



March 2024

CARRINGTON

Principal: Karen Renna

Vice Principal: Kristen Gwiazdoski

IMPORTANT DATES

3/6 – 12:00 Dismissal

3/10 – Spring Forward

3/11 – PTO Meeting at 5:30 PM

3/27– Family Science Night at 5 PM at
Carrington

3/27 – End of Marking Period 3

3/29 – No School

4/3 – 12:00 Dismissal



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

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We have welcomed a BOOST coordinator, Michael Taylor, to our Carrington Family. We are excited to have Michael working to link our school to community partners to provide services and programs to serve our students and families. Mr. Taylor will be at Carrington daily supporting our staff, students and families. It was so nice to see so many families come out for our ice cream social. We are planning our first PTO meeting on March 11th at 5:30. All are welcome to attend and we look forward to your ideas and input to help build our PTO and school community. We are celebrating Read Across America week with daily activities to bring awareness to the importance and love of reading. We had a great turn out at the Hartford Wolf Pack Game, with 78 tickets sold. Carrington earned Group of The Game during the event.



Read Across America

We are celebrating Read Across America with a school wide Reading Week. For 10 minutes every day next week the entire school will drop everything and read! During this time, students will be allowed to read a book of their choosing. To make this time of day even more enjoyable, students and staff are invited to participate in these daily themes.

Reading Week

Monday

4

March

Hats Off to Reading

Just like the Cat...
Wear your favorite hat!



Tuesday

5

February

Reading is better with a Buddy



Bring your favorite stuffy to school to read with.
(Must fit in your backpack!)

Wednesday

6

March

Wacky Wednesdays

Wear crazy socks
The wackier the better!



Thursday

7

March

Dress for Success



You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
Dress to impress, dress for success.
You are welcome to dress up today.
(Attire must be school appropriate.)

Friday

8

March

Character Book Parade



Think Camila Cream, Harry Potter, Thing One or Two... the possibilities are endless! Dress up like your favorite book character. Bring your favorite book.
Parade starts at 2:00pm.



SPRING *Forward*

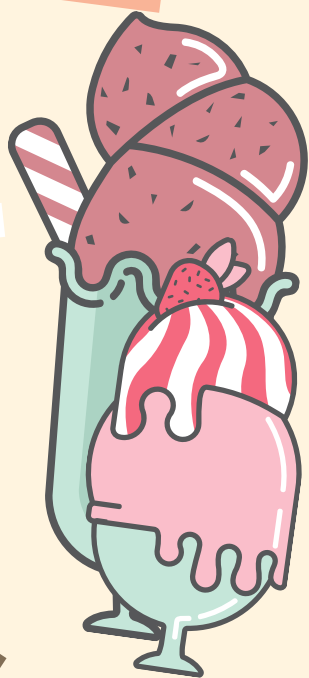
REMINDER

Remember to move your
clocks ahead one hour.



March 10, 2024





CARRINGTON'S ICE CREAM SOCIAL

February 21st, 2024



READING DEPARTMENT



March
Madness

BINGO!

For the month of March we are challenging you to read more at home with our March Madness BINGO.

Choose a challenge from your bingo card. Fill in four spots across on your card to receive a raffle entry. Bring the bingo card in every Monday. Each week we will draw raffle winners.

4 filled in challenges across = BINGO & a raffle entry

Fill your whole bingo card by the end of the month and you will receive a prize.

The class with the most participation at the end of the month win a party in the gym!

Happy Reading!

Ms. Johnson, Literacy Facilitator
Mrs. Mute, Reading Teacher
Mrs. Cancellaro, Reading Tutor





NURSE'S NEWS

Nurse : Tina Hauser, RN

Allergy season is quickly approaching. If your child suffers from seasonal allergies, please address their needs at home prior to coming to school. Please do not send in any medication with your student. If medication is required for the school setting, please have a doctor fill out a medication authorization form and an adult must bring the medication and the form to school.

Please remember to have your child bring in a water bottle to help keep them hydrated throughout the school day.

Grades 1,3,4, and 5 will be having hearing screenings done soon. If you prefer to opt out of this service please provide a signed note to the nurse's office.

Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 6th grade physicals are now due, please send one in if you have not done so already.

Please check parent square daily for any updates from the nurse office

As always call the nurse's office with any questions at
203-574-8303

PRE - KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Mauceri & Mrs. Promotico

During the month of March, we will embark on a Pre-K favorite, "Pets." The children are looking forward to discovering all things animal! In addition, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Week with many fun hands-on activities as well as some silly tongue-twisting, rhyming and alliteration games. We are also wrapping up our second marking period and will be sending home progress reports later in the month. We are so excited about all the progress and growth the boys and girls have shown! Additionally, we are inviting families to build and construct a "Leprechaun Trap" for St. Patrick's Day...check your child's folder for more details. Finally, we will also be welcoming Spring on the 20th as we get ready to learn about the importance of recycling and caring for our Earth in April.

With cold and flu season STILL in full swing, we are making every effort to minimize the effects in our classrooms with frequent hand washing. Please be sure to support these efforts at home as well.



KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Baker & Mrs. Boivin

READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS

Our kindergarteners are at various levels of reading skills and abilities. We approach this with differentiated work and small group instruction and continually progress monitoring for growth and achievement data.

It is Read Across America in March and we are encouraging all parents to take time at home to read to your child and as often as possible have them read to you . The power to read means once you can read and comprehend information the ability to learn anything and teach oneself new information is endless... being able to read is the foundation of all learning .

ASK YOUR CHILD THE 5 W'S AT THE END OF A STORY

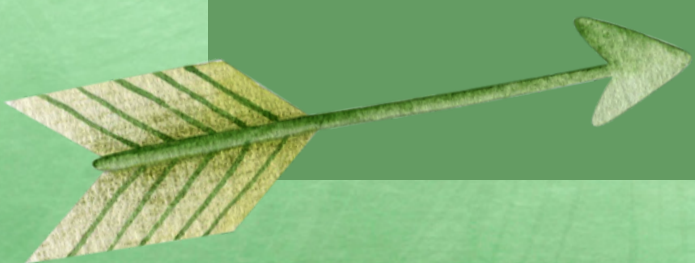
WHO? WHERE?
WHAT? WHEN ?
AND WHY ?

We are currently working on Story Elements and key details to understand and retell information from a story .

MATH

Kindergarten students are working on both addition and subtraction facts within 20 and many are also able to identify and write math equations to make a teen number .

Ask your child to write you some math facts and you will see their success !!!!



FIRST GRADE



Ms. Scarborough & Mrs. Varholak

Wonders – We are finishing up unit 4 on Animals and will be moving onto Unit 5 which will focus on the big idea of “How do we make sense of the world around us?” This unit will focus on science related topics such as classifying things, inventions and sound. We will continue to work on our writing by answering the essential questions for each week and learning new reading skills and strategies.

Math – We have started unit 3 which will be focusing on place value (tens and ones), comparing numbers, time and money. Please continue to work with your child at home on adding numbers up to 20 and making sure that they know all of their teen numbers.

ECRI – We are finishing up vowel teams (unit 4) and will be moving onto R-Controlled vowels (unit 5) with spellings of – ar, –er, –ir, –or and –ur, as well as –ore, and –oar. Please continue to practice the high frequency words up to this point. Students will be tested on their unit 4 words in about a week. Practicing reading and writing words with the letter patterns that we are learning will also help.

*practice words – arm, yard, large, start, her, germ, herd, shirt, girl, stir, fur, curb, turn, worm, world, word, corn, sort, north, more, shore, roar and soar.

Important Dates

3/6 Early Dismissal for Professional Development

3/26 Diabetes Prevention Puppet Show

3/29 No School Good Friday



SECOND GRADE



Ms. Guerrero & Mr. LeVasseur

Math...We have begun adding and subtracting three digit numbers. Students will build on their understanding of two digit addition and subtraction and work on challenging tasks with three digit numbers.

Regrouping is a major skill that we need to be successful. .

ECRI- In Ecri we are working on r-controlled vowels. First we will focus on /ir/ /er/ /ur/ and /or/. Then, we will work on /or/ /oar/ /ore/ and /ar/. We are also continuing to practice irregular words and affixes.

Reading...We are halfway through Unit 4. We will learn how we can understand nature with folktales and what excites us about nature with poetry. We will also discover the theme within each text. The theme of a story is the main message the author wants the reader to know.

We encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes nightly.

Writing...Our new writing unit will teach us about fictional narrative stories! We will learn the parts of a fictional narrative while identifying them in expert models and use graphic organizers to plan our own!

March is Womens' History Month and we will be exploring some influential women throughout the month.

The weather is inconsistent, so please make sure your child is in appropriate dress code daily and has appropriate outerwear for recess.

Announcements are made to students daily as reminders.

Be sure to check ParentSquare and ClassDojo daily for any updates in the classroom and to get a snapshot of your child's behavior! To earn the end of the month P.B.I.S. Reward, students must earn 80% positive Dojo points for the entire month. Thank you for being supportive at home and great partners in your child's education journey!

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Ciccone & Mr. Gagnon

During the month of March in literacy, third graders will read stories with themes of good choices, skills and talents, adaptations, and flight. Genres will include realistic fiction, folktales, and expository texts. Students continue to demonstrate their comprehension of a text with written responses using text evidence. Our fluency goal for the end of the year is 114 words correct per minute.

During numeracy students will analyze one step multiplication and division word problems and apply their knowledge to solve them. Students will begin to analyze scaled graphs and solve problems using their data. Third grade numeracy will also include the study of fractions.

Class Dojo and Parent Square continue to be our main tools for communication with parents and families. Please monitor your child's behavior by following their daily progress on Class Dojo. Many announcements and private messages are also sent via Parent Square. Please check that daily for important updates.

We are turning the corner towards spring!



FOURTH GRADE

Mrs. Carroll & Ms. Smith

In Math, we will continue to work on adding and subtracting fractions and mixed numbers. We will then multiply fractions and whole numbers. Reviewing math facts should be part of their daily homework, even when homework is given. Please have students check their planners and folders daily to determine if homework is given, provide them with a quiet space to complete homework when they get home, and that the homework is placed back in the folder and backpack upon completion.

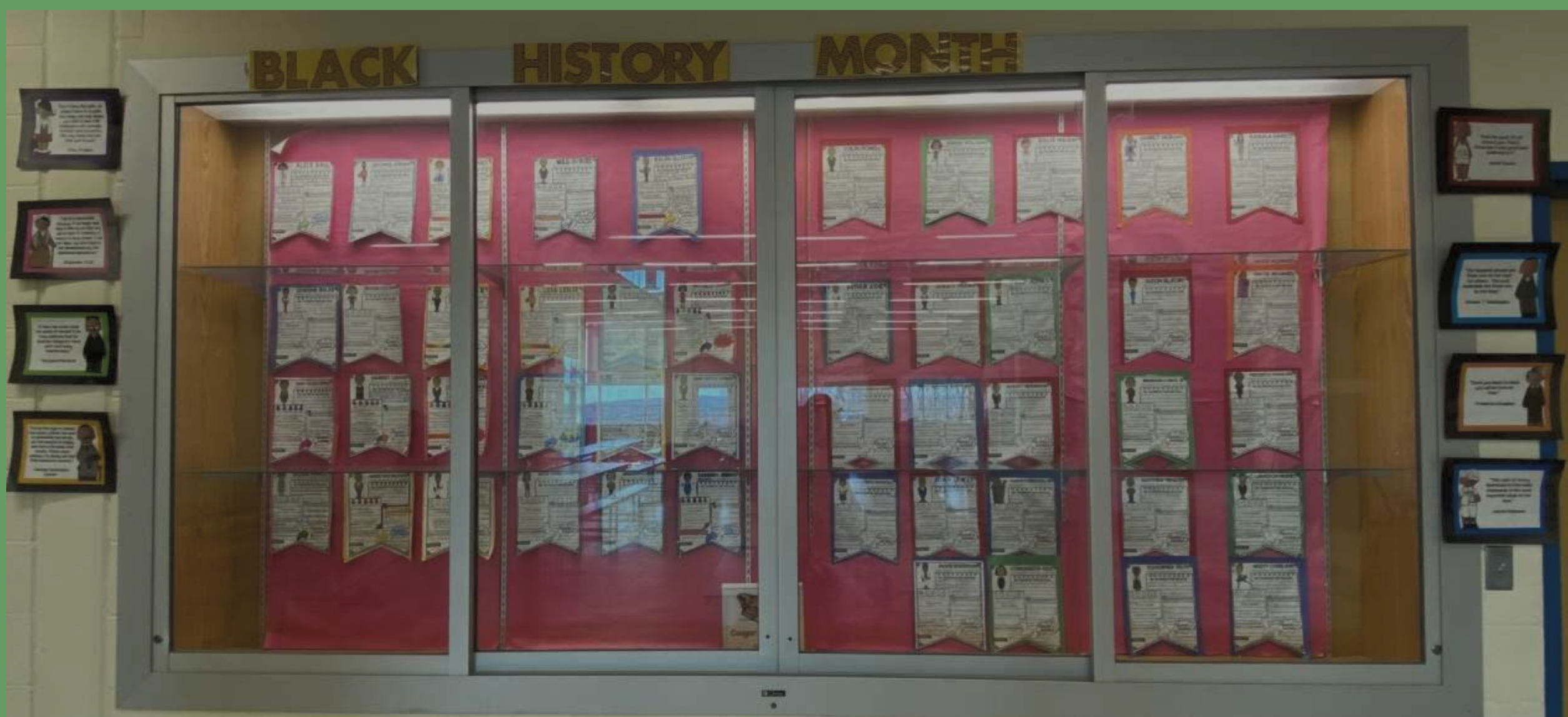
In ELA, we are working our way through Unit 4. Next week's lesson focuses on how we can explain the things we see when we look into the sky. We will discuss the relationship between the moon, the sun, and the Earth, as well as how their movements explain the phases of the moon. We are also still learning and writing different forms of poetry. As always, we practice our fluency daily in school and the expectation is that students are reading at least 4 nights per week for 25 minutes each at home and then recording that data on their homework reading calendar.

In Science, we are finishing up the unit on animal structures and we will soon begin a unit on Rocks and Fossils.

The students in both fourth grade classes worked collaboratively to create this poster for Black History Month. The poster consists of seventy-two pieces that students colored depicting sixteen influential African American men and women who made an impact in our country's history. Each student also did research on an African American person and made a pennant for their person - check out our display case of their work. As we celebrate Women's History Month this month, students will be learning about the women in the poster along with some others who have also influenced women's lives.

FOURTH GRADE

Photos of Poster Project



FIFTH GRADE

Mrs. Allen & Mr. Russo



Hello fifth-grade families! Welcome to March...in like a lion; out like a lamb! Please continue to send your child to school in layers. The weather is starting to warm up but it continues to be cold most mornings. We would like to remind you that hoodies are not part of the Waterbury school uniform policy. Students need to have a sweater that is a solid color (blue, gray, white or tan). Hoodies can be worn on Fitness Fridays with a dollar donated.

The first week of March will be “Read Across America” Week. The different days of the week will focus on a different activity for the school to celebrate reading together. A flier for this was posted on Parent Square and a copy was sent home on Friday, March 1st.

Please read to find out about what we will be focusing on this month in our core subjects:

Mathematics: In math this month we will continue to learn about fractions. We have begun adding fractions with unlike denominators. This will continue for a little longer. Then we will begin to look at subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. This learning will include improper fractions and mixed numbers. Students need to be familiar with their multiples and multiplication math facts in addition to adding and subtracting. We will eventually get to adding and subtracting decimal numbers and fractions in word problems. Please support your child by helping them with their math facts.

Science: In science we are continuing to learn about systems in space and then get into Earth’s systems. We are learning about patterns we see everyday and every year. The leap year was a nice tie in with this learning! We will be learning about the sun and then getting into Earth’s systems where we will learn about our atmosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, geosphere and the water cycle.



SIXTH GRADE

Mr. Carosella & Ms. Griffin

Math

Students will continue with evaluating expressions using the Order of Operations. Also, students will evaluate expressions with variables to solve real-world problems. Students will examine tables and write equations to graph on a coordinate plane as well. Also, students will graph polygons on a coordinate plane in all four quadrants.

Science

Students will continue Unit 3 Lobster Decline and Destructive Weather.

Students will begin the overarching concept of why the lobster population is migrating north. From there, students will be introduced to the water cycle and reasons for each step. Along with the water cycle, students will study currents and wind patterns. Also, students will learn that weather and climate are affected by different factors. All learning will be connected to the overarching concept introduced at the beginning of the unit.

Language Arts

Students will develop an argumentative writing essay on the qualities and characteristics of what it means to be a hero based on the historical figures presented in our Freedom Walkers text. Students will continue to work on different parts of speech and a variety of grammar concepts with Quill activities.

Reading

Students will continue reading Freedom Walkers, with a focus on Author's Purpose and Point of View, as well as Central and Main Idea of text excerpts. We will also be learning about female pioneers during March honoring Women's History Month.

Social Studies

Students will begin to explore the continent of Africa. Specifically, students will learn about the physical geography, history and life in Central, Western and Southern Africa.

SEVENTH GRADE

Social Studies – Mr. Thomas

Students will finish studying the continent of South America and proceed to examine the geographical, historical, and current events of Europe.

Math – Ms. Hall

Students are beginning their new unit on Inequalities. In this unit, students will be able to understand how to solve one-step inequalities and two-step inequalities by isolating the variable. They are also learning how to graph inequalities on a number line. We will also start practicing for State testing that will be happening in a few months.

Science – Ms. Murrar

Students are learning about cells and the characteristics of living things. They are spending time learning about microscopes and looking at a variety of different specimens under a compound microscope.

Reading – Mr. Napp

The students will wrap up unit 3 and begin to read the final book of the year. S.E Hinton's classic *The Outsiders*

Language Arts – Mrs. Fernandez

Students have been working on a mini project on South African history. They will be presenting their projects this week to the class.





EIGHTH GRADE

Social Studies – Mr. Thomas

Students will begin to examine creation of the Articles of Confederation and the United States Constitution.

Math – Ms. Hall

Students are beginning their unit on Systems of Equations. In this unit students are learning how to solve equations by substitution, elimination, and graphing. We will also start practicing for State testing that will be happening in a few months.

Science – Ms. Murrar

Students are studying natural selection, artificial selection, and evolution and genetics. They have several activities and projects in class to help them further understand how species adapt and change over time.

Reading – Mr. Napp

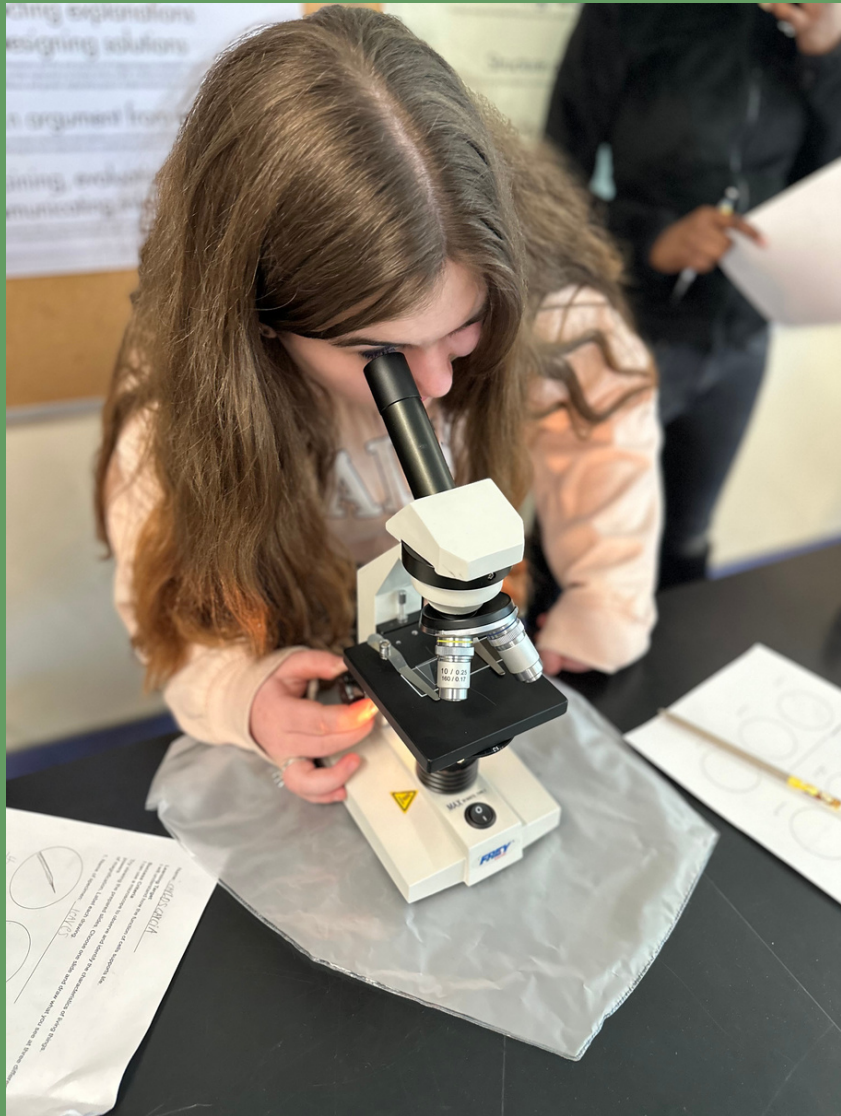
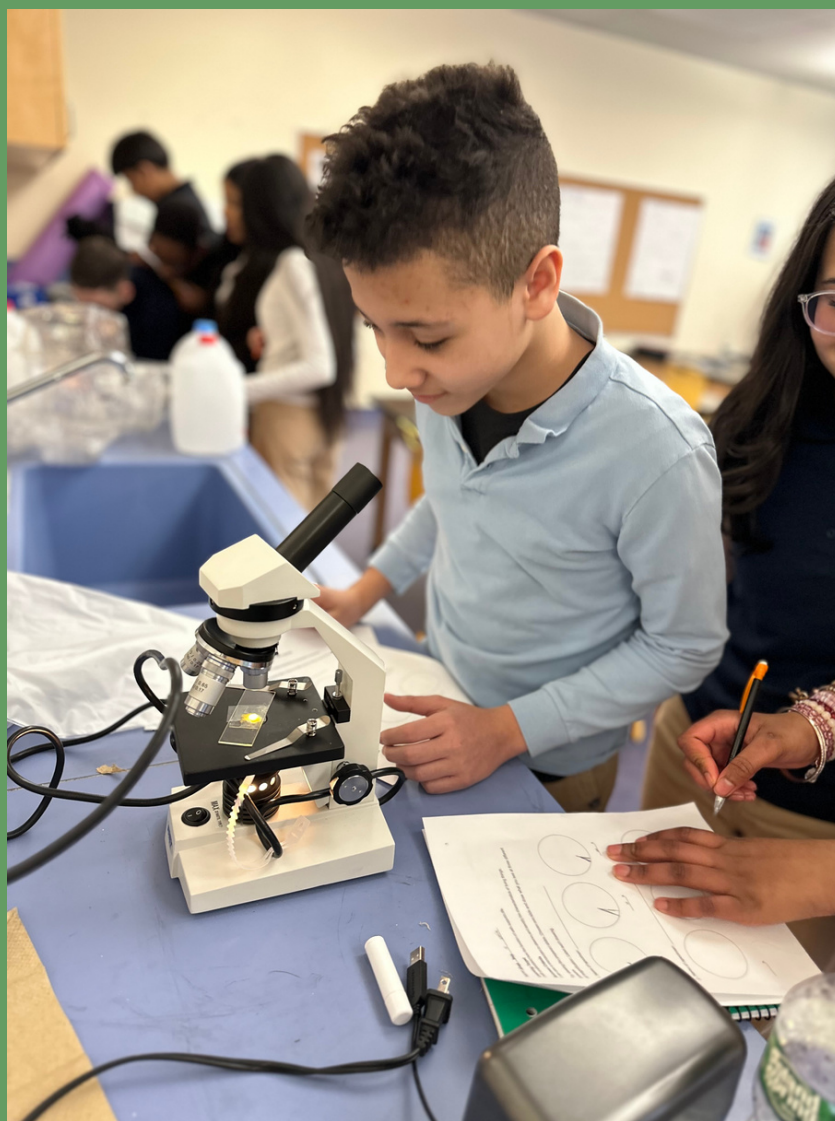
Students will wrap up Unit 3 and begin their new book *Bronx Masquerade* by Nikki Grimes

Language Arts – Mrs. Fernandez

Students have been reading through StudySync excerpts that showcase the injustices of our past. Students have been filling in a chart of the injustices that they have been noticing, discussing how the main character is facing these injustices, and what that says about their character/morality.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

7th Grade Microscope Station Lab



8th Grade Famous Faces Contest



ESSENTIAL SKILLS

Essential Skills 1

Ms. Rodriguez

Hello from Essential Skills 1. We are looking forward to a successful and productive month of March. Some exciting things we will be doing in class is the celebration of Dr. Suess' birthday and Dr. Seuss week, read across America. We will read/watch "green eggs and ham" and we will also be making green eggs and ham for the students. Another story we are doing is "the lorax" and making a lorax fruit snack. We will make thing one and thing 2 paint projects focusing on the colors Red, Blue and Green. We are also decorating Shamrocks, pot of gold coin counting and rainbow color Identification. We will continue to work on our daily tasks and goals. Have a great happy month of March!

Essential Skills 2

Ms. Teal

ESC-2 welcomes you to March where we will be entering suessville! Its March Read across America month and We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss Birthday and reading and watching some great stories. We also will continue to work on our monthly goals and objectives as well as making Spring ART, (yes Spring is finally approaching). Please keep an eye out for any updates or messages on Parent Square, Thank you.



SPECIAL EDUCATION

Elementary – Mrs. Barbati

March is here already and with it comes Spring. This will be a busy month as we continue to work on student's goals and objectives in both Math and Reading. For our Grade 3 and 4 students, the State testing is just around the corner (May 2024). Students have been working very hard all year towards this goal and practice in both of these content areas will continue with purpose. I am so proud of the growth my students have made from my Kindergarteners all the way up to 4th grade. Happy Spring!!!

Middle School – Mrs. Pierce

We have made it to March! We will have a day off in this long month due to Good Friday. The students have scheduled early dismissals on the 6th, 13, 20th, and 27th for teacher professional development. My 5th–8th grade students will continue to work on the goals and objectives. I have seen much progress this year from my students. I am proud of their accomplishments and would like to thank parents for their continued support. If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to me via e-mail kpierce@waterbury.k12.ct.us or the telephone 203–574–8184 ext. 35409.



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Mrs. Parker

Students have finished state mandated testing (LAS). All students worked hard and tried their best. I am proud of them! We will resume our normal schedules and objectives.

Happy March!





SPECIALS

Music – Mrs. Doolan

In Music Classes the elementary children are learning about African Music. They are learning the style of Call and Response, as well as many instruments including the djembe, shekere, and agogo, They are singing the songs Che Che Koolay, Abiyoyo, and Obwisana. They also have learned about Scott Joplin and Ragtime music. The 7th grades have learned about the musical Wicked and the 8th grades have learned about Phantom of the Opera. The 7th and 8th grades have also studied the roots of Jazz and learned about Louis Armstrong and Bessie Smith.

Physical Education – Mr. Chiasson

In Physical Education, students in grades PK-2 are continuing their unit on striking with an implement with activities such as tennis, badminton, and hitting a ball off a tee. Following this unit, towards the end of the month students will begin a scooter unit that involves different ways to move on them as well as different sports that could be played. In grades 3-5 students will be continuing their unit on volleyball where skills as well as modified gameplay will take place. Following volleyball, students will begin a unit on badminton/tennis where they will work on striking with an implement that culminates in gameplay. In grades 6-7, students will be continuing their unit on basketball where skills and gameplay will take place. Following this unit students will begin a unit on volleyball where basic skills and modified gameplay will take place. In grade 8, students will continue in their unit on volleyball where a round robin tournament will take place. Following this unit students will begin a unit on badminton.

Library – Mrs. Rosa

Happy March! Students in grades 5 - 8 worked very hard on their Black History Month projects. I encourage you to take a look at their hard work. Students in grades 5-8 are currently working on a research project about a chosen president. Later this month, we will be learning about plagiarism, copyright, and misinformation. This month grades Pre-K to 1st will be reading fun stories about St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Next month we will focus on poetry in Library Media. Students who would like to participate in the Silas Bronson Poetry contest, will be given a paper for parents/guardians to complete.

