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## IT'S BEEN A BUSY YEAR!

The past few months at Bedminster Township School have been filled with engaging instruction, special activities, and district-wide initiatives. Thanks to a dedicated staff, students have participated in unique learning activities, researched ways to advance sustainability efforts, built life skills, and much more.

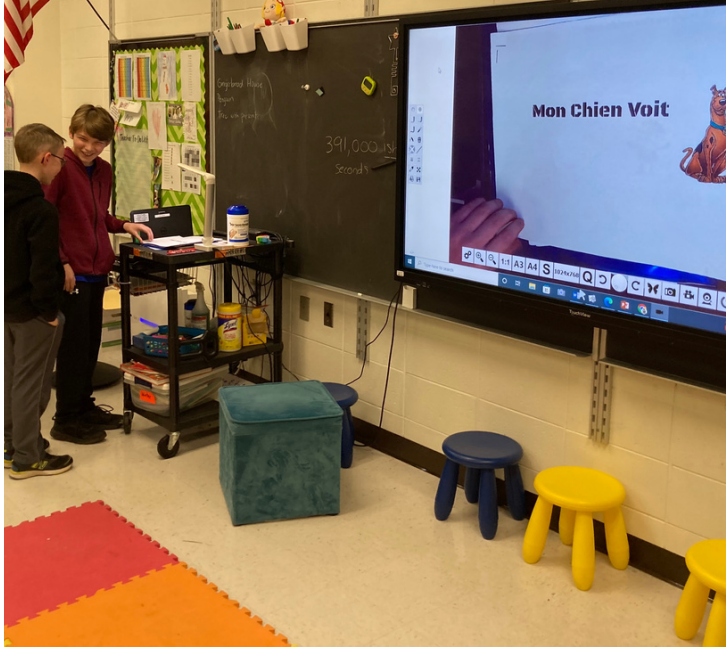
This newsletter will highlight some of them, and we are excited for you to see the happenings at our school.

- Nicole Mancini, Editor

### MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a supportive and engaging learning environment that empowers students to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

# STUDENTS AS ROLE MODELS FOR THEIR YOUNGER PEERS



## FRENCH WINTER COUNTING BOOKS

French students in Madame Holzberger's class created winter theme counting books to review numbers and practice making nouns plural in complete sentences. Students took their books on a "Book Tour" and visited elementary classrooms to share their work and gain practice reading and speaking in French to an audience. The kids loved being in their former classrooms and visiting beloved teachers.





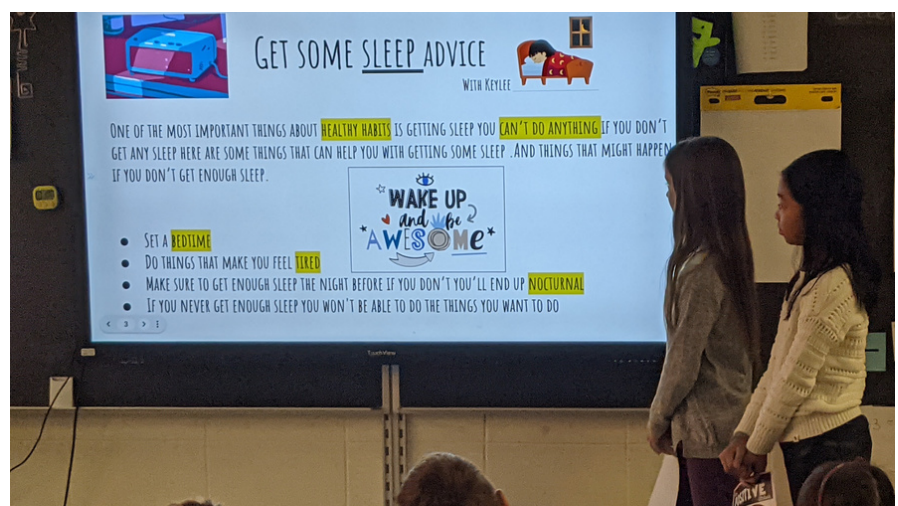
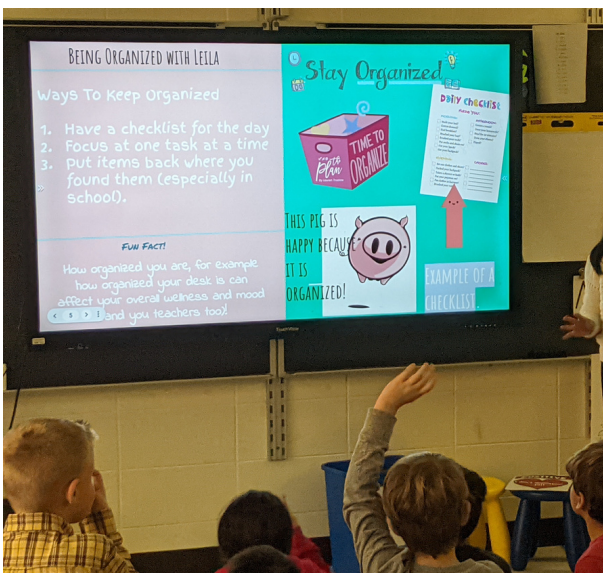
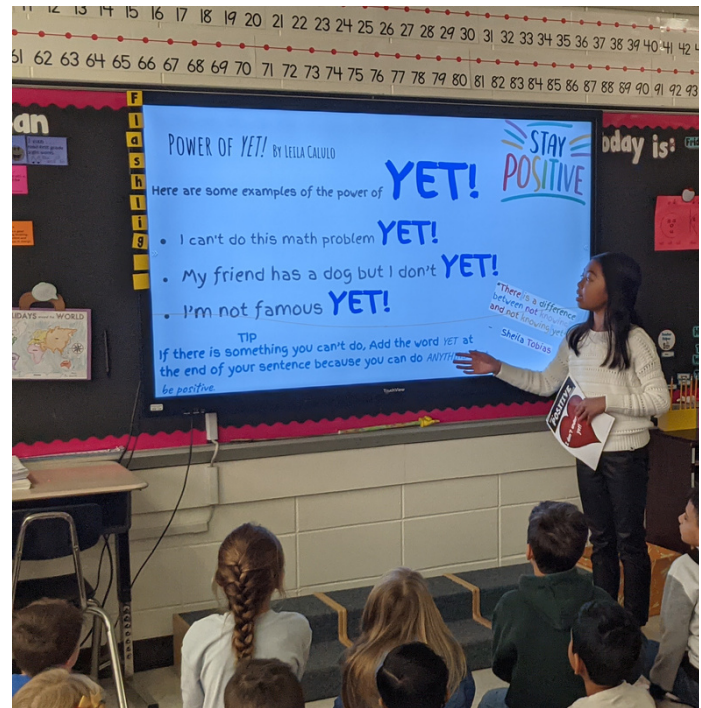
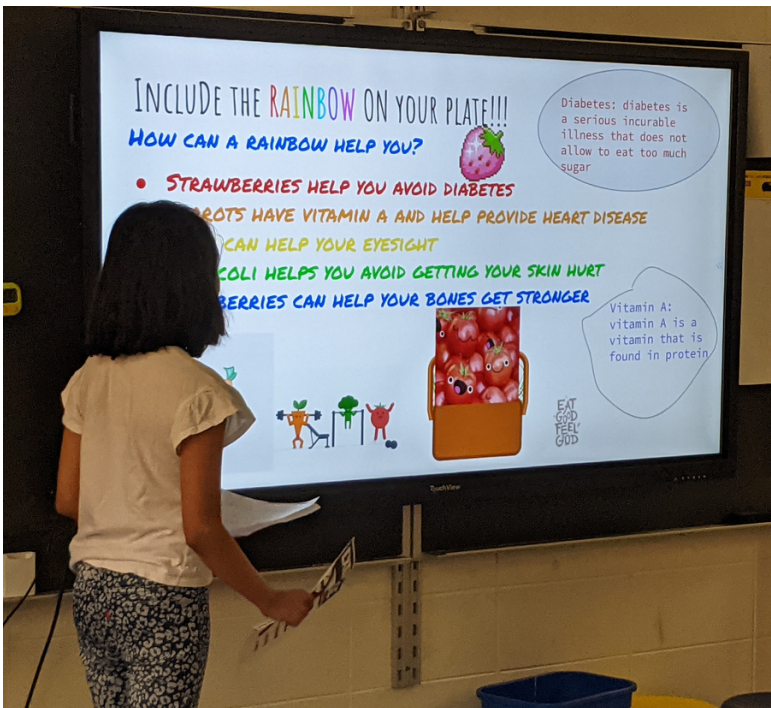
# WELLNESS TIPS FOR KIDS

Under the direction of Mrs. Evans, fourth graders from the Wellness Committee visited first and second grade classrooms to share ways to stay healthy during the winter season. Committee members researched and designed presentations together. They then practiced key speaking and listening skills while sharing their work. This past month, they also presented to all third and fourth grades.

## STAY "WELL" THIS WINTER!

Tips from the Wellness Committee

- Have a positive attitude
- Stay organized
- Eat a healthy diet
- Exercise regularly
- Get adequate sleep
- Don't spend too much time on electronics
- Drink enough water
- Take breaks





# HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS FOR ALL

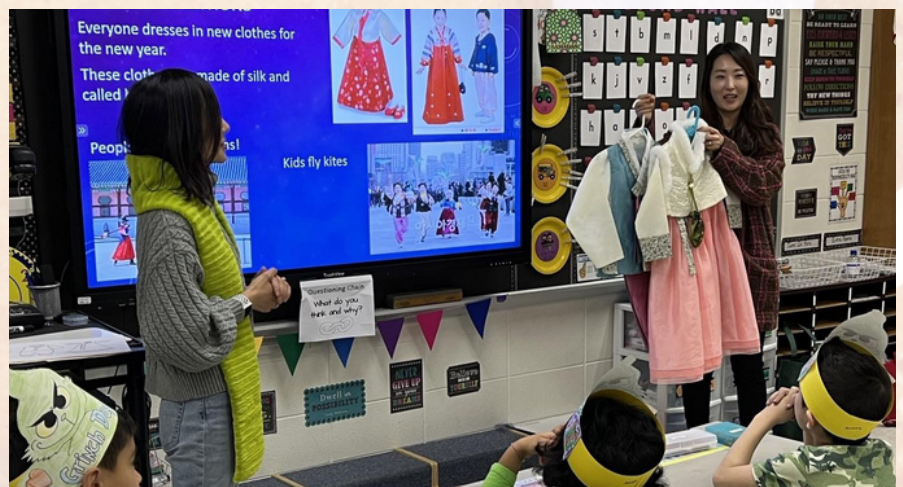
## KINDERGARTEN GINGERBREAD FRIENDS

Mrs. Isello's and Mrs. Wysocki's kindergarten classes completed a *Gingerbread Man* thematic unit during the month of December. During this unit the classes read variations of the traditional *Gingerbread Man* story including *The Gingerbread Girl*, *The Gingerbread Baby*, *The Gingerbread Bear*, *The Gingerbread Cowboy*, and many others. The students made predictions, identified story elements, practiced retelling, compared the stories, and even acted out some of the stories. They wrote about their favorite story and designed their own gingerbread character. As a culminating activity the children made gingerbread people ornaments out of a gingerbread/applesauce dough they made together in class.



## TRADITIONS AROUND THE WORLD

First grade participated in a unit which focused on Holidays Around the World. Parents were invited in to help teach about different cultures and traditions. Mrs. Lovejoy and Ms. Spero also taught about various countries and the traditions/holidays important to those specific cultures. Overall, it was a great opportunity for cultural diversity.





## BEDMINSTER KIDS SHINE AT THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY CONCERTS

In December, the Bedminster Township School Music Department had three wonderful concerts featuring many of our talented students. Mr. Lefurge, our Instrumental Music Teacher, directed the Orchestra & Strings Concert and the Band and Jazz Band Concert. Mr. Copeland, our Vocal & Handbell and General Music Teacher, directed the Choral & Handbell Concert! Here are some photos taken at these performances.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Bedminster School is rich with tradition. A staff and student favorite is the middle school carolers that bring holiday cheer to the hallways every December right before break; it's a tradition that has been taking place for over 20 years. Under the direction of Mr. Lefurge, this year's group of seventh and eighth grade students performed both Christmas and Hannukah songs for all to enjoy. Principal Swan has even been known to join in on the fun!



# MAKING SCIENCE COME ALIVE IN MIDDLE SCHOOL

## FIFTH GRADE MAKES AN EXPLOSION



Mr. Moreira's fifth grade science classes celebrated the end of 2022 with a BLAST! By testing variables with soda and Mentos, students were able to gauge the type of reaction they could create. Luckily, it was a nice day outside. Much laughter and excitement filled the air!



## ANNUAL UGLY LAB COAT CONTEST

Dr. Cooper, Ms. Fasano, Ms. Zerjav, and Grade 8 science students participated in an Annual Ugly Science Lab Coat activity in December. This activity was a version of the ugly Christmas sweater contests typically held at this time of year. Students picked one topic that they learned so far in the school year and illustrated it in as ugly a fashion as possible on a science lab coat template. The finished products were displayed on the wall in the classroom and students will judge them. The top three lab coats won a small prize.





# BRINGING THE REAL WORLD INTO THE CLASSROOM



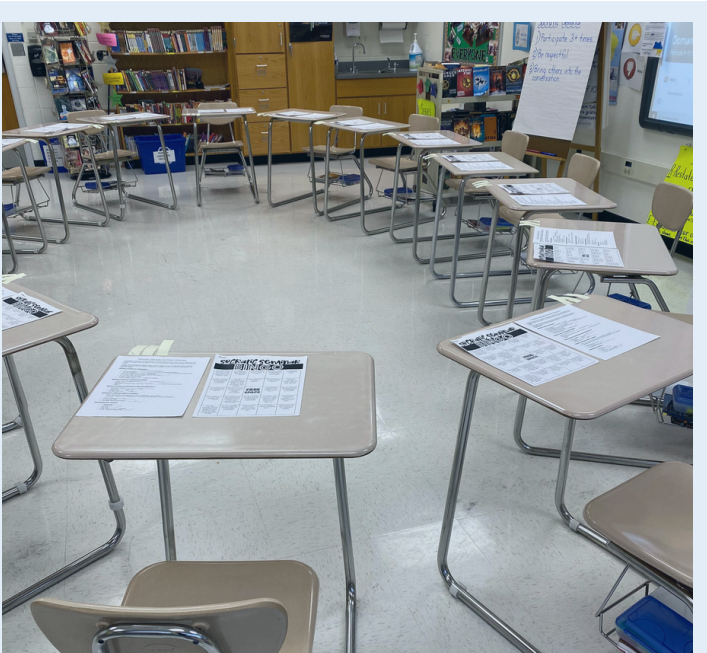
## LIFE SKILLS CLASS ORNAMENTS

Under the direction of Mrs. Alfone, Mrs. Doorly, and Mrs. Lakritz, the Life Skills class hosted an ornament sale on December 21st and 22nd.

These eighth grade students hand crafted holiday themed ornaments in preparation for the sale,

arranged gift wrapping, and employed marketing skills to turn a profit

from their original cost. They included a slice of freshly baked coffee crumb cake for sale increasing their earnings all of which will fund their Life Skills budgeting initiative.



## SOCRATIC SEMINARS IN ELA

Mrs. Domanski's Grade 6 ELA class recently had their first Socratic Seminar of the school year in which they were able to share research on different legendary individuals (such as MLK). They were able to research individuals of interest, record their research, and share their research with their classmates. As the school year progresses, these skills will continue to be developed!



## FIFTH GRADE GOES "INSIDE OUT" ON SEL DAY!

On October 31st, fifth grade students participated in Inside Out SEL Day! All classes watched and discussed the film which centers around an 11-year-old girl navigating a flurry of emotions. Afterward, Mrs. Mitchell, Miss Mancini, Mr. Moreira, Mrs. Gottshalk, Mr. Patrick, Mrs. Rodriguez, and Mrs. Holzberger led various activities to help students identify the purpose of emotions, how to cope with them, and ways to show empathy towards others. Guidance Counselor, Ms. Deckhut, and Thrive School Social Worker, Ms. Sabo, also joined in. It was a great day of social-emotional learning!



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