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Superintendent's Report

Dr. Frank Ranelli



Knollwood Balloons on Parade

Students in Ms. Costic's class at Knollwood School read the story *Balloons over Broadway*, by Melissa Sweet, and learned the history of the iconic balloons in the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Inspired by the story, students participated in a STEM project where they designed and built their own parade balloons. The class then collaborated with their Digital Literacy teacher, Mrs. Brennan, to program Ozobot robots to carry their balloons on a parade route through the hallways of Knollwood.



Quibblatown Students Say "No Nose Should Be Exposed"

To promote proper mask wearing during the pandemic, Quibblatown art teacher, Ms. Flanagan, and behaviorist, Mrs. Yang, partnered up to create the "No Nose Should Be Exposed" initiative. Students designed posters, artwork, and animation clips to convey the message "No Nose Should be Exposed." Students' artwork was shared on Quibblatown's popular Virtual Spirit Schoology group and the winning design will be displayed outside all classroom doors.



Buddy Ball Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus sponsored a Sunday morning breakfast on November 14 for Buddy Ball participants and their families. Buddy Ball pairs students with special needs with general education students for social and sporting events, under the supervision of Eisenhower Assistant Principal Vincenzo Stio. Thanks, Mr. Stio and the Knights of Columbus, for starting off the holiday season with a warm and wonderful gathering.



After Care Students Show Their Creativity

Students in Eisenhower After Care blended two of their favorite subjects—art and reading—to make Thanksgiving themed bookmarks. Students chose a variety of colors and holiday themed stickers to create their unique projects. Thanks, Mr. Montgomery, for creating

more after school fun!



LEAP Students Dig for Dinosaurs

Students in Grade 3 LEAP Humanities have been learning all about Paleontology this marking period. Working in small groups to research the four different types of fossils (true-form, trace, cast, and mold), students then made an informational poster about each one, and even created a model for each fossil using model magic. After presenting their research, students went on a virtual fossil hunt. They became paleontologists as they "dug" around Google Slides, discovering hidden fossils. Using their previous research as a guide, they worked together to determine what kind of fossil they found.



PHS Honors Choir Goes Back to Camp

The PHS Honors Choir couldn't have been happier to resume their annual fall team building retreat—this year as a full day trip to Camp Bernie. The day gave them a chance to build relationships as well as music. They even [rehearsed during some unplanned downtime](#), when their bus had a flat tire. Thanks go out to Choir Director Megan Suozza, for planning this valuable experience for our students.



Randolphville Third Graders Take a LEAP

Randolphville third graders identified for additional music and art studies have now begun the LEAP Strings and LEAP Art programs. Meeting during their recess time with Mr. Worden and Ms. Haugh, LEAP students are learning to play the violin or creating special art projects. The program is a great opportunity for small groups of students to advance their skills in their chosen areas.



Conackamack Celebrates the Return of the Book Fair

Conackamack students are avid readers, and were so happy to see the return of the Scholastic Book Fair. The timing was just right to stock up on pleasure reading for over the winter break, or select some favorites as holiday gifts.



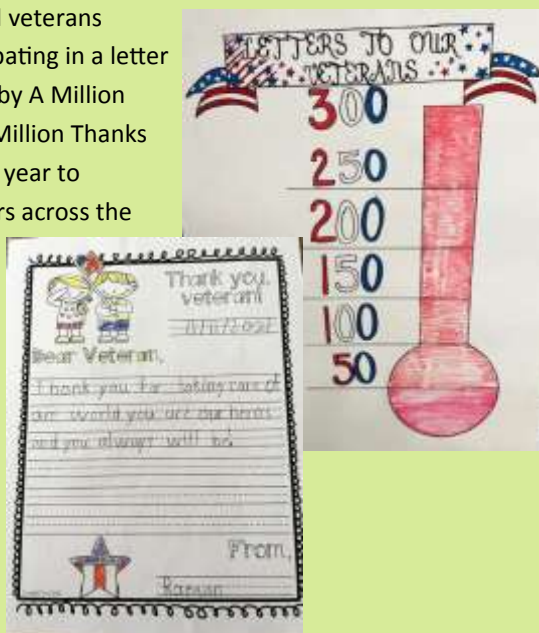
T. Schor's Thanksgiving Food Drive

Students from Mrs. Nimmo's and Mr. Hornlein's homerooms worked with Mrs. Gransky and the rest of the Schor staff to ensure that local community members would have plenty of food to enjoy during the holiday season. Over the course of three weeks, students brought in non-perishable and Thanksgiving-themed food to be collected and counted by student volunteers. The homeroom that donated the most food received a pizza party as a reward for their contributions. The food drive collected over 1,100 food items to support families in the T. Schor community.



Grandview Students Send A Million Thanks

Grandview Students honored veterans across the country by participating in a letter writing campaign sponsored by A Million Thanks. Founded in 2004, A Million Thanks sends millions of letters each year to veterans and service members across the country, in appreciation of their service. Grandview students wanted to personally thank veterans and hope their letters will bring happiness to each recipient. Thanks go to Mrs. Rodriguez for spearheading this important project.



Eisenhower First Graders Learn Thanksgiving Lesson

Eisenhower first grade "turkeys" learned about the importance of gratitude, kindness, and giving at their Thanksgiving event. All first graders practiced and performed a Thanksgiving-related song for their friends, and families contributed non-perishable food items that students divided into boxes for a donation to FISH. This was a wonderful beginning to the holiday break.

Arbor Students Become Rocket Scientists

At Arbor Intermediate School, Mrs. Gerum's fourth grade class always looks forward to welcoming Dr. Joseph Zielinski, a pharmacist with Novartis Pharmaceuticals. On his latest visit, Dr. Zielinski shared information about Sir Isaac Newton's discoveries, the American Space Program, the four forces of flight, and the differences between real rockets and model rockets. Students look forward to his return in the spring, when he will work with them to build and fly their own model rockets. We deeply appreciate Novartis's support for the Arbor School Community, through both educational programs and donations.



Children's Corner Preschool Celebrates American Education Week

Children's Corner Preschool celebrated American Education Week from November 15-19 with activities and parent workshops. Students created a school wide art project "What I Like Best About My School," drawing and writing about their school experience. They dressed up as their future careers and showed their School Spirit in school-wide activities. Parents attended workshops on curriculum, student health and wellness, and social-emotional development in preschoolers.



PHS ESL Students Celebrate Thanksgiving

The Commons was decorated in Thanksgiving banners as PHS ESL students shared a meal filled with foods from their native countries. This annual celebration at Piscataway High School is back from last year's hiatus, and the table was filled with traditional foods from a range of countries, including Vietnam, India, and Colombia, among others. Conceived by the ESL Department, Glennysha Jurado-Moran, Heather Seeney, Alexandra Dobromilsky, Natalia Cabinda, and Nicole Ramcharran collaborated to make this year's event a success.



King Students Develop Their Body Language Skills with a Little Canine Help

On November 18 and 19, MLK students participated in virtual assemblies with St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center. Karen Potocek, a humane educator at St. Hubert's, helped students learn skills in reading and understanding body language in both people and animals. This educational outreach program used conversation and students' responses to draw a parallel between the emotional lives of companion animals and people. Students could then see the importance of practicing safety and respect in interactions with others, both during the school day and within the community. Through these virtual interactions with animals, students also learned how to properly communicate with and treat their peers.



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