Good News Fridays Edition 27

Franklin Early Childhood Center

In August 2015
the Franklin PTO
celebrated the
ribbon cutting to
share updates
they had funded
for the Red
Playground and to
introduce the
Franklin
Children's Garden!



Seeds of STEM

A Problem-based STEM Curriculum
for Early Childhood Classrooms

UNIT 7

PLANTS AND THEIR NEEDS; THE ENTIRE PROCESS

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0 2019 Seeds of STEM

Each spring for the past 9 years Franklin teachers have implemented hands-on lessons in the Franklin Children's Garden. Since 2019 many of those lessons have been based on our SEEDS of STEM Science Curriculum.



Last week, thanks to a donation from Offshoots, Inc., Ms. Marie and Ms. Dee's class was the first to get their hands in the dirt with a seed planting project.

The students carefully sprinkled handfuls of tiny seeds making sure to cover every inch of the garden.

Although so far spring has been cold and wet, the students observed the bulbs planted in 2019 starting to sprout! Students in

all our



classes have joined the garden fun this week as they begin to measure and observe, with great anticipation the daffodils, jonguils and purple allium



which will soon be gracing us in full color! Come on spring...your friends at Franklin can't wait for some warm weather and sunshine!

Horace Mann School

The Horace Mann 4th and 5th graders had a blast at our annual Half Sleepover. This event is a well-loved tradition and a right of passage for our Huskies. We are very fortunate to have an army of caregiver volunteers willing to embrace the chaos and craziness that come along with making lasting childhood memories.













Hoover School

Library Media

Ist Grade

First graders are beginning their animal research projects. This week we learned about brainstorming and choose which animal we want to learn about. We will be using our knowledge about nonfiction books and text features to create animal books and digital dioramas.

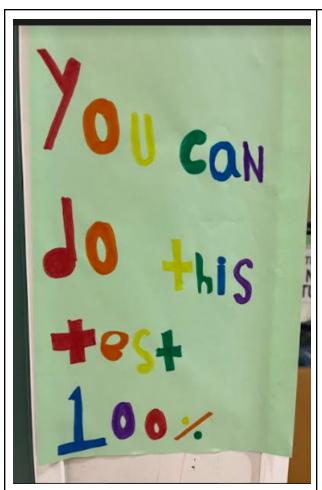


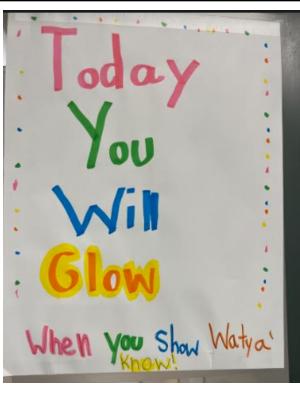
3rd and 5th Grade

Third and fifth graders are presenting their research projects.
Students researched a leader that inspires them. This week we put all their notes together to create some type of artifact to share their learning.

Lincoln School

Lincoln 3rd and 4th graders took ELA MCAS this week. To let them know that we all have faith in them students in all grades created messages of encouragement! Each student received a card or poster encouraging them to try their very best! We are so proud of the effort and determination they exhibited all week!!!





Roosevelt School:

Students in 4G had some fun this week making fossils for an investigation on landforms. This investigation is part of the Soil, Rocks, and Landforms science unit. They had to wait until the next day to see if they were successful in creating their fossils.



The big reveal.....









Success!

Winthrop School

The fourth grade students at the Winthrop School have been busy learning about Women's History Month, Environments, Landmarks of the United States in each of the five regions, and



Persuasive writing. Students wrote Persuasive Letters and then created either a poster or a slide presentation as an advertisement as to why their persuasive topic is beneficial.





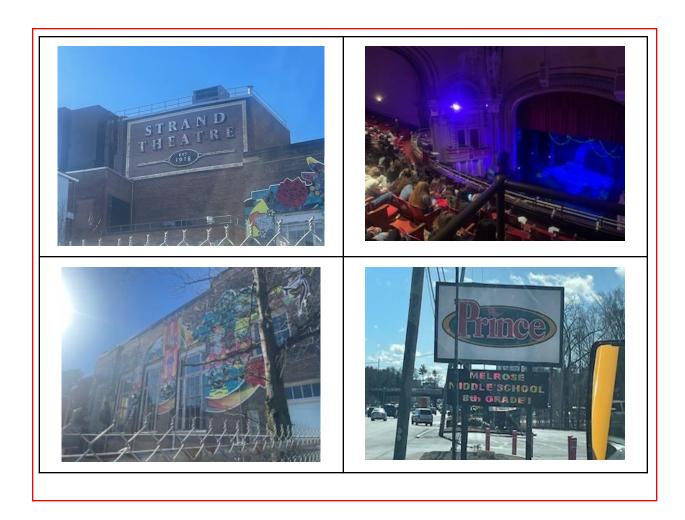




Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School

Last week, our 8th Graders attended a performance of *A Midsummer's Night Dream* at the Strand Theater in Boston. Students loved the opportunity to experience live theatre, and it complemented the 8th-grade study of *Romeo & Juliet*.

After the performance, students and faculty enjoyed a community building lunch at Prince Pizza. In April, students will have the opportunity to work with the Commonwealth Shakespeare Company in school!



Melrose High School



Julie Kobick, District Judge at the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts, came to visit the Intro to Law classes to discuss her job and her background experiences.



Ms. Nikka, Mr. Cristiano, and Ms. Magoon representing MHS teachers at the Bridge Trivia Bee Fundraiser.

Congratulations to all of the 10th graders who participated in the ELA MCAS test this week.

Congratulations to our MHS Band students who performed at Symphony Hall in Boston this past Sunday.



Come to the Cabaret:



District Wide

The district professional development team has shared an exciting speaker series coming this June. During the week of June 17th, Melrose educators and others will be invited to attend one (or all) of these-workshops. We are very excited to be able to bring these providers to Melrose to support the needs of our staff and students!

On Wednesday night, MaryAnn Barriss, an elementary instructional coach, hosted the annual Title 1 Caregiver workshop. This year's focus was the importance of vocabulary in overall reading proficiency. Here are the <u>slides</u> and the <u>video</u> <u>recording</u> of the workshop to learn more including strategies for supporting at home.