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Subject: NPSD 6th Grade Science students visit the DeCorso Center

Sixth grade science students from Allen W. Roberts School, led by science educator Leslie Ditta, visited with seniors at the DeCorso Center on January 8th. This visit was the culmination to the science classes' study of the nervous system and sensory functioning. Prior to the visit, the students participated in class experiments to help them understand how their senses work, as well as participating in sensory impairment simulations. Understanding the causes of sensory impairment, how it can be prevented, and how we can support members of our community who may be experiencing sensory challenges were all foci of the lessons. For the December holiday season, the science classes (and their generous families) "Adopted a Senior" by donating sensory-sensitive activities such as large-print crossword puzzle books, stress balls, and table-top games (e.g. table-top cornhole and pickleball), etc. to be gifted to those who visit the DeCorso Center. During the January 8th visit, in addition to the presentation of the gifted activities, the students conducted some of their class experiments and simulations with their senior friends. Experiments included a mystery smell station, lab goggles altered to simulate cataracts and glaucoma, and rubber gloves stuffed with cotton balls and popsicle sticks to simulate neuropathy and arthritis, respectively. It was a special visit filled with smiles, laughter, and fun!

