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DAYTON AVENUE SHARK BITES

Sharing Small Pieces of Big Moments

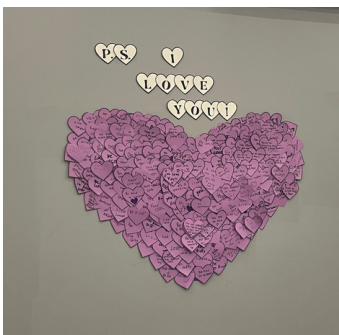


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MUSIC BRINGS US TOGETHER

Dr. Watkis

I recently had the pleasure of visiting a third grade music class as they demonstrated a new competency on the recorder. It was a moment of pride listening to how a few notes came together to make a piece of music. Before we know it, these students will decide which ensemble they want to be a part of and like the notes in their recorder piece, they will come together with their peers to make beautiful music.

March is Music in Our Schools Month. During this month, we will celebrate the uniqueness of our musicians and encourage them to Synergize to make beautiful music. Throughout this school year, I will continue to share some small pieces of our big moments in our monthly newsletter and in tweets. I hope that you will take some time to read each newsletter and if you're not doing so yet, please follow us on Twitter @esm_csd



SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING AND PBIS

Leader in Me

In March, we will explore Habit 6 - Synergize - Working Together Is Better. While exploring this habit we will focus on the power of teamwork. This habit encourages problem solving with others who have a different point of view. Synergy, in simple words means “two heads are better than one.” Synergize is the habit of creative cooperation. It is teamwork, open-mindedness, and the adventure of finding new solutions to old problems.

We will learn to

- Value other people’s strengths and learn from them.
- Get along well with others, even people who are different from us.
- Work well in groups; seek out other people’s ideas to solve problems because we know that by teaming with others, we can create better solutions than by working alone.
- Be humble.



Here’s a recap of the Habits that we have covered.

Habit 1 - Be Proactive (You’re in Charge)

Habit 2 - Begin With The End In Mind (Have a Plan)

Habit 3 - Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)

Habit 4 - Think Win Win

Habit 5 - Seek First To Understand, Then To Be Understood

There’s a SuperHero in All of US

The focus of our Shared Decision Making Team is to grow our Kindness Counts initiative. We asked students to think about how they can be superheroes and spread kindness. The responses were as unique as each student. This activity got students thinking but also offered ideas of additional ways we may all be kind.



Tackling Hunger by Filling One “bowl” at a Time

Dayton Avenue delivered once again with another successful Super-“Bowl” donation! Each year during kindness month and leading up to the National Super Bowl, Dayton Avenue runs a food collection drive to help give back to the community. The students and staff collect food items that are then donated to a local food pantry to help tackle hunger in our community. This year Dayton was able to donate about 1,600 items which was much appreciated by the food pantry! Although everyone was a winner by donating, Mrs. Orlando and Ms. McGinness’ class was crowned the overall champions in this friendly competition!



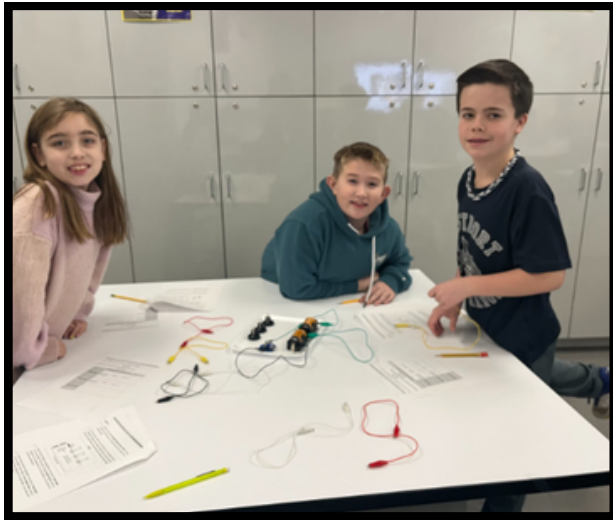
CELEBRATIONS

3rd Grade

Third grade scientists visited Brookhaven National Lab for some fun and exciting hands on experiments. They used microscopes, magnifying glasses, and worked with partners to discover the properties of different materials that are insulators and conductors. The classes also worked together as a whole to create open and closed circuits. Teamwork WORKS to close the circuit and light the way!



4th Grade



The fourth graders at Dayton Avenue performed their science lab in the STEAM room this month. They used their electrifying knowledge to create circuits. They constructed open and closed circuits within their lab groups and used evidence to support claims. Their time and energy did not short out there. Students had to test how to make lightbulbs brighter and investigate what will happen when new wires were added. This shockingly fun lab resulted in smiling scientists.

5th Grade

It was a busy month in 5th grade! We welcomed high school students to read and answer questions during world read aloud day. Fifth grade scientists explored new phenomena and completed a STEAM challenge showing the effects of rain shadows on earth's surface. We also worked on our personal growth and thought about ways to be kind. Our hearts can be seen as pieces of our school's bigger heart!



CELEBRATIONS

6th Grade

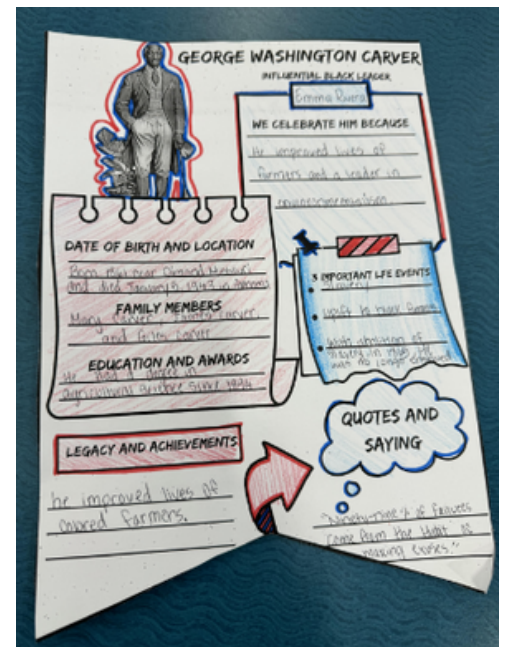
Some sixth graders were so excited to predict the outcome of the Super Bowl this year with activities that focused on roots, prefixes, and suffixes! After a draft pick, the two teams had a friendly Super Bowl competition titled, “Morphology in the End Zone: Decoding the Language Playbook”. Students worked in four centers which included many hands-on opportunities to score touchdowns for their team. Students competed in “The Reading Blitz Center”, “The Word Building Touchdown Center”, “The Puzzle Playbook Center” and a “Morphology Super Bowl Game Center” where they played a game called “U-Know” based on the card game UNO. The excitement didn’t end there! The game ended in a tie and went into overtime. This “Overtime Showdown” included all players on both teams to test their knowledge on everything they learned. It was a VERY close and exciting game!



Library

During this month, we honor Black History Month by delving into the lives of significant figures who have profoundly influenced Black history. This period is dedicated to recognizing and exploring the extraordinary contributions made by prominent individuals within the Black community. It serves as a precious opportunity to celebrate the achievements of Black individuals across different fields and historical periods. Immersing ourselves in this topic not only deepens our comprehension of history but also promotes inclusivity and diversity within the curriculum. By doing so, we ensure that every student feels valued and respected for their unique heritage and cultural background.

Additionally, I'd like to give a big shout-out to the outstanding 6th Grade Library Leaders: Sophia Diaz, Jameson Lanza, Frankie Cafiso, Landon Berberich, Avery Breiwieser, and Jayden Motta.



CELEBRATIONS



5th grade students learned about contemporary artist Jen Aranyi. They discussed her use of color to create an emphasis and her detailed pen drawings. They created beautiful winter landscapes in her style using watercolor and ink.

Music

Shout out to our musicians of the month!



Band

4th grade: Justin Kerr
5th grade: Addison Lanza
6th grade: Erin Kreuter



Orchestra :

4th grade: Payton Crennan
5th grade: Scarlett Krygier
6th Grade: Avery DiDonna



6th grade students explored the use of a limited color palette and silhouettes in these beautiful galaxy paintings.



Chorus

3rd grade : Marisa Bruno
4th grade: Leah Angell
5th grade: Tanner Carr
6th grade: Matthew King

STEAM



This month, students in 3rd and 5th grade learned about Stop Motion videos. Think of stop motion like a flip book coming to life. Students planned, created their sets, and worked on filming their videos. Did you know that playdough is conductive? Students in 4th and 6th grade learned more about circuits and explored using Makey Makey. 4th graders explored circuits with playdough, playing games and instruments. Meanwhile, 6th graders used simulators to make and test circuits and were able to create a conductive testing device and test various materials.

STAYING HEALTHY CHAT WITH NURSE GROSSKOPF

March is National Kidney Month

Kidneys control the body's fluid levels. They filter wastes and toxins from the blood .

MARCH IS
NATIONAL
KIDNEY MONTH.



Most People have 2 kidneys, but you can live a healthy life with one as well.

Each kidney is 4-5 inches long- which is about the size of your fist.

1 out of 10 people will have a kidney stone at some point in their life.

Dark leafy greens, cauliflower, berries, garlic and apples are all foods that promote kidney health.

Soda and processed deli meats can be harmful foods for the kidneys when eaten in large amounts.

WAYS TO KEEP THE KIDNEYS HEALTHY

- Drink at least 48-64 ounces of water everyday to prevent kidney stones.
- Never smoke or vape- this constricts the blood flow to the kidneys and can reduce their function.
- Exercise everyday to keep your blood sugar healthy and your kidney levels under control.
- Do not over use Ibuprofen- which can cause harm to the kidneys if taken too often.

BLOOD in the urine is not normal and needs to be evaluated by your Doctor

Signs of Kidney Disease

- Blood in Urine
- Increased or Decrease Urination
- Reduced Appetite
- Swollen Feet or Ankles
- Muscle Cramps

Contact your doctor if you are experiencing any symptoms of kidney disease

UPCOMING DATES



- March 12** - Shared Decision-Making Meeting
- March 18 - 22** - Music In Our Schools Month Spirit Week
- March 20** - Trimester 2 Ends
- March 28 & 29** - Schools & Offices Closed

REMINDERS

We go outside whenever possible. It is recommended that students dress in layers and bring their jackets, hats and gloves to school. We will keep on moving and enjoying outdoor recess and gym throughout the winter months.

Chromebooks

- Charge them every night
- Bring them to school every day
- Leave chargers at home



Student Dropoff

- Students may be dropped off beginning at 8:15am
- Students attending extra help on the day assigned by their teachers may be dropped off at 8am

Student Pickup

Students being picked up are dismissed from the cafeteria entrance. Please park in the administrative lot on the west side of the building. We begin dismissing students being picked up at 2:46. Please send in a note if your child will be picked up at dismissal. Be sure to include the full name of the person picking up and that person should be prepared to show their license. All students must be picked up by 2:53.

