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Mt. Arlington Fired Department visits Decker for Fire Prevention Month

Principal's Corner

We have another few amazing weeks of the school year in the books. A lot has happened and we hope you enjoy this edition of Laker Insider.

I especially want to thank the Rotary Club of Lake Hopatcong and the Mount Arlington Fire Department. They have been and continue to be an integral part of our school community. Please see just a snippet of their contributions from these last few weeks alone.

We appreciate all of our community partners and look forward to highlighting their involvement in our schools throughout the year.

Notes from the Superintendent

Happy Fall to all our Mount Arlington families! We are entering a very exciting time of the school year with Halloween and Thanksgiving just around the corner. I want to take a moment to address an important topic that affects all students. Studies show that chronic absenteeism has a direct relationship to student achievement. It is therefore important for all of our students to be in school every day unless they are showing signs of illness. Please partner with us in ensuring that students are in attendance whenever possible so we can best support their academic growth.

Upcoming Events

10/21-25 - Red Ribbon Week
10/31 - Halloween Be Safe and Have Fun!!!
11/3 - Daylight Savings Time Ends - Clocks BACK
11/7&8 - NJEA Convention (Schools Closed)
11/11 - Veterans Day
11/18-11/21 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (1/2 Days)
11/27-29 - Thanksgiving Recess (1/2 Day 27th, Schools Closed 28 & 29)

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A Message from the PTO

We would like to remind everyone to sign up for PT Board. It is a great way to keep up to date on everything PTO. We look forward to working with you!

Warm regards,
Brooke, Lisa, Randi and Laura

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Pre-K - "Who Works in our School?"

Mrs. McInerney & Mrs. Law

Pre-K met some important people who work at our school. We learned about their jobs. This is our favorite week of the year! We even made mini Decker Schools and collected photos of these people.

Rotary Club of Lake Hopatcong Donates Dictionaries to 3rd Graders

A VERY special thank you to the Rotary Club for their generous donation of hard copy dictionaries to all 3rd grade students. Members of the Rotary Club came in and presented the dictionaries to all students and then did a mini lesson on how to use the dictionary, challenging them to find specific words. The kids (and teachers) had a blast and we all really appreciate their time.

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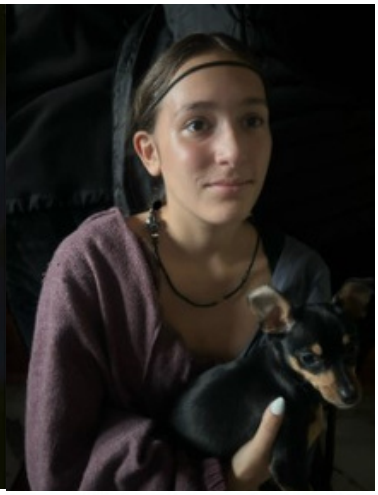
8th Grade Renaissance Art Projects

Miss Kelly

Earlier this month, the 8th graders completed their unit of study on the Renaissance. They learned about the changing worldviews and the return to Greek and Roman culture of the time period. For this project, students focused on themes of Renaissance art by famous Renaissance painters and sculptors: realism, humanism, and secularism. Each student studied a different artist and selected one of their artworks to analyze. Finally, students recreated the artwork with their own modern twist or created a tableau bringing the artwork to life. The classes truly enjoyed making their own "masterpieces" and seeing the creativity of their classmates come to life.



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Thank you to the Mount Arlington Fire Department for spending time with our Decker students. Each class went out for a lesson on fire safety and had the opportunity to see some of the equipment they use to fight fires. The kids had so much fun during this visit, especially when they each got to climb inside one of the trucks and walk through to the other side (escorted by the professionals of course). Thank you again to Mount Arlington's Brave!!

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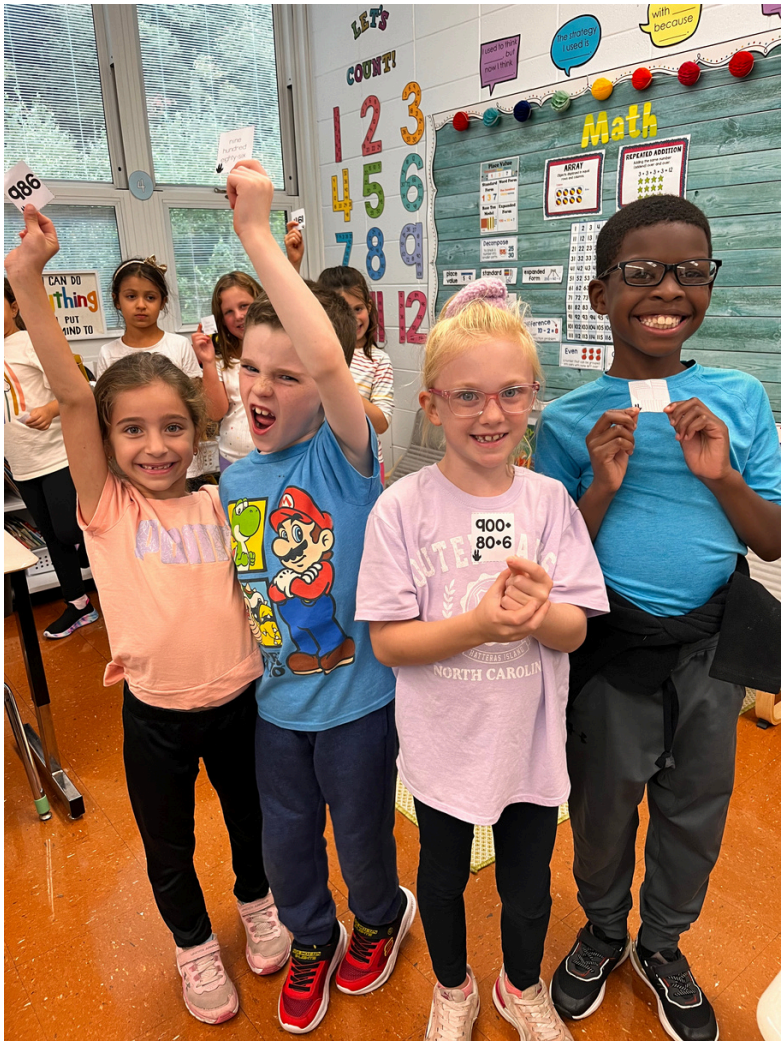
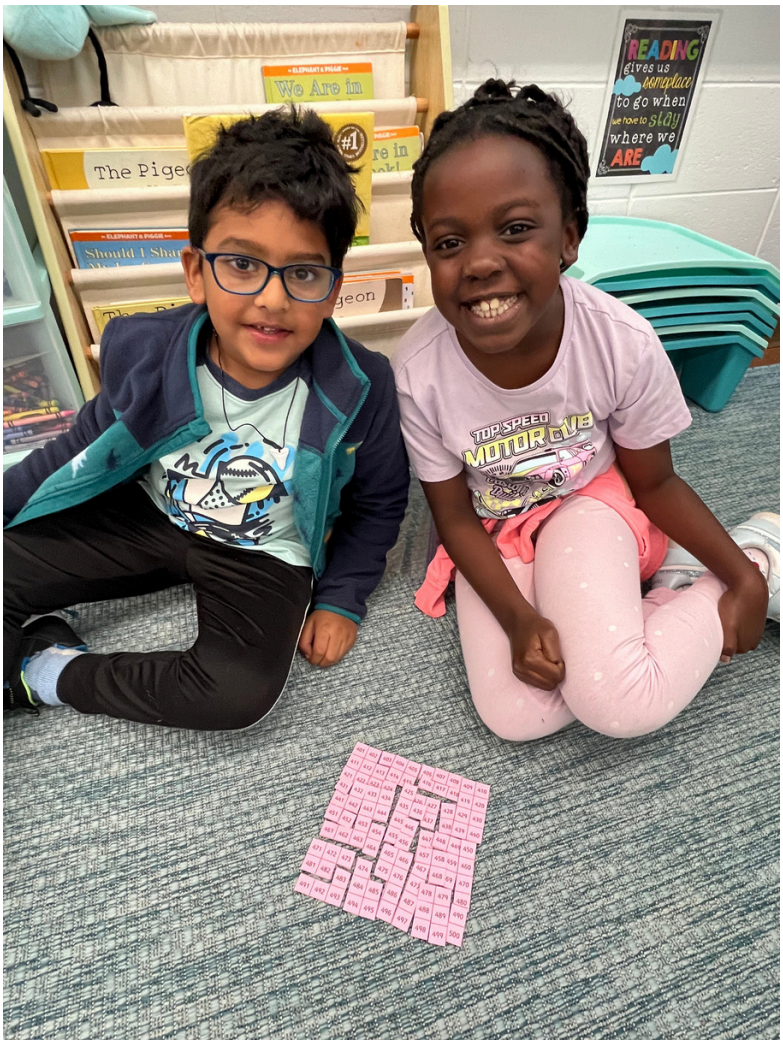
2A Doin' Some Math

Ms. Alexander

Join 2A as they dive into the exciting world of place value! In one activity, students worked together to piece together number grids that stretched all the way to 1,000, sharpening their understanding of place value along the way. In addition, students participated in an interactive game called "Find Your Pack." Each student received a card displaying a number in one of four different representations—such as standard form, expanded form, word form, or a visual illustration. Without speaking, they had to find their classmates who had the same number represented in a different way. Once they successfully grouped together, they posed for a fun photo to celebrate their teamwork and understanding of place value! This activity not only reinforced their learning but also encouraged nonverbal communication and collaboration.





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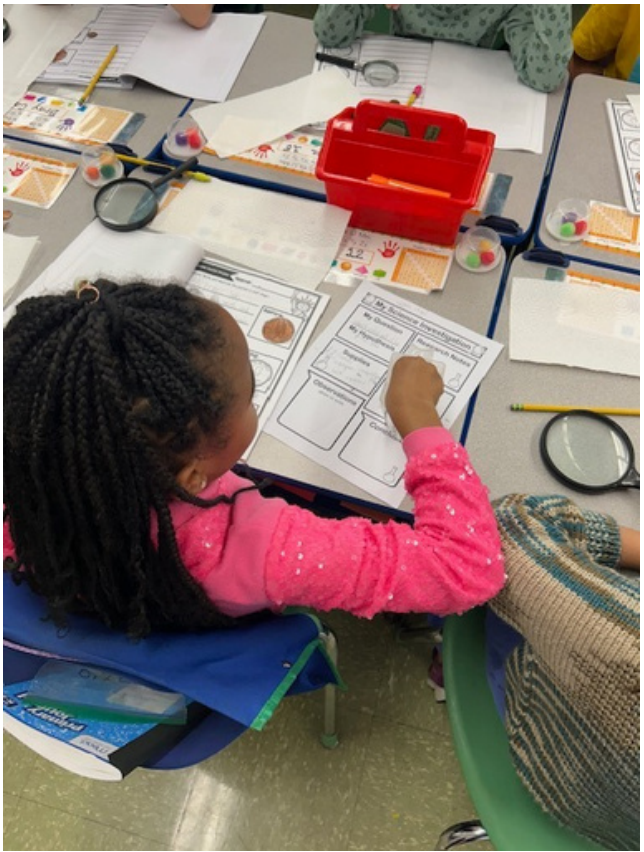
2M's Penny Experiment

Mrs. Manney & Mrs. Edge

In Mrs. Manney's 2nd grade class, with the assistance of Mrs. Edge, the students experimented with vinegar, salt, and water to see how and why the color of a penny changes. This emulates the changes the Statue of Liberty has endured over time which connected directly to the students Democracy Unit in Social Studies. The students also had to observe and analyze what occurs to the penny when the vinegar and salt stayed on the penny or when it was rinsed off.



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Patterns of Motion

Mrs. Gonzalez's 3rd Grade

In science class we investigated patterns of motion by creating a model trapeze. Students observed and took measurements of their model and used the data to predict the motion of a real trapeze.

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Class of 2025 5K Fundraiser

The 5K Fundraiser had a great turnout and we were able to raise $5,028 towards the 8th grade class trip with a total of 74 registered runners.

This 5k was also in the memory of our police officer Joe Wargo, who was killed in the line of duty on October 16, 2011. Officer Joe was an amazing person who loved to help our community in every possible way. May he rest in peace.

Special thank you to Frank Sarinelli for organizing and hosting the 5k through the Rotary club of Lake Hopatcong since 2018. Your continued and extensive contributions are greatly appreciated.

Special thank you to all our wonderful sponsors (listed below), our awesome community & fantastic volunteers who made this happen. Our police department did a great job keeping our runners safe.

Shout out to our 8th grade students who participated in this special event !

Gianna Mancuso & Jonathan Nixon came in first !! Way to go !
BIG THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE ROTARY CLUB OF LAKE HOPATCONG & OUR SPONSORS !
MTA STRONG !

With Gratitude,
-8th Grade Parents

5K Fundraiser Sponsors

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MAPS Athletics

As October comes to a close, the Lakers and Lady Lakers soccer teams, as well as the cross-country runners, are wrapping up their exciting fall seasons. The past two months have seen hard work, determination, and growth from all of our MAPS student athletes.

Throughout the season, both the boys' and girls' soccer teams faced tough competition. While some games ended in victories and others in lessons learned, the players grew stronger with each practice and match. We look forward to our first round games of the GMCJSCA Soccer Tournament when both teams take on Rockaway Valley on October 21st.

In their debut season, the cross-country team competed in a series of meets, often against more experienced competitors, but they never shied away from the challenge. All of the runners made great strides in their races, with many setting new personal records. We are excited to compete against many other Morris County schools in the GMCJSCA Grade Level & Team Races on October 17th & October 24th.

Next up in MAPS Athletics is our boys' and girls' basketball season, which will get underway in early November. If your child is interested in trying out please make sure to turn in the necessary paperwork by October 31st. Contact Megan Hahn, Athletic Coordinator, at athletics@mtarlingtonk8.org with any questions. GO LAKERS!