice their skills. Students made their own Super Reader masks, sorted words they knew, went on a Word Hunt, and even used their reading skills to write before they were all adorned with a Super Reader cape for their parade! What an exciting day to celebrate reading! ■



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Goetz Hosts Bottle Flipping Contest

The Goetz PTN sponsored its first annual Water Bottle Flipping Contest in February. The three finalists were Ryan Morgante, Nick Afanador, and Aidan Borden. ■

