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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Grandview Offers “A Million Thanks”

On Veterans Day, we remember and thank our veterans for all they have done for our country. On November 11, K-3 Grandview students celebrated Veterans Day by writing letters to thank veterans for their service. The students first learned about the importance of Veterans Day, then composed thank you letters, either individually or as a class. Led by Ms. Rodriguez, Grandview School collected over 250 letters and shipped them to an organization called “A Million Thanks.” This organization provides support and appreciation to many active and veteran military men and women across the country. We thank our veterans, our nation’s heroes!

Arbor Families Offer Remote Holiday Spirit

Arbor students and families didn’t let remote learning stop their spirit of giving. This year, unable to host their annual gift drive for the FISH Hospitality Program, Arbor families donated \$360 in gift cards that will be given to needy families for the holidays. Thanks go to Arbor families for their generosity.



Making Friends at Children's Corner

Meeting new friends is an important part of preschool. The special area teachers at Children’s Corner facilitate new friendships by hosting “drop in” sessions in art, music, and physical education, allowing students to engage with children from other classes. Sessions include Morning Cardio Club, Family Yoga, Discovering Art through Music, and more. Students can also complete a monthly fitness calendar and take pictures of their completed artwork to submit to their virtual portfolios.



Knollwood Students Meet, Eat and Hangout

Knollwood students have responded well to remote learning, but miss socializing with peers. In order to give students more time to relax with friends, Knollwood's behaviorist, Dr. Aboudara, began hosting grade-level lunchtime "Meet & Eats."



Each day of the week, a different grade joins Dr. Aboudara on Zoom for lunch, followed by games and friendly chats, and the ability for students to see peers from other classes. In addition, Knollwood's special area teachers hold weekly "Hangouts" for students after the instructional day ends. Each teacher leads a casual activity that allows students to interact with one another in a relaxed, mute-free Zoom environment. All "Meet & Eat" and "Hangout" groups are open to all students, and the groups grow larger each week.

PHS Athletes Sign to Play College Sports



Congratulations, PHS Senior Kaelonn Wilson, who will play basketball at the University of Buffalo!



Congratulations, PHS Senior Delia Allwood, who will play soccer at the University of Mount Olive in North Carolina!



Pway Arts November Student Showcase

On the last Friday of each month, Pway Arts showcases artwork from students district-wide. Click below to check out the November student showcase!

[Pway Arts November Student Showcase](#)

Honors and Awards



Congratulations to PHS AP artist Karen Luo Ye, who was selected for Cabrini University's 2020 Art + Effect High School Poster Exhibition, bringing awareness to "public health." Karen is invited to the virtual awards on December 13. Thanks to PHS art educator Lisa Lentini-Pombrio for this opportunity.



Congratulations World Language/ESL Supervisor Ms. Jurado-Moran, who is a mentor in the Foreign Languages of New Jersey Supervisor Mentoring Fellowship Program. We applaud her for generously giving her time to ensure other New Jersey students receive a quality World Language education.



Congrats to PHS musician Koleby Royston for receiving honorable mention in the Young Arts National Competition. Young Arts winners are the nation's most accomplished young artists in the visual, literary, design and performing arts.



Mystery Guests Lead Pledge at King

Every morning, students at King School rise from their at-home work space and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.



On Fridays in Ms. Pontoriero's and Mrs. Kafas's Grade 4 ELA class, a special mystery guest is invited to lead the Pledge. This serves as an opportunity for teachers to start the day connecting with students while having some fun. Students first receive a clue as to who the guest is and can ask questions to get to know the guest better. A clue for one special guest was "represents the red, white, and blue." The special guest was the father of Camilo Jorge and students appreciated the opportunity to get to know him and thank him for his service!

Eisenhower Students Practice Self-Discipline

During the November Character Education Program, Eisenhower Elementary School students focused on the trait of self-discipline. After learning the true meaning of self-discipline, students created videos



showing how they demonstrate this important skill with their families. The videos were an important part of Eisenhower's November Pep Rally. Students showcased self-discipline skills needed during remote instruction, and nutrition skills by not eating too much Halloween candy! Eisenhower Eagles will continue to learn about and demonstrate self-discipline all year long.

PHS Science National Honor Society Hosts US Navy Nuclear Experts

Hosted by the PHS Science National Honor Society (SNHS), on November 23, 2020, representatives from the United States Navy introduced students to on and off-shore uses for nuclear power in the US Navy, in-service nuclear aircrafts and submarines, and nuclear physics and engineering in a real-world context. Students from all four grades attended the presentation, speaking with US Navy Officers Valencia and Redelsheimer, and asking questions to further their understanding of nuclear physics, engineering, and other uses.

Conackamack Students See Investment Success

Conackamack students are learning how to invest in the stock market. Participating in a state wide competition, teams of Conackamack students are given a hypothetical \$100,000 and asked to invest in any NYSE or NASDAQ stocks, following rules to keep funds diversified and free of risky choices. With Ms. Tenore and Mr. McCarty's help, students are learning to invest based on what they know and not how they feel about a stock. They have learned to stick with facts and information, and due to wise choices, Conackamack has teams in fifth and eighth places out of 254 teams in the state—including high school teams! Thanks to this competition, these students are learning an important part of financial literacy—anyone can successfully invest in the stock market, as long as they invest with their minds, not their hearts.



PHS Noterietty Accepted to ICHSAs!



The PHS student-run a cappella group Noterietty has been accepted to the Varsity Vocals International Championship of High School A Cappella (ICHSA) a cappella competition for the second year in a row. Congratulations to the group and to their student directors Madeleine Mendoza and Reidyn Wingate.

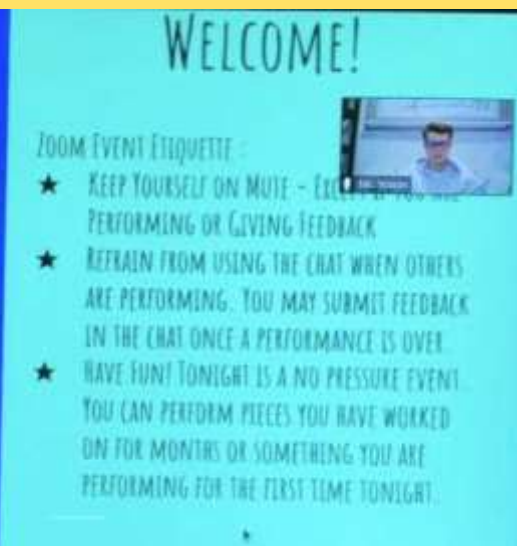
Villains Reformed: An Original Play from Theatre Production Workshop



The PHS Theatre Production Workshop is exploring the relationship between theatre and empathy, and in doing so, created and performed their own original theatre work: *Villains Reformed*. This is the most advanced PHS theatre course and you can see their Zoom production at this link: [Villains Reformed](#).

PHS Drama Club Monologue Night

The PHS Drama Club held a virtual monologue night on December 4. Students prepared monologues and original writing for shared critique and feedback. The event was attended by students, alumni, parents, and teachers. Thank you to Mike Yoson, Erik Hall, Drama Club President Juliet Pastras, and the student leadership team for an amazing evening of theater.



PHS Visual Artists Give Back

PHS Visual Artists donated food and other items for the PHS Pantry during a recent supply drive. Thanks to Dorothy Amme and Lisa Lentini-Pombrio for organizing this holiday drive.



Randolphville Third Graders Play Buddy Ball

Randolphville PE Teacher Mr. Stio hosted Buddy Ball virtually this fall, offering two classes every Monday evening for special needs students in PK-Grade 7, and Grade 8 and older. Our special needs students are assisted by student volunteers from the elementary, middle, and high school, participating in fun fitness activities. This year, Randolphville welcomed third grade students as volunteers helping our athletes and they have done an outstanding job.



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