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Monthly Newsletter of Launch Expeditionary Learning Charter School

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School is in full swing!

We have just wrapped up Quarter 1 of our YEAR OF THRIVING and needless to say we are so proud of our students continued growth and resilience.

#TogetherWeLaunch

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A Message From The Principal

To Our Launch Community,

The school year is now in full swing and we are just closing out the first full academic quarter. We have accomplished so much in one full quarter as a school community and I'd like to celebrate some of our wins:

Our classrooms are thriving! Some examples include: In 7th grade ELA, our students are reading two books about the Latin American experience: *Lucky Broken Girl* and *Before We Were Free*. In 7th and 8th grade digital media, students have completed a surrealism project and are starting to utilize the new state of the art tablets we purchased to take digital arts to the next level. All our Math classes - 6th-8th grade - are implementing small group instruction to ensure every student is receiving a tailored education. In our Phys Ed class, students have been learning about the 5 components of fitness and are gearing up to begin one of our classic Launch unit of study: Volleyball!

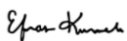
We continue to focus on the health and safety of our community during this time. Please continue to reinforce the criticality of masking up, distancing and sanitizing to your child.

In this last month's community meeting, I spoke with all 3 grades on the message: "Choose Kindness." October was Bullying Prevention Month across the country and at Launch, we discuss the importance of being PROACTIVELY KIND to one another. If we see the opportunity to do good, we take it. If we have a chance to be an upstander, we speak up for what's right. We believe in choosing kindness in our school community since kindness begets kindness the world around. Thank you, families, for instilling these values in your children!

Additionally, I spoke with students about the fact that this year is now fully underway! Their grades and academic growth should evidence that they are dedicated to their learning and practicing to get ahead in each class every day. At the end of the month, students will be presenting their student-led conferences and every child should have a clear direction and goal to share with their family. #Excellence #Achievement #Growth

Feel free to reach out to myself or any member of the Launch Crew anytime. We are your partners!

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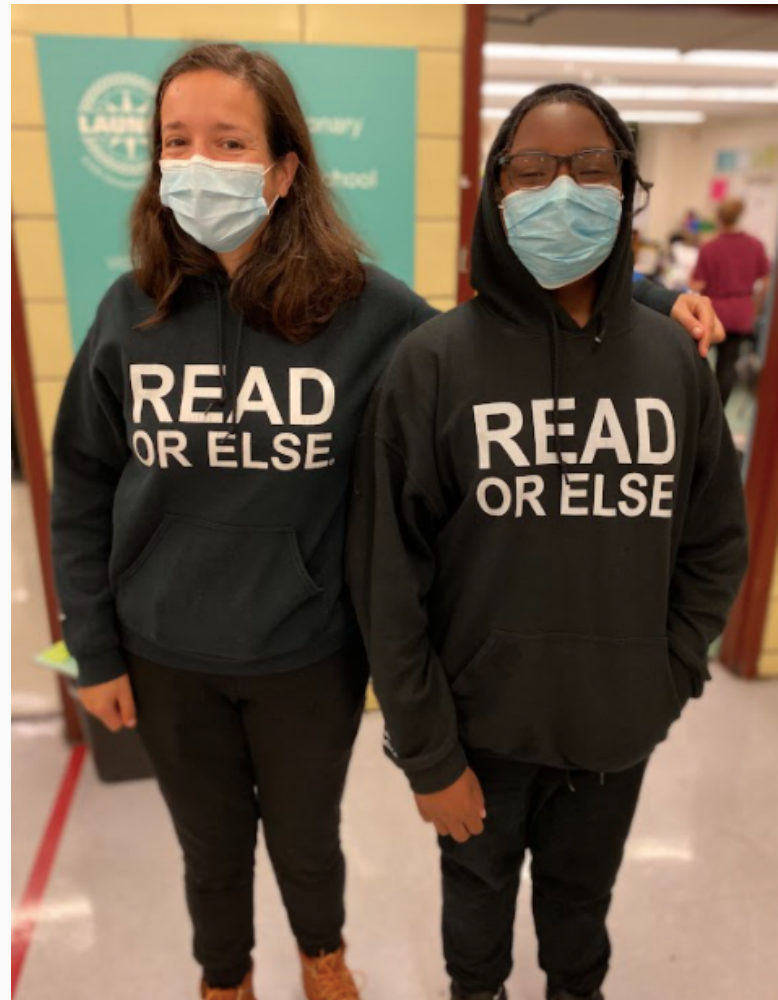


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A Message from our Family Engagement Coordinator

Greetings Launch Families,

As you know Launch Charter School is in the process of renewing our Charter for 5 more years and requesting expansion to a k-12 campus. Your Parent Association sent home a letter for you to read, sign and return as possible, we would like to thank all families who have returned their letter so far and **we're expecting 100% participation from our families to let our authorizer the NYSED know that we are vested in the Continued excellence of our school.**

During our Parent Association Meeting held on **Tuesday November 9th** our counselors and special education team shared information on the Social Emotional/ Academic process used at Launch.

Be a part of the fundraising event! Proceeds go to our enrichment programs, graduation etc.

We are partners!

In Unity,
Sdavis@launchschool.org

Teach Truth Day

On Thursday, October 14th the Launch community commemorated **George Floyd's birthday with our #TeachTruth day of action.** Across content areas, teachers and students engaged in conversations honoring the legacy of George Floyd and raising awareness of the **Black Lives Matter Movement and taking action against systemic oppression, racism and inequities.**



A Message From Our Director of School Operations

Hello Launch Community,

In an effort to support our student and staff community, we are reaching out to families to ask for support in reinforcing our health and safety standards and structures here at Launch. **To ensure that we minimize the spread of COVID-19, we ask parents to talk with students about the importance of mask wearing and being socially distanced throughout the day (in and outside of our building).** Reinforcing the importance of being/staying safe and being cautious around others is a practice that we want students to embody. We will continue to support/remind students to practice safe and responsible actions and welcome the support from our parents and partners to further these conversations at home!

During the month of November, the Operations Team will be reaching out to families to collect the following items: **updated COVID-19 consent forms, proof of residency, handbook confirmations, immunization records and birth certificates.** Students will be sent home with forms that specify what items are missing from their files. Please return the form with the associated document to the Main Office as soon as possible. In addition, **if you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Joseph - Director of School Operations - at SJoseph@launchschool.org or call the Main office at (718) 715-0548.**

As a reminder, if you haven't already, please reach out to your medical provider to update your child's Immunizations for the 2021-2022 school year. 6th grader students must receive a Tdap shot while 7th grader students must receive their meningitis immunization from their medical provider. If you have questions related to immunizations or other student records, please reach out to Info@launchschool.org.



A Message From Our Celebrations Coordinator

Hello Launch families!

October was full of celebrations and important awareness events to allow our Launch students the space to feel a sense of belonging and obtain healthy social emotional skills in their cultural space! Celebrations such as LatinX Heritage Month, Spirit Week, Student of The Month certificates and many more!

The month of November will also be just as cultural and fun! This month is all about giving thanks and appreciating each member of our community.

If you would like to send a message of appreciation to any member of our community which includes students and faculty, please feel free to contact me via email at Jwelch@launchschool.org.

I look forward to celebrating this month of appreciation with you all!

6TH GRADE UPDATES

Message from the Grade Level Chair

Sixth graders continue to grow as middle school students at Launch, and are stepping into the roll well! This week students began transitioning from class to class, and are getting the experience of having different classrooms now for Math, ELA, and Social Studies. We know this is going help students take it to the next level! 6th graders are also beginning to prepare for their **FIRST STUDENT LEAD CONFERENCE!** SLCs will be **November 23rd and 24th** and will happen via Zoom. Your child's Crew Advisor will confirm scheduling with you shortly! If you have not yet returned your SLC appointment request, please do so ASAP!

MATH

6th Graders have been working hard in math - and are currently tackling some of the most exciting and important topics - **RATES, RATIOS, and PERCENTAGES!** **These skills are SO important in life. From shopping, to travel, cooking - rates, ratios, and percentages run the world!** We also recently completed our first MAP assessment, and are **excited by the growth we've already seen!** We can't wait to see the next round of growth data in January! In math - we're pushing all students to **GO GREEN!** Going Green in math means that **students are earning an 80% or higher on their weekly quizzes!** To get there, it's critical that students complete all classwork as well as completing their weekly homework on **TUESDAY and THURSDAY** night! This will prepare them to do their best on their weekly Friday quiz!

SCIENCE

In 6th Grade Science we have finished our "Geology on Mars" Unit. Students created a Scientific Argument Paper in which they determined a claim, used evidence and provided scientific reasoning to support their evidence. **Ask your child how they did with the writing and to share it with you.**

Our next unit is now underway and it is called "Plate Motion". Students will be supporting the fictional museum of West Namibia to determine why Mesosaurus fossils are found an ocean apart on the continents of Africa and South America. Leading up to this unit, students had some fun learning about the rock cycle using Starburst Candy and created their own cross-section model of earth's structure.



ELA

October was packed with lots of reading, writing and class discussions around the book *Feathers*. We did lots of text analysis and short responses. We will be done reading the book soon and moving into a culminating essay assignment. All students wrote awesome letters to the character of their choice giving them amazing advice on how to deal with challenges/conflicts identified from the reading. We are excited about transitioning because students have even more access to books for independent reading. They come into the "ELA" room everyday. This is so special as a middle school student because it helps them as they are developing. Students should be reading everyday at home especially now that they have more access to books. Reading everyday builds stamina :) October was an exciting month and we are even more excited about November as we prepare for conferences and then a new book that the class will read together.

SOCIAL STUDIES

Our 6th grade social explorers have just finished exploring the Ancient Northeast African Civilizations of Kush and Egypt. We concluded this case study by constructing essays which compared and contrasted the ways that trade led to power and wealth in both Kush and Egypt. In their essays, students were able to formulate a thesis with claims, find supporting textual evidence, and apply analysis to support their claims.

In our current case study, we are focusing on the Northwest civilizations of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai. Social explorers will partake in lots of reading, writing and class discussions specifically focusing on the different aspects of civilizations: religion, trade, culture, technology, government, language and social class and how these all contributed to the rise in power and success of these civilizations.

HOMEWORK: Although homework will not be given everyday, homework will be more consistent. This is to help our social explorers practice their historian skills both in and out of the classroom. We will send emails reminding students about homework assignments; however, please do continue to check in with your child on homework challenges.

6th Grade Students of the Month

Math Student of the Month October 2021



Avian Knight

Avian is **MAGNIFICENT MATHEMATICIAN!** He is always excited to share his great ideas and creative thoughts in class. We love to see Avian work through a challenging problem with his groupmates! Keep rocking Avian!

Science Student of the Month - October 2021



Djenaba Bassoum

Djenaba is **ALWAYS** on point in Science class. She performs at a high level and is always eager to participate during class. She adds to our discussion and is focused everyday! We look forward to your growth as a student scientist! Thanks for being amazing, Djenaba! You're an all star scientist!

Social Studies Student of the Month - October 2021



Dashawn Pierce

In Social Studies, Dashawn has been Thriving! He is always asking questions, brings positive and humorous energy **DAILY**, and his participation in group discussions have been **GREAT!** Keep continuing to **THRIVE!**

ELA Student of the Month October 2021



Elias Innocent

Elias is a hard worker in ELA class. He works well in groups as well as independently. He is very attentive to all the details and strives for excellence in his work. He is self-motivated and pushes himself to complete all his classwork and homework to the best of his ability. He is a positive member of the class community and a leader. He is a joy to have in class! Keep up the good work!

Fine Art Student of the Month October 2021



KENDRA



You have been an amazing student since the very first day of school. You have **CONSISTENTLY** shown how an art student should represent themselves in class. You have displayed amazing dedication and practice! Thank you for being **YOU!!!!**

Phys Ed Student of the Month - October 2021



Melanie Aitkens

This young lady is full of energy and ready to take on any challenges. During our cardiovascular endurance training you were relentless and made your peers around you more confident. Thank you for allowing me to be your Teacher. Stay Legendary!

Habit Hero Dedication and Practice



Tyler Nelson

Tyler has shown **SO MUCH DEDICATION & PRACTICE** this month, working to achieve October's student of the Month. Tyler has been working **HARD**, contributes to group discussion & **CONSTANTLY** asking Ms. Bright on ways he can improve in class! True Dedication!

Habit Hero Dedication and Practice



Khalia Burgess

Khalia has shown a ton of **Dedication** in Math class recently! She's been super focused in class, always getting to work right away on her **Do Now** and classwork, and always giving it her best on her exit slips! She's consistently answering questions and participating, which is helping both her and her classmates learn and grow. Keep up the great work!

7TH GRADE UPDATES

Message from the Grade Level Chair

Our 7th graders have been thriving in the first quarter! Students are now transitioning from subject to subject on their own. **Our 7th graders have been setting a great example for our younger students as they transition maturely between classes.** Starting in Q2, 7th graders will have a new bathroom policy to ensure that we maximize our time in academic classes. This new bathroom policy allows students to use the bathroom 7 times per quarter in each content class. **As a grade, we have been celebrating our growth on our MAP exams. We are so proud of our 7th graders and have seen great growth in their scores.** We continue to encourage our students to reach out for extra help when needed. Keep up the good work 7th graders!

ELA

In ELA class, students have been exploring Latin American culture and history with our Latinx book unit. Students are either reading *Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar or *Before We Were Free* by Julia Alvarez. Both class novels have Latina protagonists. While reading our class novels, our 7th grade readers are learning about Latin American dictatorships, immigrant experiences, and complex character development. **Our readers are engaging with new context and vocabulary every day.** After reading these novels, 7th graders will complete a project rooted in understanding the stories of immigrants in our own lives.

SCIENCE

Our 7th Grade Physicists are working their way through our second Amplify Science Unit: Forces and Motion. The overarching unit question is, How do forces affect motion? So far, we have discussed the 5 ways an object can move: 1. Start moving, 2. Stop moving, 3. Speed up, 4. Slow down, and 5. Change direction. We have also begun to talk about cause-and-effect relationships and how that can help us infer what happened in a given scenario. And finally, we are beginning to explore how force strength differs depending on the mass of an object. **This unit will conclude with one of our Case Study projects called the Forces and Motion Engineering Internship, where we will take between a week and a half or two weeks to complete. We look forward to the continued growth and success of our scientists.**

SOCIAL STUDIES

Student historians are entering our Road to Revolution unit. Students will be analyzing images, secondary and primary sources on the issues that led British colonists to revolt. They will investigate the perspectives of many different groups on the American Revolution and consider who "liberty and justice for all" truly applied to.

End of Unit Product: Two Voice poem

For this product, historians will write, revise, and perform a slam poem in two voices around the Revolutionary War. Historians will explain what life was like for people with different identities, the struggles that they went through, as well as the way they resisted or reacted to conflicts. Historians will pick a topic to focus on and develop the theme of their poem around loyalty, liberty, rights, revolution, or independence.

Expectations: Work not completed in class must be finished as homework. Please reinforce with your scholars that Social Studies is a reading and writing based class. They are encouraged to transfer their ELA skills into our classroom, in order to produce high quality writing!



MATH

In Class: We are in unit 2 where we are learning how to manipulate algebraic expressions (math expressions that include variables!). We are learning to simplify expressions by combining like terms, expanding expressions, and factoring expressions. **Students are doing a great job of identifying like terms and rearranging expressions to make them easier to simplify.** Students should continue to practice adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing positive and negative numbers. This is a skill they will need all year! Our next unit (unit 3) will cover solving algebraic equations and inequalities.

Homework: Given every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday (Completed in their Math homework book)

Quizzes: Quizzes are given every Friday.

Upcoming Tests:

- *Interim Assessment #1 on Friday, November 5th:* This assessment will cover unit 1 (rational numbers) and what we've done in unit 2 so far (simplifying algebraic expressions)
- *End-of-Unit 2 Test, Friday, November 12th:* This test will cover simplifying, expanding, and factoring algebraic expressions.

You can also support your student by reviewing the lessons from their text book with them. The LEARN section of each chapter reviews key ideas for the skills they are learning. You can access the workbook virtually by going to this website and entering the following information:

<https://www.hmhco.com/ui/login/>

Country: United States

State: New York

District: New York City Dept of Ed

Username: student's Launch email address

Password: 1580Launch!

ART

We have begun to dig deeper into the lives of Hispanic, Latina, Latino and Latinx surrealist artists like Frida Kahlo, Pablo Picasso, Salvador Dali, Remedios Varo and more! They will begin their very first project using photoshop by creating their very own surrealism practice project and selecting a characteristic of surrealism they'd like to explore such as juxtaposition, metamorphosis, scale, repetition, and impossible action. **Once students have mastered the basic tools of photoshop they will begin to paint surreal self portraits in photoshop late October.**

7th Grade Students of the Month

Reader of the Month: Tatiana Centeno



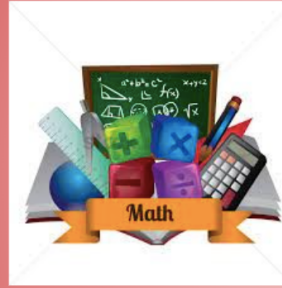
Tatiana exemplifies strong reading habits on a daily basis. An avid reader, Tatiana has read 8 independent reading books just since school started in September!! She consistently participates in class and takes great pride in the work she submits. Not only that, but Tatiana works diligently to complete all of her assignments and has one of the highest overall average in the 7th grade.

Congratulations, Tatiana !

You represented **Buffalo** and your **crew** so well!



Mathematician of the Month: Antawnette Ross



Congratulations on being Math scholar of the month!! You have been working so hard to improve in math during class, during lunch, and after school. All your hard work is paying off! It's been amazing to see you participate more in class and be a role model for your peers. Great work!

Congratulations, Antawnette!

You represented **Mercy** and the **Scholars Collaboration Crew** well!



Scientist of the Month: A'Janae Howard



A'Janae, you have shown what it means to be an exemplar for your peers in our Science classroom. You consistently contribute to class discussions, produce high-level work, and are always, always on task. It's been such a pleasure to have you in class and to teach you! We, Ms. Darlington and Mr. Orio, are excited to witness your continued growth!! Very proud of you!!!

Congratulations, A'Janae !

You represented **Buffalo State** and your **crew** well!



Historian of the Month: Chase White



Chase has demonstrated all habits of heart and mind in and out of class. He loves to share his awesome ideas and build on the thinking of his peers. Chase exemplifies historian skills in class and really puts forth great effort when reading informational text and contributes to rich discussions. He is sweet and kind and cares for the Launch community! Keep up the great work!!

Congratulations, Chase!

You represented **Columbia** and the **Watchful Wolves** well!

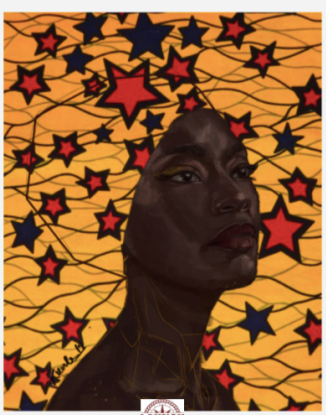


Artist of the Month: SANIYAH BARRET

Saniyah has consistently shown growth in digital art. Saniyah has tried her very best to complete assignments on time, participate, assist others and show integrity at all times. Saniyah advocates for herself and the other scholars in her class. Saniyah is an incredible leader and and we can't wait to see your continued growth in class.

Congratulations, Saniyah.!

You represented **Buffalo State** and **The Mighty Tigers** well!



Athlete of the Month: Aaliyah Jones

I'm happy and really pumped up about this student. Every week she comes with the same energy and has absolutely no excuses when it comes to participating in physical activity. Please continue to do great work and leading by example and making your peers around more confident in what they do. Stay Legendary!

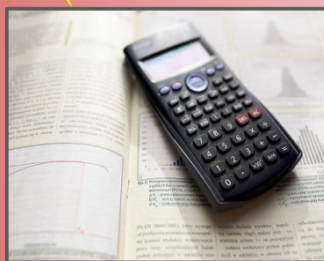
Congratulations, Aaliyah Jones

You represented **CLASS** and your **Crew** well!

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STEM Student of the Month Nahsir Salinas



Nahsir has displayed strong STEM skills and provides the class with engaging dialogue. He remains focused and dedicated when it comes to assessment testing. As a result, Nahsir has scored beyond expectations. Nahsir has exercised excellent Dedication and Practice habits.

Congratulations! Nahsir Salinas
You represented **Bowie State University** well!



8TH GRADE UPDATES

Message from the Grade Level Chair

We are so proud of our 8th graders for a successful Quarter 1. We are off to a great start this school year. In 8th grade we are celebrating the growth that our students showed on the MAP test, taken last month! **This month we are gearing up for the high school selection process. There will be a mandatory High School Information Session on November 16th at 6pm.** This meeting will take place on Zoom. If you did not receive the email, please contact Ms. Rubin (ARubin@launchschool.org) or any 8th grade teacher for more information. We are looking forward to a great Quarter 2!

MATH

In Math class, 8th graders are finishing Unit 4 on Scientific Notation then transition to Solving Linear Equations. In all math units, students engage with problems that require them to demonstrate their learning and application of new mathematical skills. **Weekly Quizzes are given every Friday. Tests are given at the end of each unit. Students are provided an opportunity to retake each test as a way to improve their grade.** Please visit Google Classroom to monitor your child's grades and assignments.

ART

Students continue to learn how to digitally paint different textures such as skin, hair, metal, fire, water, and earth in photoshop using huion tablets. **They are preparing to work on their project-based learning Black History Project to create life-size stained-glass portraits of their community heroes. We will first dig deep into the hyper-consumption of Black Art, Culture, and Bodies.** We will discuss how white media is profiting from this (with current examples) and begin to come up with immediate community solutions such as holding a community art show, targeting which artists or schools should be a part of it, and more!

SCIENCE

Students are continuing to learn about interactions in the environment. They have recently completed a project about levels of organization in an ecosystem. For the rest of the unit we will be looking deeper into interactions of organisms as well as diving into the issues and solutions around Climate Change. All student work is in Google Classroom.



ELA

In November, we will continue our study of Animal Farm, work to expand our vocabularies by learning Greek, and Latin roots, and do a fair amount of independent reading before moving on to our third unit. Our **Animal Farm** unit will culminate in a creative writing project that will combine students' learning of literary analysis, social psychology, motifs, themes, and dramatic irony.

After the completion of this project, we'll be starting our next unit which explores food systems, our connections to food through culture, and food justice. This unit moves away from novels and stories into nonfiction texts including The Omnivore's Dilemma, High on the Hog, and a variety of articles and studies. **We hope to have a few speakers from the community on food related topics. This work will prepare us to write argumentative essays on choice topics after winter break.**

SOCIAL STUDIES

In Social Studies class, students have been working on their essays to wrap up our first unit on leadership. As a class, we planned out the essays using a graphic organizer and have worked on multiple drafts while providing feedback. Throughout the unit, students have examined different presidents and leaders that contribute to the foundation of America. Now that students have built knowledge on these leaders, they now get to use that knowledge to assess these leaders for themselves. The prompt students are answering in their essay is: As a leader, how did George Washington or Thomas Jefferson shape or influence the United States? Students had the option to choose either leader, and they will evaluate these figures as leaders as well as if they were a good person. Using the materials we have discussed in class, students are supporting their stances with specific examples from those presidencies and text-based evidence. This essay will count as a test grade.

8th Grade Students of the Month

Student of the Month Science

Aaron Foster-Fisher

Aaron is always prepared for class and any challenge that we present in class. He is always willing to engage in discussion and never afraid to ask questions. He is a true leader in Science Class!

MS. ALEXANDER

MS. COOPER

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Student of The Month

**Math
Destra Andrews**

Destra is a dedicated Mathematician who has truly shined this month. Destra works diligently to ensure that she is grasping new content. She takes great pride in her work and consistently displays our Habits of Heart and Mind!

Ms. Webb

Ms. Webb

Ms. Fears

Ms. Fears

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Student of the Month ELA

Deb O'Selmo!

Talk about growth! You have absolutely crushed it in ELA class this month, and we are excited to see more great things from you in the future!

Ms. Duran

Ms. Duran

Ms. Milota

Ms. Milota

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Student of the Month Social Studies

Mashayla Cobb

Mashayla always turns in quality, thoughtful responses and continues to grow with her historical writing. Keep up the good work!

Ms. Otit

Ms. Otit

Ms. Wright

Ms. Wright

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Student of the Month Art

TAILAN HAMILTON

Tailan has consistently shown growth in digital art. Thailand has tried his very best to complete assignments, participate, assist others and show integrity. Tailan is an incredible leader!

Ms. Scott

Ms. Scott

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Student of the Month Physical Education

Javin Hall

IF I HAD A CHOICE TO HAVE A PARTNER TO TEACH WITH ME I WOULD CHOOSE JAVIN. THIS YOUNG MAN IS FULL OF ENERGY AND KNOWS ALL OF OUR CLASS ROUTINES TO THE T! I'M VERY IMPRESSED BY THIS YOUNG MAN'S GROWTH SINCE THE 6TH GRADE. CONTINUE GROWING YOUNG KING AND ALWAYS STAY LEGENDARY!

Mr. Leslie

Mr. Leslie

STAY LEGENDARY!

Student of the Month Humanities

Levell Hayes

Levell is amazing when it comes to teamwork. He is very patient with his peers. As soon as he comes to class he is ready to work. He listens to directions and communicates well with others. He stays focused on his tasks.

Ms. Andy & Ms. P

Signature: Ms. Andy & Ms. P

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MULTI-SUBJECT UPDATES

Message from the Grade Level Chair

The Multi-Subject Family has come to a close of our 1st Quarter. **We are excited about entering into our 2nd Quarter.** Our 2nd Quarter will include Project Based Learning and Student Led Conferences. Multi - Subject students are always excited to participate in Project Based Learning. They are also proud to invite family, guardians and friends to their Student Led Conferences to show their growth and discuss their goals. The Multi - Subjects Dept. is also looking forward to seeing them present their work this quarter.

STEM

Our scholars are having a BLAST watching chemical reactions unfold right before their eyes! We have been utilizing curriculum from our FOSS Kits to the fullest and making powerful predictions and recording observations. Scholars are also enjoying watching engaging videos and science experiments from our Generation Genius Curriculum all while using household products like, shampoo, shaving cream, salt, glue etc to see science in action! **Ask your scholar about the Hindenberg blimp!**

In math, scholars are now logged in and tapped into our MATH COMIC BOOK.....BEAST ACADEMY!!! They are having a BLAST reading comics all while learning math. Our current unit involves expressions and using symbols as substitution instead of letters as variables. Students are really striving to show proficiency. Please encourage students to log on from home to complete any supplemental or missing work as the comic book is asynchronous with the online lessons!

With Care,
Mrs. Muhammad and Ms. Derrick



HUMANITIES

It is amazing that we are already embarking on our second unit together. **Please join us as we continue to encourage all of our learners to read every day for 15 minutes a day.** This will do more than just improve their reading comprehension. It will improve their vocabulary. It will empower them as readers and support them in empathizing with others and becoming productive citizens. **Don't forget: reading also helps decrease stress and helps children sleep!**

We are proud of our scholars as they started the school year exploring American History. Come November, we continue this topic as we explore the *Road to the Revolution*. This will include topics such as how economics influenced the 13 colonies, how Africans lived in the colonies, the relationship between colonists and England, the positions of patriots and loyalists, how the Declaration of Independence influenced our government, major events of the Revolutionary War, and contributions of African Americans, Natives, and women in the Revolutionary War.

--Ms. Andy & Ms. P



Spirit Week

Every year, Launch celebrates Spirit Week when students (and faculty and staff!) get to dress up or down to fit the day's theme. This year (October 25th-29th), we celebrated with awesome themes!

- Monday Pajama Day
- Tuesday Twin Day
- Wednesday Wacky Wednesday
- Thursday Retro Day
- Friday Character Costume/ College Day Pride.



Message from our Counseling Team



Hello Launch Families,

Counselors attended the November 9th Parent Association meeting. A video recording is available on the Launch website.

If you or your child is interested in counseling services or need a referral to a community resource, please do not hesitate to reach out via call or email.

**Dominique Marshall (718) 715-1573
Counseling Dept Chair
counselingteam@launchschool.org**

Message from our Restorative Practices Coordinator

Hello Launch Families,

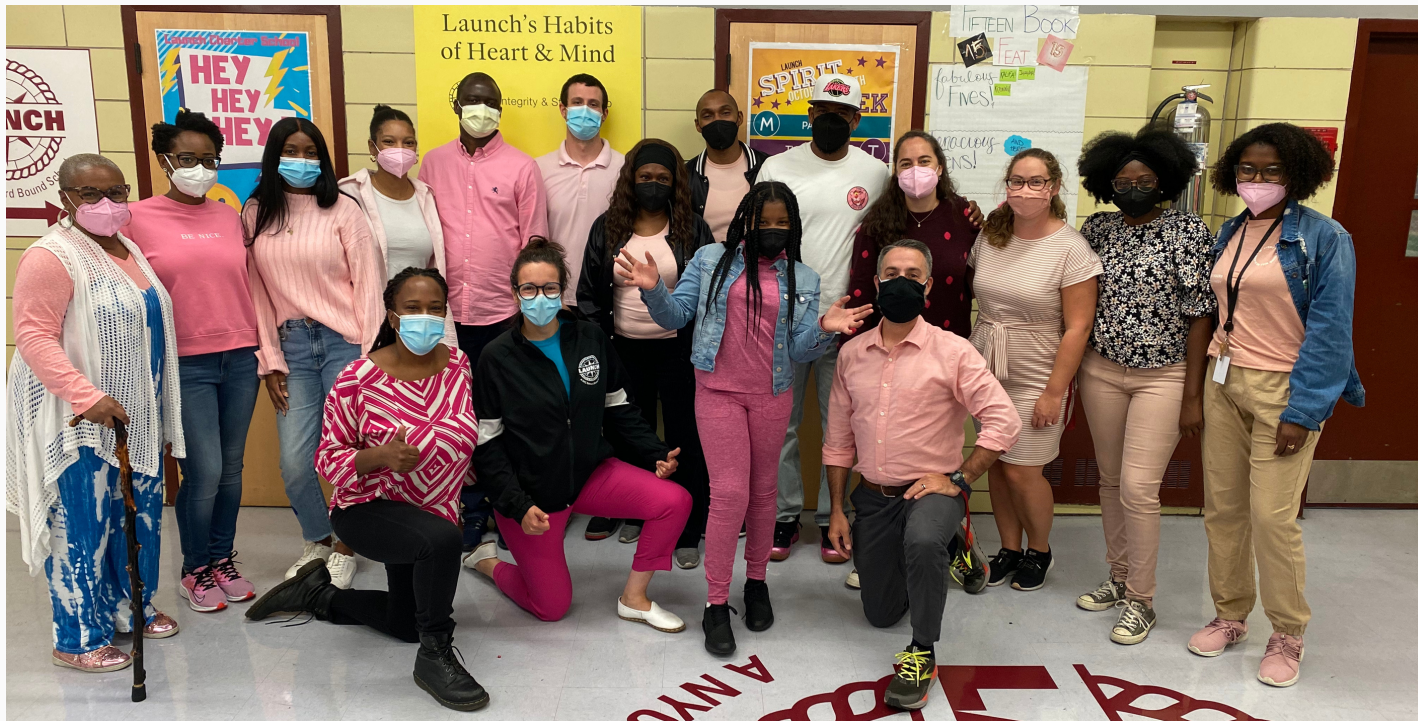
In October in the RJ room and the whole school we focused on **Bullying and Conflict resolution skills**. Students were able to create posters to bring Awareness to Bullying. We will continue as a community to teach skills around Conflict resolution, to build a community of compassionate students.

Our students participated in Circles to repair harm, celebrate each other, and also around academic support.

Please reach out to me, if you have any questions regarding our Restorative Practices, and or concerns.

**Mr. Antoine
Restorative Practice Coordinator
wantoine@launchschool.org
718-559-9064**





Breast Cancer Awareness Month

On Friday, October 22, 2021, we wore pink to bring awareness to our community for those who may have been affected by breast cancer. If you are interested in supporting an organization in our community the United Breast Cancer Foundation (UBCF) is an organization that empowers women and men affected by breast cancer. They provide support to people all over the country. They aid in screening, treatment, after care, clothing drive drop off and pick up service, along with education materials, and family assistance.



November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Election Day - Remote Learning	3	4 Launch Recruitment Open House #2 (Zoom) 6:00PM-7:30PM	5 End of Quarter 1	6
7	8	9 Parent Association Meeting (Zoom) 6:00PM-7:30PM	10 Academic Enrichment Fair (Zoom) 6:00PM-7:30PM	11 School Closed- Veteran's Day	12	13
14	15	16 Mandatory Launch 8th Grade High School Meeting (Zoom) 6:00PM-7:00PM	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Student Led Conferences	24 Student Led Conferences	25 School Closed- Thanksgiving	26 School Closed- Thanksgiving	27
28	29	30				

Do you know any 5th graders?

The Launch application for the 2021-2022 school year is open! Please spread the word and check out our website (www.launchschool.org) to find the application and recruitment event information.

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

This is an opportunity to learn more about Launch culture, our program, and what makes our school unique. Enjoy presentations from our leaders, Parent Coordinator, Student Ambassadors and other Launch staff.

- Launch Recruitment Open House #3 ~ Tuesday, December 14th 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- Launch Recruitment Open House #4 ~ Wednesday, January 12th 6:00pm - 7:30pm

If you refer a family who applies, please let us know. We love to thank your current families for spreading the word.

Questions?

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