

# TRIMESTER II NEWSLETTER

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Dear School 5 Friends and Families,

With the completion of our second trimester, we find ourselves with spring already upon us! Although the winter brought us cold temperatures and a few snowstorms, the hallways of School 5 were warm with activity! Please take the times to read through the following pages that highlight the wonderful learning and educational activities that went on despite the blustery weather!

Our third and final trimester is sure to be a busy one culminating in exciting end-of-the-year plans! When we return from a well-deserved spring break, students in grades three through six will complete the New Jersey Students Learning Assessments. After that, we look forward to Fun Day and our Moving-Up ceremonies.

I wish everyone a spring boasting of bright sunny days and heart-warming temperatures!

Your partner in education,

*Mrs. Martinotti*



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### APRIL 3

SCHOOL 5 TALENT SHOW

#### APRIL 16

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

#### MAY 17

FUN DAY!

### JOIN OUR PTO!

Studies show that students whose parents are active in their education are more successful in school. Please consider sharing your time and talent in our PTO for the benefit of our students. We have some wonderful events coming up and would greatly appreciate your help! Please contact one of our officers:

President China Iriaka: [chiriaka@yahoo.com](mailto:chiriaka@yahoo.com)

Vice-President: Carolyn Sacchetti:  
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Or stop in at our upcoming meeting:

- May 14, 2019



**BOARD POSITIONS OPEN FOR 2019-2020!** Let us know if you are interested!

## INSIDE OUR CLASSROOMS

### PRE-K MRS. RUTZ

In Mrs. Rutz's pre-k class we were very busy learning about the different holidays in December. The students had their holiday show where they sang a few songs to the school 5 families. In January, we listened to many winter stories. We continued using counting in our projects whether it was counting snowmen and even snowflakes. The students even had a chance to taste hot chocolate. In February, we learned the meaning of love by

sharing our family projects of who, what and places that we love. We learned the importance of keeping our teeth healthy. The students had a chance to give their friends cards for Valentine's Day. We completed the month of February by discussing the colors in a rainbow and making their own rainbow collages. The students are excited to

celebrate Read Across America with many guest

readers coming to our classroom. We are looking forward to the exciting things that will be happening in the last few months of school.



### PRE-K MS. FONTANA

In Ms. Fontana's Pre-K class, December sprinkled holiday cheer as we discussed different holidays and cultures. We participated in fun activities, like making gingerbread Play Doh and gingerbread houses. After returning from our holiday break, we discussed the changing seasons, the weather changes we should expect, and the ever-so-fun topic of snow! Using snow and snowflakes we made patterns, sorted, and participated in discussions surrounding the topic of snow. We even became scientists and experimented by making fake snow with our friends. February rolled in where we discussed dental health. We transitioned to Valentine's Day themes of love and friendships. The end of February included civics lessons by discussing presidents of the United States.

Now, in March, students are excited to have guest readers come and share their love of reading during Read Across America week.



## SPECIAL MOMENTS AT 5

### SPELLING BEE

On February 1, 2019, School 5 hosted its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spelling Bee. Students in Grades four through six engaged in lunchtime study sessions under the guidance of Ms. LaRose and Ms. Morales. Round after round, spellers spelled their hearts out until it was down to the final three: Kamila Oviedo, Youssef Chamoun, and Alex Pogrebinskiy. The excitement continued and Alex came out as the Spelling Bee Champion for 2019! Alex went on to represent School 5 at the North Jersey Spelling Bee where he made it to the third round! Great job to all!

### BUDDY BENCH

No one wants to be alone especially during recess. Guidance counselor, Mrs. Matulewicz, and art teacher, Mrs. O'Hanlon, introduced the "Buddy Bench" that was built by our friends at the high school. Our sixth graders designed and painted this bench to promote inclusion and friendships. Anyone who is feeling lonely on the playground can sit here and others will recognize their feelings and know to ask that person to come and play!



## PRE-K MS. BERLINGERI



In Mrs. Berlinger's pre-k class we had fun learning about many different Holidays that took place in December. After winter break, the students were excited to come back to school! In January, we started talking about winter and the different types of weather that would start to take place. The students talked about their favorite winter activities with the class and they drew pictures to go along with it. In February, we talked about the meaning of love and created a heart with pictures of people and things we love. On Valentine's Day, we had a class celebration and the students were able to exchange cards with each other. We also learned about dental health and why it is important to keep our teeth healthy.

We are now beginning the month of March by celebrating Read Across America.

The students are so excited to have guest readers come to class. We are looking forward to these next few months in pre-k.

## PRE-K MRS. MONTANA

In Mrs. Montana's preschool class, we have been working on many fun and exciting winter projects and activities. As students prepared for the winter season, we learned about the change in weather and various other things relating to the season, such as snow, winter animals, and hibernation. Our class read many engaging books from the series, *Snowmen At Night*, by, Caralyn Buehner. Students completed several writing prompts, finger painted and counted snowflakes as well as creating their own snowflake patterns, using various shapes and colors.

Our preschool class explored animals that hibernate in the winter, as well as the bear themed book series by Karma Wilson, *The Bear Snores On* and many others. As one of our center activities, we simulated a "bear cave" within the classroom. Students enjoyed reading their books in the "bear cave" and socializing with their classmates.

During the month of February, students participated in several activities on dental health and nutrition. We practiced good dental hygiene, using a model of a mouth and toothbrush to brush our teeth. Student's also became familiar with healthy and sugary foods for our teeth and body. After discussing healthier food choices, student's followed a recipe and baked corn and blueberry muffins in class. Student's taste tested the muffin they liked the best. The blueberry muffins were the most popular.

In preparation for Read Across America, we have several guest readers scheduled. Throughout the month of March, students will become familiar with their community, neighborhood and community helpers. We are also looking forward to some warmer spring weather.



## PRE-K MS. CARSON

It has been an exciting few months as we adjusted from the fall to the winter! In December, we discussed Holiday Traditions and Gingerbread! The students had a chance to send home a triangle and decorate it with their families. The students returned the triangle and shared it with the rest of the class, and we formed a Holiday Tree with the triangles to represent family traditions!



After the students returned from the break, they were ready to come back and learn about snow to go along with the winter theme. The students learned which clothing they should wear in the snow, and did many snow themed art projects. They wrote their name on snowmen, made snowflake patterns, sorted snowflakes by color and much more! The students also had a blast making snow out of shaving cream and baking soda! We talked about hibernation through many different stories, and art projects. The students even made a bear cave out of graham crackers and teddy grahams!

In February, the students learned about the meaning of love and healthy eating habits. The students decorated a heart with their family that was sent back to school, and made Valentine's day gifts for their families. We did many different fine motor activities such as tissue art which incorporated letters and writing! To end February, students made booklets about eating healthy, "brushed" a tooth, and sorted happy foods and sad foods. We are currently heading into March by exploring the many great books by Dr. Suess and celebrating him! We are excited to see what the last few months of school has in store for PK7!

### PRE-K MS. CLINTON



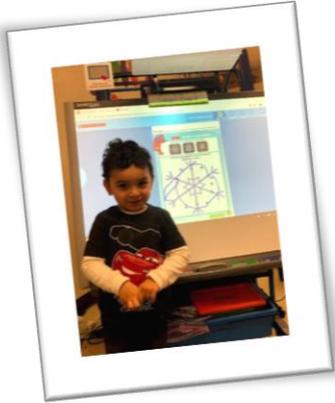
In Ms. Clinton's classroom we have been moving through units on gingerbread, holiday traditions, winter weather, arctic animals, and healthy habits. Some of the students' favorite activities included creating our own gingerbread houses out of different shapes, and recording the number of each shape used. We also had fun creating our own "banana snowmen" in January during cooking group. The snowmen were made out of cut up bananas, pretzel rods, and mini chocolate chips. During our recent healthy habits/dental health unit we discussed happy vs. sad choices for food and drinks. We also look forward to completing our Foundations alphabet and learning the remainder of our letters and letter sounds as the year wraps up!

### PRE-K MRS. LEE

In Ms. Lee's classroom, we have been working very hard building our knowledge with so many fun activities. In December, we discussed about many different holidays celebrated during this time. We also learned that during the month of December, we see changes in the weather and talked a lot about the snow. We were able to create some pretend snow using a few ingredients - hair conditioner and baking soda. When mixed with the right consistency, this created a cool snow feeling substance. My students loved this activity and were able to build letters, numbers, and small little snowmen. The students were really amazed and loved making the pretend snow. In the month of February, we discussed a lot about healthy habits to maintain to our bodies strong and healthy. One experience that my students really enjoyed was the egg experiment. They discovered that if we drink a lot of soda, this will make our teeth bad, but when we brushed it, it can help our teeth stay white and strong. In the month of March, we are beginning to talk about different books written by Dr. Seuss. I will continue to keep the students engaged and hope that they will continue to excel in learning!



## PRE-K MS. APICE



We said goodbye to fall and hello to winter these last few months! PKA friends learned about holiday traditions and made some of our own! We learned about winter animals and hibernation. Our favorite winter art projects were the ones where we made arctic animals. We found out that some animals have to hibernate during cold weather! PKA also welcomed three new friends! We are so happy to add to our little family. In February, we learned about how to be a good friend. We also discovered the benefits of making healthy eating choices can make us strong and help us grow. We are still loving our trips to the park on Tuesdays, and we can't wait for warmer, sunnier weather!!

## GRADE 1: MRS. BROWN AND MS. CHICA

Both first grade classes completed our Fiction unit and had a wonderful celebration sharing their hard work with the Pre-K and upper grades! We also completed our Sound and Light unit in science and have moved on to Air and Weather! We have been enjoying learning about air and how it works with wind, parachutes, balloons and more! We also have been tracking down the weather and sunrise and sunset daily like meteorologists! In math we worked diligently on counting to 120 by 2's, 5's and 10's, learned place value and now we are comparing two-digit numbers! We look forward to the third trimester filled with lots of learning!



### INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

School 5 celebrated all of the many nationalities in our community at our International Night on February 6<sup>th</sup>. It was a beautiful night of delicious food and cultural pride! Families wore traditional clothing while sharing delicacies and information about their countries!



## GRADE 2: MRS. ORSO AND MRS. VENTO



The second grade classes worked hard on creating or retelling a familiar tale for Writer's Workshop this trimester. We spent weeks reading and exploring the traditional literature genre and students had to make up their own tale with a hero and villain or retell a story that we read together or at home that teaches their reader a lesson. Their stories were very well written and very exciting to read! In

Science, we welcomed our new squirmy friends - mealworms!! We have been observing them each day and watching them grow and go through a life cycle. The children absolutely love them and can't wait for science time every day.

## GRADE 3: MRS. MAURIZIO AND MS. ROBLES

The 3rd grade classes have completed their nonfiction books. They researched and worked hard on their favorite topics. In science, we have learned about gravity and magnetism. Ask a 3rd grader how they can make a paper clip fly! In math, we are crazy about fractions and revisiting our multiplication facts. We had a special guest read to the 3rd grade for Read Across America week, Judge Martinotti. This fit perfectly with what we just learned in Social Studies, the United States Government including the Judicial Branch!



## GRADE 4: MR. NICHOLS AND MS. RODRIGUEZ



This trimester, the fourth grade classes have explored the world of fiction. While studying fiction, we learned that each story takes you on a journey, an adventure, and an experience with memorable characters and events. In Social Studies, students acted as colonists and wrote persuasive speeches protesting British taxes that they believe are unfair.

During Read Across America, we had a special guest reader, Craig Carpenito, U.S.

Attorney for the District of New Jersey! He taught us all about our U.S. Government!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**SCHOOL 5 CARNIVAL ON  
JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>!**

School 5 will celebrate another wonderful year at our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Carnival on June 1<sup>st</sup>!** There will be many games, rides, music, raffles, and great food! We will also have our Scholastic Book Fair in the gym so everyone can stock up on summer reading! We are always looking for donations and food vendors. If you would like to donate or solicit for donations and vendors, please contact Miss Carmen at 201.313.2350!



**BREAKFAST CLUB  
UPDATE!**

We are happy to announce that every Wednesday at School 5 there will be a warm breakfast option! Don't forget to visit this website to pay for meals online:

[www.payforit.net](http://www.payforit.net)

## GRADE 5: MS. SCORDO

The 5th grade began their second trimester studying Fiction texts, and writing and completing their Biographies of a special family member they admire most! They also observed and documented the phases of the moon for an entire month in Science, as they discussed the names of the moon's four specific phases and its percentage of illumination each day of the month. As the final trimester approaches, we will be diving into Poetry texts in Readers Workshop and studying the elements of an Essay in Writer's Workshop.



## GADE 6: MS. LAROSE



The 6th Grade has been investigating Newton's Laws of Motions by modeling balanced and unbalanced forces. Reading, analyzing and writing poetry has been the focus in Literature while groups are meeting in Novel Study Book Clubs to discuss plot, characterization and conflict. The class continues to work hard solving complex word problems, applying multiple operations to fractions, decimals and percents. Researching demonstrations for equality that took place during the Civil Rights Movement was the topic for the 6th Grade's Comparison and Contrast Essay Project. As Spring approaches, the students are selecting Elective Courses for 7th Grade.

## ELL: MRS. STITZ

Our ELL students have been very busy learning about family members and traditions. Students have been working on building vocabulary and retelling stories. We have enjoyed using the Smartboard to learn about our Presidents in honor of Presidents Day.



## RESOURCE ROOM: MS. MORALES

Our class has been very busy! In December students learned about holidays celebrated around the world and about family traditions. In celebration of Black History Month, students learned about many influential people who made an impact in the world.

## LIBRARY: MRS. ALLMERS



Early elementary students completed story time kits about polar bears which included reading both fiction and non-fiction selections about polar bears. For our makerspace activity, we crafted polar bear puppets from paper bags! The older students had an opportunity to show their poetic & artistic talents with a Blackout Poetry makerspace activity.

## COMPUTERS: MRS. ALLMERS

Students explored and navigated in the websites Seussville.com and Wonderopolis.org to learn more about the wonderfully silly world of Dr. Seuss, Theodore Geisel, Theo LeSeig, and all of the zany characters that we have been introduced to by this prolific and wildly creative author.



**Mrs. Zuravnsky and Mrs. O'Hanlon recognized the artistic talents of our students with the Art Award for the month of January.**

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

### DECEMBER

OSMAR CUN  
EMERSON DUARTE PUMAY  
FABIO QUIROZ  
ANGELINE LOPEZ  
GARETH CHAJON  
ARNOLD SANTIZO-VASQUEZ  
ADAM GENC  
ALISON GALVEZ  
SEAD KASAMAJ  
ANTONIO OLIVEIRA  
RYAN DIAZ  
SAMANTHA DRANGUET  
BRIANA BRUKA  
NASEERA NASEER  
ALLAN VALDEZ  
ANDERSON BARRIENTOS  
RAMIREZ  
MIA DUDLEY  
KASSANDRA ESPINOZA  
TANIA QUINO  
ASHLI ESQUIT  
REMI GRAVE DE PERALTA  
LUIS QUEVEDO-ESL

### JANUARY

ARON PALUSHI  
EMMANUEL GYAMENA  
ADRIAN PACHECO  
ALLAN AMBROCIO CUMATZIL  
IGLI METE  
JANELSEY LOPEZ  
SEAD KASAMAJ  
MARCOTULIO MOTA  
BOSUNG PARK  
AARON RAMAMPANDRISON  
YOSVSANI ROMERO  
ISABELLA BISHARA URIBE  
DAISY GUTIERREZ  
JOSUE BATRES  
RODIN DAYAKLI  
MARIAM CUMEZ  
NATALIE MARIN  
ZAIN ZAKZOUK  
SHARON YILDIRIM  
AIDA CACERES  
JOSE GUTIERREZ  
GLEYSER DE LAROCA-ESL

### FEBRUARY

JAZMIN CACEROS TELON  
JOSEPH MARTINEZ  
ESWIN ESTRADA DELGADO  
MIA SOTO TOMAS  
CAMILA GALVEZ  
ELAENA VALENCIA  
JOSELIN BALAN  
DANTE REYES  
FAROUQ FATHELBAB  
ASHLEY JIATZ  
DOMINICK MARRERO  
LUCAS FLACHSLAND  
ELDER PEREZ  
SUBRAHMANYAM GOPARAJU  
LARIANNY VENTURA  
RENATA RONQUILLO  
AURORA ALVAREZ-ROCA  
JAMIELYN MOTA  
EMILY PICHIIYA  
CLAIRE FALERO  
ALEYAH GARCIA  
NATALIE MARIN-ESL



DECEMBER

RESPONSIBILITY

SAMAH HASSAN  
SHANNELLE SANCHEZ  
EMMA LYLES  
DAVID PILUSO  
CRISTIAN PAUCAR-BARERRA  
SOFIA PATRUCCI  
AYDEN CURRUCHICH  
DAVID DE OLIVEIRA  
FAROOUQ FATHELBAH  
DYLAN GARDENIER  
JOAO MORO  
TIFFANY WANG  
YESSELY NORIEGA  
HAILEY MARZULLI  
DAMIAN MARTINEZ  
JOCELYN LOPEZ  
GABRIELA LANDAZURI  
ASHLYN ESTRADA  
TAMI SANNI  
ANTHONY FILHO  
VICTORIA SEQUEIRA

JANUARY

COMPASSION & SACRIFICE

ALEXANDER OSUNA  
JOSELIN BALAN  
ZICHENG YE  
JAMES McCOY  
KATHRYN INOA  
SARA LAUERMAN  
NATALIE FLORES  
JACOB CHOI  
NICOLAS DONOHOE  
MATTEO SANTANA  
ELIJAH ACEVEDO  
ETHAN POON  
DENZEL SABAN  
KASSIDEE MARCHIGANO  
MARJORIE ESTRADA  
ADAM SAED  
CRISTIAN VENTURA  
KLAJDI BRUCI  
YARA ZAKZOUK  
BARBARA MILLAN  
JUNIOR CORLETTA

FEBRUARY

SELF-CONTROL

FATMIA JACOBO  
ANDRY MORALES ESPITAL  
VICTORIA JARZEMBOVSKY  
MCKAYLA CHEAR  
BRIDGET PINTADO  
ABNER MARTINEX IXCACO  
PRICILLA MEDRANDA  
GENESIS FUENTES  
DYLAN ALONZO  
KEON SHALA  
AARON OPERIO  
SOPHIA MEDINA  
AILEEN SIERRA  
DANILO CANIL  
ROGER BONILLA  
GIUSEPPE DISCIASCIO  
KAILEY GRAVE DE PERALTA  
PEDRO NEVES DE OLIVEIRA  
SAHILY AGUILAR  
CARLOS LANDAZURI  
KAMILA OVIEDO



Happy  
Spring