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Big Book Bonanza 2018!

In celebration of *World Read Aloud Day*, the preschoolers, kindergartners, first graders, and second graders at Sylvia Rosenauer School spent the day digging into big books for the sheer love of reading a big book. It was a proud moment watching first grade readers welcome preschoolers to sit and read with them. They pointed to pictures, acted out parts, and smiled wide in the midst of lots and lots of books. Teachers enjoyed time with students as they read alongside each other in a time set aside to read anything they wanted. Engagement was high! Smiles were wide! Community was strong! Stay tuned, because this is not the last Big Book Bonanza for the kids of Rosenauer Elementary School. ■



The six kindergarten classes at **Elms Elementary School** had a "Reading Dance Party" to celebrate their newly acquired reading skills. A good time was had by all!



Switlik 4th Graders Are Energized About Energy Conservation!

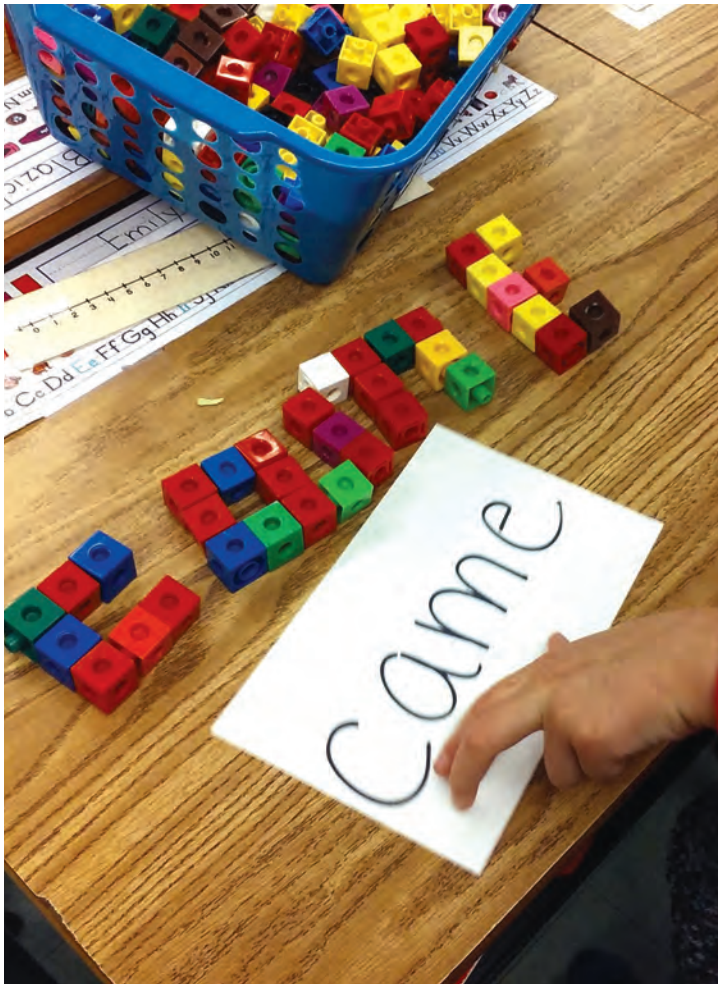
Mrs. Keeney's and Mrs. Magee's 4th grade class learned all about Energy Conservation which is part of the new and exciting Jackson School District Science Curriculum.

Weeks of research about the economic, health, and environmental benefits of recycling and energy conservation culminated into a final student designed "Energy" Google slide show presentation.

Each student partnership presented their slideshows live to parents during American Education Week before another follow up performance which was documented by Ethan Noble and JTV.

Mr. John Blair was invited to meet with the students, discuss a little bit about the Jackson School District's efforts with energy conservation within our buildings and also watched the presentations in their entirety.

We are all excited to see the final JTV video production of each and every student teaching us about what they learned. ■



Students Start Day with “What I Need” Time

The students in Mrs. Shroyer and Mrs. Zoni’s class look forward to their daily WIN or What I Need Time. A new Jackson School District initiative, the “What I Need” or “W.I.N.” time block is intended to create a consistent scheduled period of targeted instruction for all learners. It allows time to address targeted skill remediation and enrichment with all learners and to give each child the specific instruction they need right when they need it.

Some options for WIN time may include: shared reading, guided reading, targeted intervention, sight words practice, word attack strategies, vocabulary study, small group writing, fast facts practice, iPads or Chromebooks used for skills support. Mrs. Shroyer and Mrs. Zoni see it as a wonderful way to start the day. The students begin the day excited to practice skills, move around the room and work in small groups, while using fine motor skills, cooperation and problem solving.

Some of the class favorite activities are: poetry, domino fast facts, Chromebooks, science exploring/writing and word building. We thoroughly feel the students in our class benefit from WIN time.

WIN time helps us move toward our goal of an individualized learning plan for our students and providing an approach that makes the most of each child’s strengths and helps them to overcome challenges. They are consistently engaged with the skills that reinforce all the necessary objectives that are required for the first grade curriculum. ■



McAuliffe Middle School Hosts Literacy Showcase

On January 17, McAuliffe Middle School hosted its annual literacy night, Literacy Showcase: Student Engagement Activities. Parents were treated to snippets of learning strategies used in classes as they rotated from each mini lesson station. Skills presented included: Socratic Seminar, PVLEGS used for public speaking, Wordly Wise Vocabulary and Notice and Note Signposts for fiction and nonfiction. Teachers in attendance included host Sarah Poppet, Emily Casio, Karyn Doherty, Claire Gisanti, Louis Gliatta, Melissa O'Neill, Jerri Parlow, Wade Pratt, and Karen Schultz. Refreshments provided by the JEA Pride in Education. ■



Plant the Promise

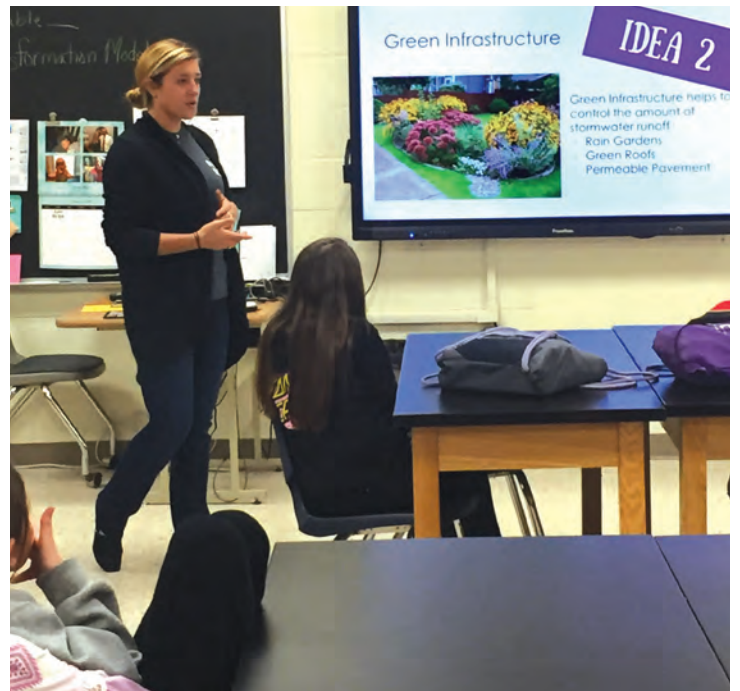
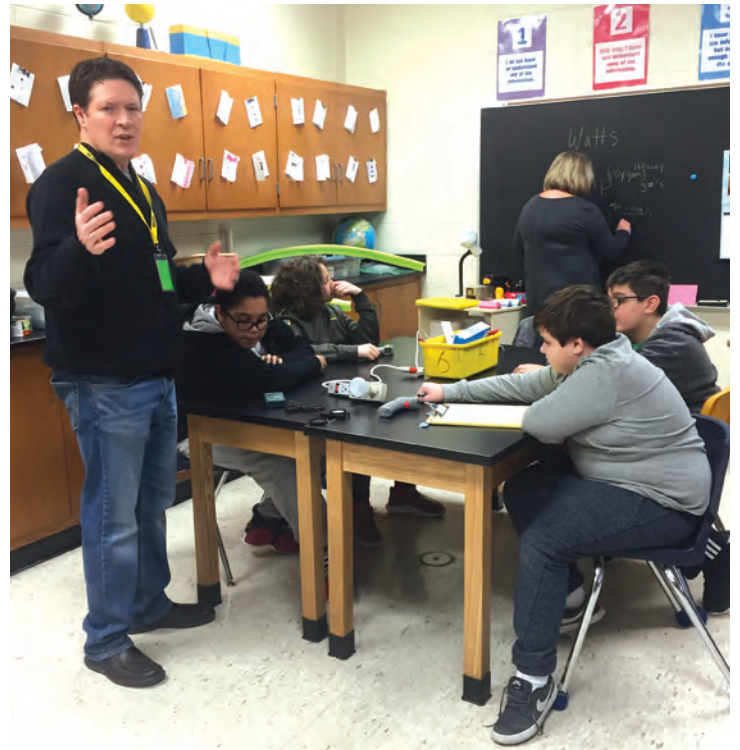
As a follow up to October's Red Ribbon Week celebrations at Crawford-Rodriguez School, Counselor Pat Herold coordinated a 3rd grade activity combining school beautification and planting the promise to say no to drugs. The students worked together to plant approximately three hundred daffodils! Each 3rd grade student received a red plant, the promise shovel to plant the bulbs and keep as a remembrance of the activity, and its purpose. The flowers, which will bloom in the spring for all to enjoy, serve as a reminder of the importance and beauty of a drug free life. During Red Ribbon week in addition to daily school spirit days, all of the Crawford students received "My Character Counts, I'm Drug Free" bookmarks. Students in grades 2-5 had the opportunity to sign a banner pledging to never bully others and be drug free. Students in grades K-1 received awesome stickers promoting wild about being drug free and celebrated the day with a coordinating crazy hair day. All materials were purchased through funds received from the Jackson Municipal Alliance Grant. ■



Johnson School Celebrates 2018 Winter Olympics

Mrs. Glushko and Mrs. DiStasi-Kissam, along with the help of the HCJ PTO and staff, have kicked off a school-wide 2018 Olympics Celebration!

We have incorporated Olympics based activities into our lessons as well as decorated the hallways and All-Purpose Room. GO TEAM USA! ■



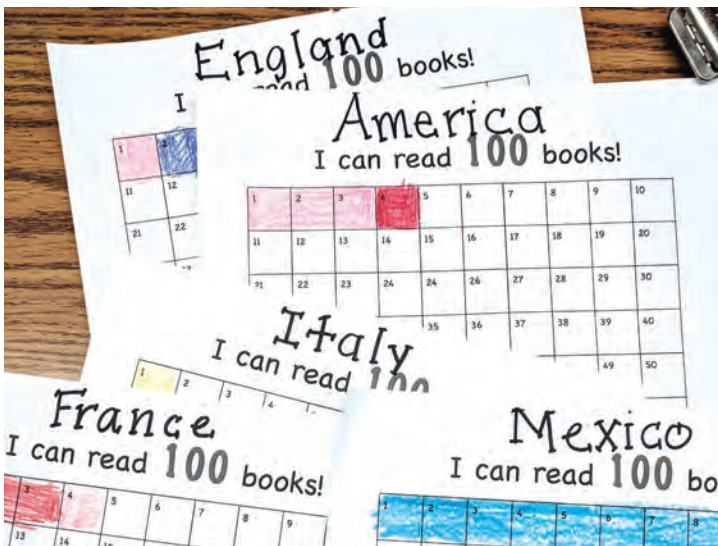
McAuliffe Middle School Science League

The Lion is roaring with pride at Science League, an afterschool club. Science League is working on two very important projects. First, they are working with Alliance to Save Energy to perform an Energy Audit of McAuliffe Middle School.

The second project is with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the Rain Barrel Challenge. Look



for upcoming details on the Science League the outcomes of these and future projects! ■



Second Graders Have Olympics Fun

Mrs. Noval's class is experiencing the 2018 Olympics firsthand. The second grade students have been teamed up to represent the country of their choice. Each country will compete individually in activities such as the paper plate discus, snowball toss, and speedy spelling competition. They will also compete as a team in the reading challenge where their goal is to read 100 books.

Through this experience the students are learning to work together and support each other as well as the concept of good sportsmanship. They are also learning the importance of determination and responsibility one must have to accomplish their goals. Go Team U.S.A! ■

Holman Chorus Students Visit Bella Terra



On January 11, 2018 the Fifth Grade Chorus from Holman Elementary School visited the Bella Terra nursing facility to perform for the residents. Under the direction of Holman music teacher Mr. Mark Grayce, the fifth graders sang several songs, all with the theme of feeling good! The performance at Bella Terra was great practice for the fifth grad-

ers' official winter chorus concert, which took place at Jackson Liberty High School on January 18. One of the highlights of this year's show was the Holman Bucket Brigade, which has students drumming on five-gallon buckets. Thank you to Holman's fifth graders for sharing their talents and spreading joy through singing in the Jackson Community! ■



Happy 100th Day of School

Time flies when you are busy learning! On February 15th, the First Graders at Elms Elementary celebrated the 100th Day of School. We counted by tens as we made shirts and necklaces with 10 groups of 10. The next big benchmark? The 120th Day of School will be here before we know it! We can't wait! ■



More 100 Day Celebrations!



Students in Mrs. Alkalay's and Mrs. Litwin's class celebrated the 100th Day of School dressing up as 100 year old men and women. They enjoyed practicing their multiplication facts on the computer game *Granny Prix* and

playing *Main Idea Bingo*. Congratulations to our tied winners for Best Sr. Lady Costume : Trinity Bohrer and Adrianna Barton and to Joey Loschiavo and Justin Togans for Best Sr. Man Costume! ■



A Delicious Way to Learn New Things!

The students in Mrs. Alkalay's and Mrs. Litwin's 3rd grade class at Crawford continued the cooking and baking tradition! They enjoyed spending Valentine's Day baking chocolate chip cookies and making their own pizzas. While learning about inventors, they learned that Ruth Wakefield was the inventor of The Toll House Cookie recipe in 1937. She created the recipe by accident when she ran out of chocolate to make chocolate cookies for her guests, at The Toll House Inn. She cut large chocolate bars into small pieces thinking the chocolate would melt and become chocolate cookies. Little did she know, her guests raved about these chocolate chip cookies. Soon, she was known all over Massachusetts for her new recipe!

The students wanted to bake chocolate chip cookies to honor her fabulous (and delicious) recipe. A special thank you to Miss Justyna, Mrs. DePalma, Mrs. Dinsmore, and Mrs. Guzman for their culinary help. The day was certainly sweet and delicious! ■

Switlik Community Members Participate in Annual "Soup-er Bowl" Collection Drop Off!

Switlik students love making predictions, especially when they can do something to help others at the same time! In the weeks leading up to Super Bowl LII, students were asked to collect non perishable food items that they would be able to donate to the Jackson Food Pantry in order to make a difference to those in need. With a drop off center and team bins created by Mrs. Decker, students had a chance to vote and predict who they thought would win the championship game between the Philadelphia Eagles and New England Patriots football teams.

Our final totals were 613 votes for the Eagles vs. 251 votes for the Patriots and we are pleased to announce that we received 175 more items than we did last year. We would especially like to thank the students and everyone in our Switlik community as they are reaching out to help others locally! ■





Goetz National Junior Art Honor Society Induction Ceremony

On November 28, 2017, the new members of the Goetz National Junior Art Honor Society were inducted. The thirty-four members were chosen based on their overall scholarship, art scholarship, teacher recommendation and induction project submission.

Goetz welcomed the return of two of last year's NJAHS officers. Samantha Schmidt and Alexandra Mollica did an excellent job of emceeing the program. Congratulations to all of the new members! NJAHS advisors are Goetz art teachers Helene Capicotto and Holly Callahan. ■



Holman School Celebrates Read Across America!

On Thursday, February 22nd the Holman Elementary School community celebrated "Read Across America" with a Dr. Seuss-themed pajama party! Read Across America is a Jackson Education Association-sponsored event that brings together students, parents, and educational staff to have fun with reading and stories. This year, more than 45 Holman staff members volunteered their time to run the event for the Holman community, which more than 500 people attended. During the evening, students and their families listened to stories read by staff members and afterward they watched other Holman staff members perform the Dr. Seuss story *Horton Hears a Who* on stage. There were also prizes and refreshments throughout the evening. The pajama party took place in conjunction with the Scholastic Winter Book Fair, sponsored by our parent-run Holman Organization of Parents and Educators (HOPE). The annual Dr. Seuss Pajama Party has become a tradition at Holman School, and it is an evening that families and staff members look forward to each year. ■

Fourth Graders Making a Difference!

The Fourth Graders in Mrs. Liebes' and Mrs. Kenney's class are holding a fundraiser to benefit Action Against Hunger, an organization that aids people affected by drought and famine. It all started in Reading Workshop. The class was reading about drought and began a discussion about activism. Mrs. Liebes suggested one form of activism was to make a poster explaining the importance on conserving water. The fourth graders decided that wasn't good enough. They wanted to HELP the people who were suffering.

They have spent many recess periods planning and advertising for the fundraiser. They have raised over \$500, but would like to raise more. The website is: <https://team45.actionagainsthunger.org/fundraiser/famine-fighters>. Every dollar helps a person in need and shows these wonderful kids that their compassion makes the world a better place! ■



Goetz Spelling Bee Winner Announced

We are proud to announce the winner and second and third place contestants of the Scripps Spelling Bee, which was held on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at the Goetz Middle School. The Jackson Rotary Club sponsored this event and awarded a trophy and gift card to the winner and gift cards to second and third place contestants.

First Place: Amedea Cipriano

Second Place: Adrian Nasr

Third Place: Brian Cooper

Congratulations to all and best of luck in future spelling bee competitions! ■



Positive Character Poster Contest

Holman Elementary School students were invited to participate in a "Positive Character" poster contest for No Name Calling Week and Random Acts of Kindness Week this winter. Many students from all grade levels participated in the contest with wonderful posters. Posters included pictures and phrases about being a bucket-filler, being a kindness superhero, no name calling, and spreading kindness. It was difficult to pick one winning poster from each grade level. Congratulations to the winners! ■

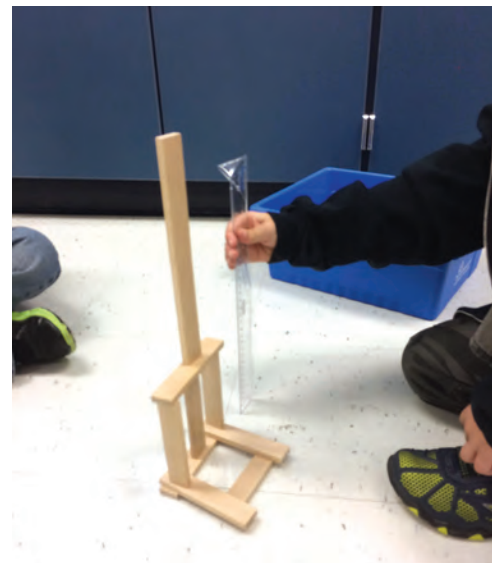


Paws Fur Love

For the second year in a row, Holman Elementary School students in Mrs. Quartatrone's and Ms. DiLorenzo's third grade class have organized a school-wide collection of pet-friendly items to be donated to a local animal shelter and other pets in need. This collection is named *Paws Fur Love* and the students have promoted the project to the rest of the student body by creating and hanging beautiful posters around the school. Also, each day two students from the class participate

in the school's morning announcements to share facts about the animal shelter and to encourage kids to bring in items. The grade level that donates the most items to the collection will be treated to a special ice cream party, generously donated by ShopRite. So far, the collection has acquired items such as dog and cat food, blankets, pet toys, and treats. What a terrific project to focus on helping our animal friends in need! ■





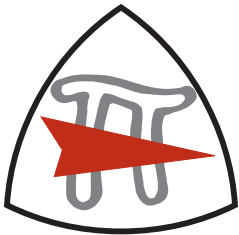
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Elms Students Have Their Own “Souper” Bowl!

Elms students donated cans of soup and other non-perishables in order to vote for their “Souper Bowl” winner. The Eagles won by a slim margin (just like the REAL Super Bowl) but the Jackson Food Pantry was the REAL winner as over 30 boxes of cans, cereal and more were donated. ■

