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Love of Reading Week & Decker's Dr. Seuss Night (continued on page 3)

This year's Love of Reading Week theme at MAPS was "Reading is a Passport to New Worlds" focusing on both the magic of fictional worlds, including the hallway decoration takeover ([video here](#)) and broadening our scopes of different cultures.

The Decker staff also did an amazing job preparing for and leading Dr. Seuss Night with our students and families.



Upcoming Events

- 3/19 - Board of Education Preliminary Budget Meeting - 7:00pm
- 3/24-28 - Music in Our Schools Spirit Week
- 4/10 - Middle School Dance - 6:30-8:00pm
- 4/18-27 - Spring Break-Schools Closed
- 4/28 - School Resumes



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Principal's Corner

First, apologies for such a long span between newsletters. It's been quite busy as many of you know.

It's crazy to believe we are already in the middle of March and just weeks away from Spring Break. I know my family and I are more than ready for the warmer weather.

There are a few key notes I would like to share with you all as we continue with a great school year:

First, as a reminder, if a situation between students occurs outside of school but brings the emotions and adverse impact inside of the building, we will need to get involved. Much of this, unfortunately, involves the use of cellphones outside of school. I understand the difficulty and pressure surrounding cell phones with kids but something that has helped my family navigate this issue is the extensive parental control features offered on the iPhone platform. I won't go into detail but it might be worth looking into for some who share the same concerns. With the help of all of our staff, I continue to prioritize providing a safe, comfortable, fun, and educational environment for all students and staff and appreciate your continued support in doing so.

Next, we have been noticing some attire being worn by students (mainly the older students) that goes against the Board Policy 5511. Students in grades 5-8 were further educated about this policy and the expectations and requirements going forward. Please review the policy [HERE](#) and discuss it with your child(ren).

Last, I want to personally and publicly acknowledge the continued hard work and dedication of our entire staff. As many of you have seen, and you all will see in this edition of Laker Insider, we have had a lot of participation from staff to make the events at Decker and MAPS so exciting and memorable for our students and families. Thank you again for all you do!

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly with any questions or concerns. I also do love to hear from community members about our amazing staff as well.

Now, I hope you enjoy this edition of Laker Insider. We all look forward to another outstanding three months at MAPS and Decker.

Truly,
Joe Coladarci
Principal



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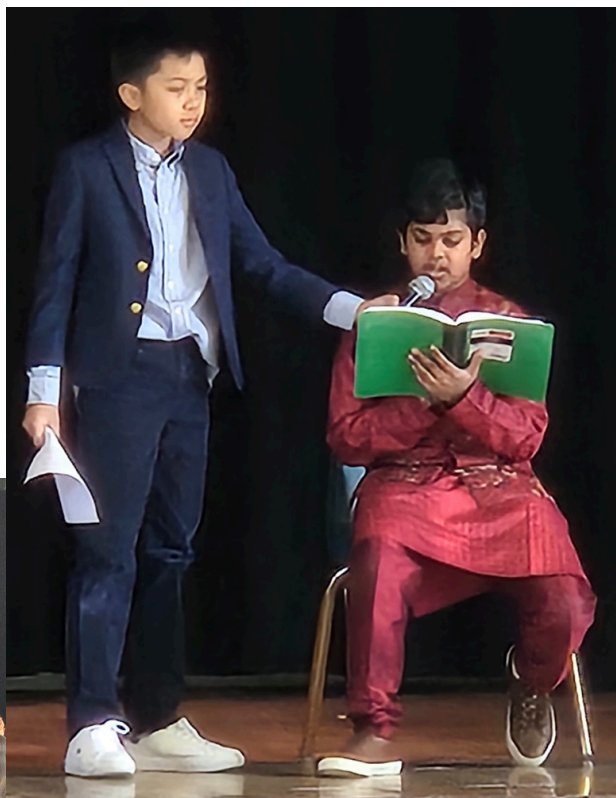
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Love of Reading Week @ MAPS

Each student was given a passport book at the start of the week and had opportunities to collect passport stamps from their teachers for participating in spirit week, completing reading activities, visiting the museum, etc. Students also engaged in differentiated and thematic reading activities in their classes all week. Lastly, there was a book raffle at the end of the week with six different students winning a book provided by the PTO and the Ortiz family.

From the multicultural perspective, each grade level was assigned a country and spent weeks preparing for this week in two ways: they created a museum exhibit in the media center (seen at the end of the video) including information and artifacts, which included a scavenger hunt based on their work and a presentation for our Cultural Assembly. The assembly (photos below) kicked off with a Latin dance instructor followed by the grade level presentations reflective of their assigned country.





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Cultural Assembly continued





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Decker's Dr. Seuss Night





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Decker's Dr. Seuss Night continued





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Art News

March is recognized as Youth Art Month. Each year, AENJ (Art Educators of New Jersey) sponsors an exhibit showcasing art created by students in KDG through Grade 12. The artwork is being showcased in the Morris and Sussex County exhibit and reception at the County College of Morris later this month.

The following students have artwork displayed at the county level exhibit this year:

Dhvanil Dave
Alessandra Gioffe
Vasin Kottireddy
Eva Bloom-Aemisegao

Iaromir Fedko
Maya Fetiha
Angelo Robles
Valentina Soto



Additionally, Mrithula Prasanna's piece (left) is being displayed at the state level art exhibit at Grounds for Sculpture.



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3rd Grade First Responders Visit

Third grade had a special visit from our own Mt. Arlington First Responders. Chief Marcano and the first responders did a great job teaching students about lake and fire safety. We discussed when not to walk on a frozen lake and when it would be the safest. We learned important self-rescue techniques in the event someone falls through the ice. Students saw first hand how a first responder gets ready for an ice rescue by wearing a personal protective suit known as a cold-water/ice rescue suit. In addition, students learned all about fire safety and took a tour of the Mt. Arlington Fire Truck.





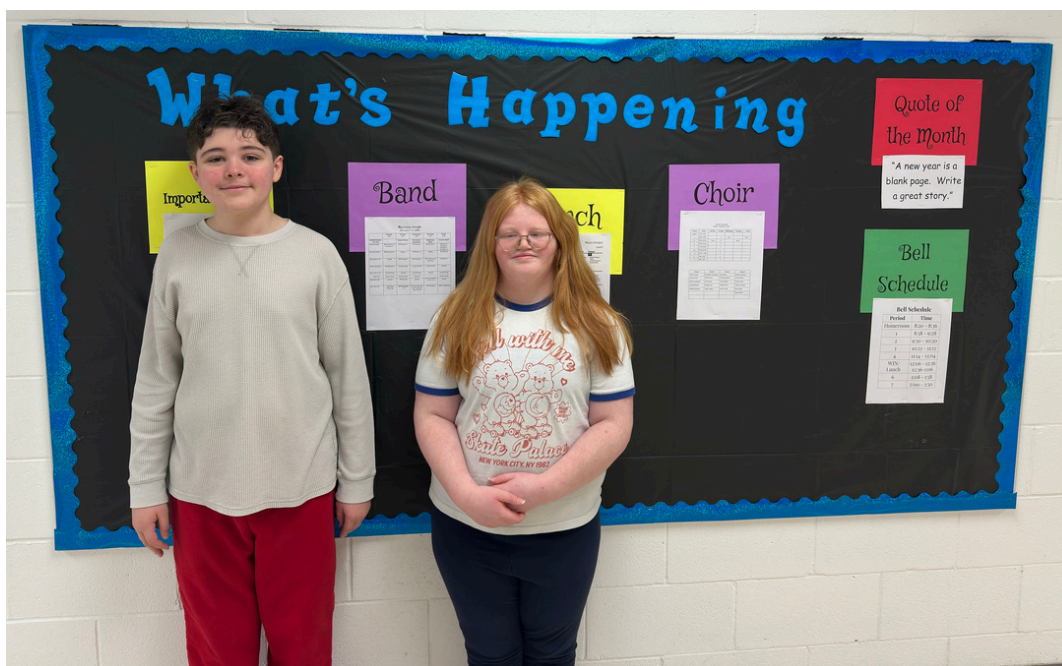
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Mrs. D'Arco's Class



Elijah & Cali created the Middle School Bulletin Board for our hallway to keep students informed of what is happening each week in school.



Celebrating Valentine's Day



Making Bongo's for the Colombian Display for Love of Reading Week



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Mrs. Farley's 3rd Grade Class

Mrs. Farley's class recently finished up our multiplication and division math chapters so we celebrated by having a "bakery day" where we completed many different stations related to baking and practicing our facts. Of course, there had to be some props and actual treats involved, too.





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Mrs. Tonic's Science Class

Mrs. Tonic's 7th-grade students hosted a "Chemistry Carnival", turning their classroom into an interactive space filled with science and fun! Each group designed a booth to showcase a chemical reaction, complete with experiments, creative displays, and games to engage their peers. From bubbling eruptions to colorful changes, students explained the science behind the reactions and their real-world applications. The carnival was a fun and educational way to bring chemistry concepts to life while highlighting our students' creativity and teamwork!





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2nd Marking Period Honor Roll

Congratulations to our 2nd Marking Period Honor Roll recipients!!!

Honor Roll Award Recipients-Marking Period 2

High Honor Roll- All A's

Miguel Coscolluela – 5	Arnav Desai – 5	Nirajit Ghosh – 5
Mishika Jaikaria – 5	Michele LeSueur – 5	Liam Maher – 5
Colton Oliver – 5	Madison Panycia – 5	Jonah Price – 5
Christopher Ryan – 5	Eva Bloom-Aemisegao – 6	Julietta Borowiec – 6
Ava Braico – 6	Faith Cervera – 5	Tanav Dave – 6
Victoria Martinez – 5	Lexi Olic – 6	Hannah Philip – 6
Sophia Duque – 7	Natalie Fernandez – 7	Elijah Hughes – 7
Isabella Isriprashad – 7	Ariana Jenny – 7	Zoey Olliges – 7
Joshua Osorio – 7	Gabriela Barcicki – 8	Emily Drogan – 8
Haley Gold – 8	Maia Iwaniuk – 8	Jeffrey LeSueur – 8
Maliya Martinez – 8	Jonathan Nixon – 8	Jazalyn Perez – 8
Mia Perez – 8	Alexis Tauriello – 8	Katelyn Thurman – 8

Honor Roll-A's and no more than 2 B's

Amy Arias – 5	CJ Blandura – 5	Logan Bonsu – 5
Lana Cottenie – 5	Gael Duque – 5	Rayyan Umer – 5
Nico Venditti – 5	Sophia Vera – 5	Ayaan Ali – 6
Anna Chukas – 6	Anthony Klein – 6	Joseph Lima – 6
Peter Panycia – 6	Derek Baxter – 7	Cole Connelly – 7
Andrew Dicker – 7	Joella Lee – 7	Summer Lovins – 7
Daniel Rojas – 7	Farhan Ali – 8	Logan Coles – 8
John Kalafut – 8	Gianna Mancuso – 8	Christian Nixon – 8
Maya Olic – 8		



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TREP\$

TREP\$, short for enTREPpreneur\$, is a project-based learning program that will be teaching our 6th grade students how to start their own businesses. They learn the essential skills in lessons at school and apply them as they build their businesses.

The whole school community is invited to come out and enjoy the TREP\$ Marketplace on April 29th from 5:30-7:00, held at MAPS.

This Marketplace is where the young entrepreneurs will launch their businesses together. We invite the whole community to come and witness the exciting business ideas and products our students come up with and consider purchasing from them. The Marketplace will also include prior TREP\$ students currently in 7th and 8th grade.

This program is being led by Mrs. Malakuskie, with the generous financial support of the Lake Hopatcong Rotary Club. There will also be door prizes supplied by the PTO.

We hope to see you there!!
TREP\$ Marketplace
April 29th - 5:30-7:00 @MAPS





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Annual Volleyball Tournament

On April 7th the PTO held their annual volleyball tournament at Eisenhower Middle School. We thank the PTO for putting on such an awesome event. We also thank the MAPD, MAFD, 8th grade students and our staff for fielding teams and participating. There were many community members and a lot of fun happening that evening. CONGRATULATIONS to the MAPD for winning the tournament! Also, a **HUGE** congratulations to the 8th grade student team that made it to the finals.....the first time a student team made it to the finals. Job well done! We're already looking forward to the next tournament.





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Mount Arlington Rec. Department News

Please see the following fliers from the Recreation Department....

MOUNT ARLINGTON BOROUGH

TRAVEL SOCCER LEAGUE



Mount Arlington Borough is now offering a travel soccer league.

There will be two age groups:

K-3rd Grade

4th-8th Grade

Two practices during the week
Saturday games

<https://register.communitypass.net/MtArlingtonBorough>

This program will not replace the Munchkin Soccer program already established for 3-5 year olds.



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MUNCHKIN SOCCER

DATES

**APRIL 26TH
-JUNE 21ST**

**Boys & Girls
3-5 Years Old**

10:30 am

Saturday Mornings

Register at:

<https://register.communitypass.net/MtArlingtonBorough>

**Will not overlap with Tee Ball &
Coach Pitch**



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YOUTH SOFTBALL

SIGN UPS

**APRIL 26-
JULY 26
2025**

Sign Up on CommunityPass

<https://register.communitypass.net/MtArlingtonBorough>



Open To 

Ages 5-12 Year Olds

Contact Assistant Clerk Karen Territo with questions at
kterrito@mtarlingtonboro.com or 973-398-6832 ext. 125



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AGES 5-12 SIGN UP ON
COMMUNITYPASS

[HTTPS://REGISTER.COMMUNITYPASS.NET/
MTARLINGTONBOROUGH](https://register.communitypass.net/MTARLINGTONBOROUGH)

CONTACT ASSISTANT CLERK KAREN TERRITO WITH ANY
QUESTIONS

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LET'S PLAY BALL!

JOIN MOUNT ARLINGTON
TEE BALL & COACH PITCH!

SATURDAY MORNINGS APRIL 26-JUNE 21

TEE BALL- AGES 4-6

COACH PITCH- AGES 6-8

PLAYERS WILL NEED GLOVES!

Sign up at: <https://register.communitypass.net/MtArlingtonBorough>

