NEWSLETTER

MEADOWLANDS AREA YMCA 21ST CCLC

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tutoring Every Saturday
9AM - 11AM

March 5-6, 2026 - Scholastic Book Fair

March 12, 2026 - Literacy Night

March 13, 2026 - Dance for Grades 5-8

March 17,2026 - Board of Education Meeting

April 16, 2026 - STEAM Night

After School Program March/April Closures

March 20, 2026

April 2, 2026 - April 12, 2026

Before we turn our focus to the months ahead, I'd like to take a moment to look back on all the great moments our students shared in January and February.

The past two months were filled with learning, creativity, and plenty of fun. Students stayed busy with a variety of activities that built confidence and supported their academic growth. It was wonderful to see them try new things, work together, and continue developing important skills. Even during the colder days, students remained active, engaged, and excited to participate each afternoon.

We are so proud of the effort and positive attitudes our students showed throughout these months. Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We're looking forward to another great stretch ahead in our After School Program.

Warm regards,
Philip Facendola
Program Director
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PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
FREE PROGRAM OPENED TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 3 -8

Homework Help	Chorus Club	Drawing Program
Tutoring	Finance Club	Basketball Program
Enrichment Program	Robotics	Mad Science
Saturday Tutoring	Fashion/Sewing Club	Student Council
Art Program	Crochet Club	Drama/RLC TV

TO REGISTER PLEASE GO TO THE RLC WEBSITE AND FIND US UNDER CLUBS AND PROGRAMS

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHORUS CLUB CELEBRATES VALENTINE'S DAY WITH SENIOR COMMUNITY



On February 18th, members of our Chorus Club had the special opportunity to perform for the Moonachie senior citizens at their monthly meeting. The students were excited to share their voices and spend time connecting with members of our community in a meaningful way.

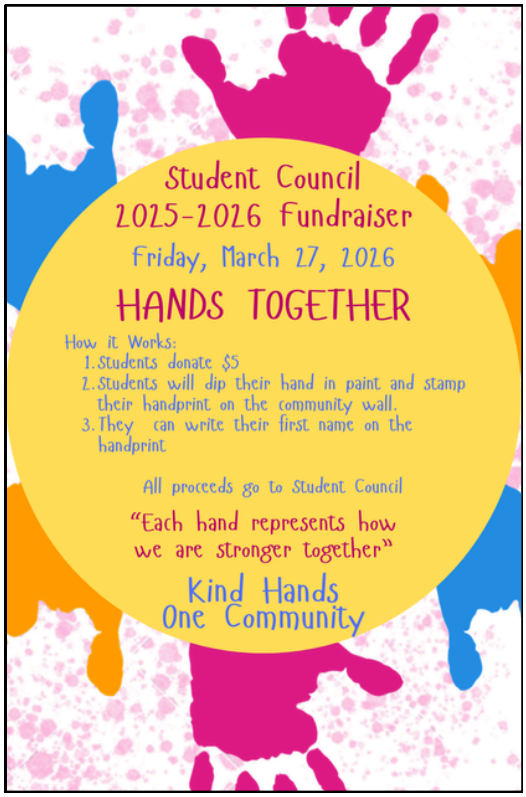
The Chorus Club performed a selection of songs. The room was filled with smiles, applause, and even a few audience members singing along. It was a wonderful moment of connection between generations, and our students truly rose to the occasion.

We are so proud of the confidence, respect, and enthusiasm our Chorus Club members displayed. Their performance not only showcased their hard work and talent, but also demonstrated the power of music to bring people together. It was a memorable experience for everyone involved, and we look forward to more opportunities like this in the future.

CLUBS & PROGRAMS

Student Council Launches "Hands Together" Fundraiser

Our Student Council is excited to kick off a new fundraiser in March called **Hands Together**. This meaningful project is more than just a fundraiser - it's a chance for our school community to come together in a meaningful and visible way.



As part of the fundraiser, students will dip their hands in paint and stamp their handprint directly onto a designated wall in the school hallway. Each handprint will become part of a growing mural that represents "Kind Hands, One Community." Watching the wall fill up with colorful handprints will be a powerful reminder that every student contributes to making our school a positive and supportive place.

Each handprint symbolizes the idea that we are stronger together. One hand alone makes a mark, but many hands side by side create something truly special. Through this fundraiser, Student Council hopes to promote kindness, unity, and school pride while raising funds to support future student activities and events.

Saturday Tutoring Program Supports Student Success



Our Saturday Tutoring Program continues to be a valuable opportunity for students who would like extra academic support in a small, focused setting. Each Saturday morning from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., dedicated teachers and counselors work closely with students and help them strengthen important skills.

We are grateful to our teachers and counselors for their commitment and to the families who support their children in attending. The Saturday Tutoring Program is just one more way we work together to ensure every student has the tools they need to succeed.

CLUBS & PROGRAMS

FASHION/SEWING







CROCHET CLUB





BASKETBALL







