



November Newsletter
2017



SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

Welcome to the first newsletter of the 2017-18 school year! Here, you will see just some of the many great things going on in Special Education throughout our district.

HARVESTING VEGETABLES

The start of a new school year means the beginning of a new chapter for the Brentwood Science Buddy Initiative! **Sonderling High School** students in Ms. Murphy's research program and life skills program planted and harvested vegetables. The students truly enjoyed working together to create a beautiful garden.





WORKING TOGETHER

There is nothing we can't do when we work together! Mrs. Gonzalez' Kindergarten class and Mrs. Pisani's First grade class took some time today to clean up and plant in Pine Park's **Memorial Garden**.



CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NEW PLAYGROUND!



We are super excited to announce the ground breaking of a new handicapped accessible playground at **Pine Park**. A special thank you to Ms. Weishahn, Principal and Ms. Wolynetz, SEPTA President for their hard work and diligence to see this project through. This playground will be enjoyed by many children for years to come!



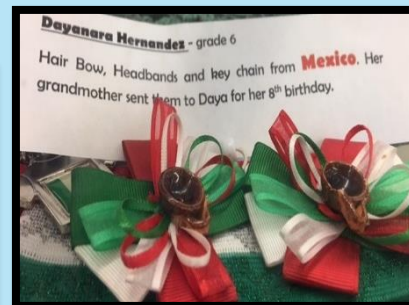
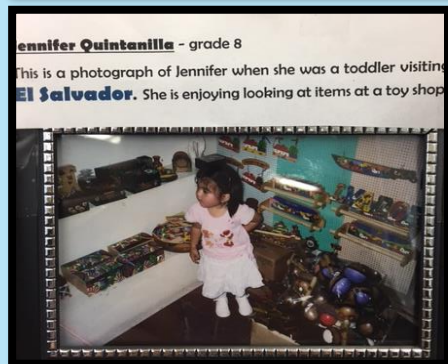
IT WAS A SLAM DUNK AT SEPTA'S FREE BASKETBALL CLINIC!

Thank you Mr. John Rueb from the **Brentwood Developmental League (BDL)** and the ladies from **STORM** basketball for organizing this fun event.



RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE

North Middle School students in Ms. Lindsay's class recognized Hispanic Heritage Month through writing biographies and creating an international display in the school library. Students and faculty members demonstrated pride in their heritage by bringing in items that have a special meaning to them.



UNITY DAY: TOGETHER AGAINST BULLYING, UNITED FOR KINDNESS, ACCEPTANCE AND INCLUSION



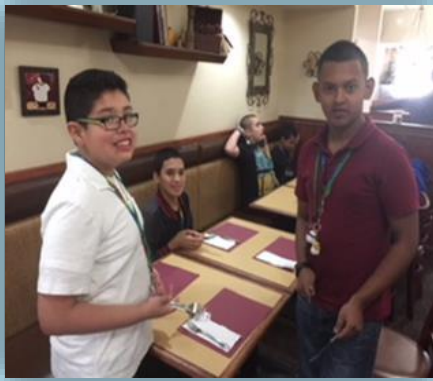
West Middle School students in Ms. Kuhns and Ms. Rottmund's classes are wearing orange to support Unity Day on October 25th.





GREAT EXPERIENCE! GREAT FUN! GREAT FOOD!

West Middle School students from Ms. Rottmund's class are invited to the Mulberry Street Pizzeria in Bay Shore once a month to work on job skills in the restaurant. They are responsible for cleaning and setting tables, as well as assembling 150 pizza boxes during each visit! They also work on important life and social skills such as ordering food and exchanging money while being able to maintain eye contact.



HANDS ON LEARNING AT ATLANTIS MARINE WORLD

Ross High School students in Mr. Skillman and Ms. Kenney's 10th grade Biology and 11th and 12th grade unified science classes visited Atlantic Marine World. The students participated in a shark dissection to better understand anatomy. They really enjoyed this wonderful hands-on learning experience.



HORROR NIGHT

West Middle School, 7th grade students, dressed up in their costumes to celebrate Horror Night. Students designed posters and created a box for guessing what creepy thing is lurking inside. The students had a lot of fun and gave out treats for the correct answers.



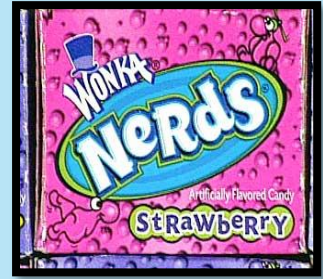
A TRIP TO THE FARM

Oak Park Elementary School students in Mrs. Caramico's class had a great time at the pumpkin farm! They played in bouncy houses, rode on a hayride, and picked their own pumpkins!



KEEPING IT COOL!

Sweetening the Deal for Ross Students



Ross High School students in Ms. Csutor's 11th grade math created a unique frequency table using candy for an algebra lesson.



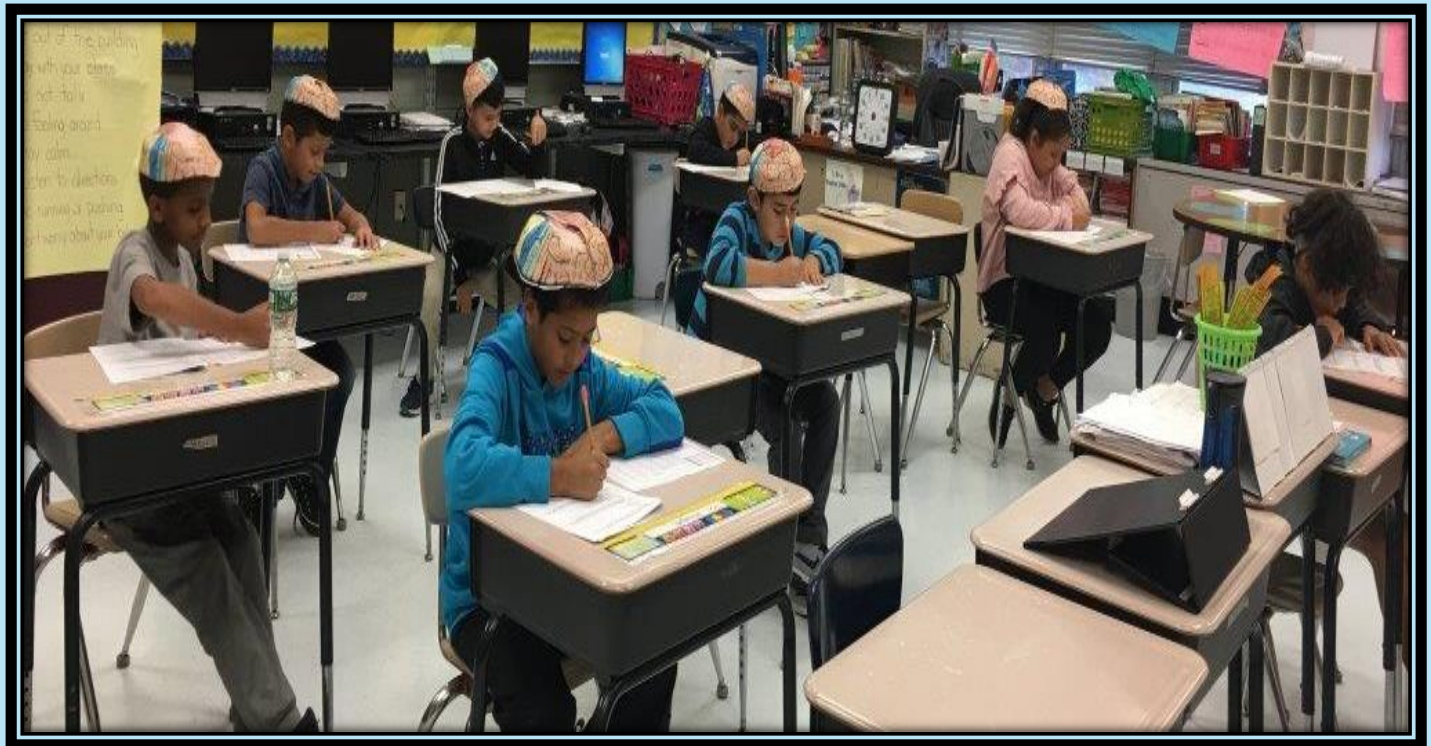
NORTHEAST STEM ACTIVITIES



Northeast Elementary students in Ms. DuRussel's third grade class took on an engineering challenge! They worked cooperatively to build plastic cup towers.

OAK PARK STUDENTS PUT ON THEIR THINKING CAPS

While learning about the nervous system, Ms. Miller's 5th grade class at **Oak Park Elementary** made brain hemisphere hats to help them learn about the job of each lobe.



HURRICANE RELIEF



East Middle School teacher, Ms. Spahn and Freshman Center teacher, Mr. Spahn organized a district-wide hurricane relief initiative. Our students and teachers donated supplies for the victims of hurricanes in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico. An amazing 2000lbs of food and water was collected as well along with dozens of sensory items for students with autism that were also affected by the hurricanes. The empathy expressed and generosity of our Brentwood School Community is remarkable! We certainly made a difference!





Dr. Romane, our Department Head of Speech and Hearing presented to his colleagues on a national level. ASHA is the national organization for speech and language. The presentation was the use of technology in instructional practices.



On Tuesday, November 7th, Special Services hosted a conference day presentation in the **South Middle School** auditorium to speech therapists, guidance counselors, psychologists and middle school resource room teachers. The purpose of this presentation was to provide necessary guidance and tools to support successful implementation of **Response To Intervention** in both the elementary and secondary settings. RTI is a comprehensive educational model to support at-risk students. Information was presented regarding the history and organizational framework of RTI as well as practical strategies for planning specific interventions.





SEPTA

President: Jill Wolynetz

- Contact Jill Wolynetz at Jill.Wolynetz@bufsd.org for information or questions.
- New members always welcome!
- Join our Facebook group “SEPTA of Brentwood” for information about parent information meeting and events for the 2017-2018 school year.

http://www.brentwood.k12.ny.us/HTMLpages/Parent_info/PTSA_Home.html - septa

Volunteers Needed!



Be sure to check out this great community resource!

<http://brentwoodnylibrary.org/>

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