

# MLVRCS Gazette



## Trunk or Treat at MLVRCS



On October 25, 2024, the entire school was able to participate in the annual celebration of Trunk or Treat. The students in K to 4<sup>th</sup> grade dressed up. It was so great to see all their costumes.

Teachers and staff put a lot of hard work into decorating their cars and making this an event that the students will remember.



## Important Dates

No School – Veteran’s Day – November 11, 2024

Parent/Teacher Conferences – November 13, 2024

12PM Dismissal for Staff and Students – November 27, 2024

Thanksgiving Break (No School) - November 28-29, 2024



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## Essex County Photography Contest

At the beginning of the school year, Mr. Posten and Mr. Anderson were given the challenge of having the students in 3-6 Grade participate in the Annual Parks Photography Contest. This contest is held yearly and sponsored by the Essex County Environmental Center and it was our 3rd year participating with the students of MLVR. All contest entries portrayed beautiful images highlighting the wide range of opportunity and natural splendor found throughout the Essex County Park System.

On the evening of Tuesday, October 15th, two of our students were honored with an award from the Essex County Environmental Center for participating and placing in the Youth Category.

Here at MLVR we brought home 2 awards from the Youth Category:  
**1<sup>st</sup> Place— Alexandra Barrios (4th Grade)**



**Honorable Mention— Jayslin Cespedes (6th Grade)**



## Slam Dunk the Junk

In October, our 8<sup>th</sup> graders participated in Slam Dunk the Junk with the Newark Department of Public Works. All the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, along with teachers, walked around the community and collected enough trash to fill many bags. Their collection efforts help keep the neighborhood clean as well as bring the students together as a community of helpers.

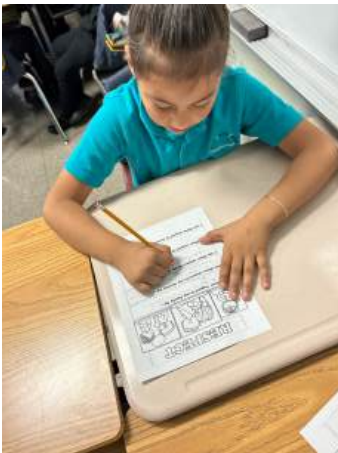


## Week of Respect

The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act designates the week beginning with the first Monday in October (October 7-11, 2024) as the Week of Respect. The

Week of Respect provides school districts with an opportunity to recognize the importance of social and emotional learning (SEL) while placing emphasis on age-appropriate instruction that focuses on the prevention of harassment, intimidation, and bullying (HIB). This week supports the role of the School Safety/School Climate Team as they work to fulfill their requirement to develop, foster and maintain a positive school climate. The social

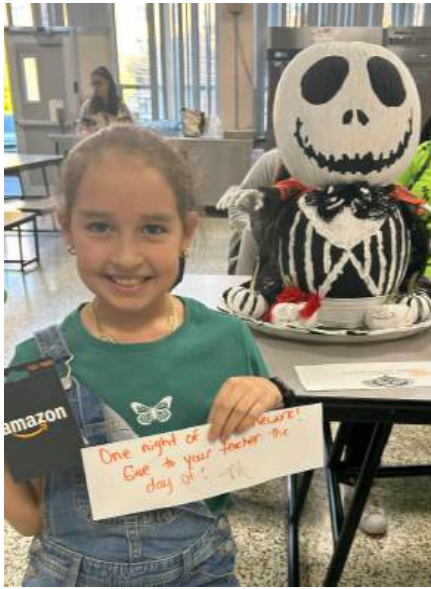
workers provided the teachers and student different activities throughout the week such as respect posters, anti-bullying bracelets and compliment circles.



# Community Pumpkin Decorating Contest



The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers hosted a pumpkin decorating contest after school hours, to bring the parents into the school and have a family-friendly event that was fun for everyone. All the pumpkins were amazing, and the families put in a lot of work and were very creative with decorating their pumpkins. Great job to everyone that participated.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



## MLVRCS Mock Election

This year we held our 2024 MLVR Mock Election. The STEM Lab was converted into a Polling Station where the students came and voted for the candidate of their choice, which included an honorable mention to Ms. Heyward for her 1 write in vote! Thank you to the entire Social Studies committee: Mr. Mignogni, Mr. G. Quiles, and Mr. Anderson for their help in organizing the mock election, to 4-1 for making the voting booths, and Ms. Harpal for organizing the students to campaign. Ms. Fartura and Ms. Gotto for taking the idea and running with it. As always, thank you Mr. Segarra, Mrs. Segarra, and Ms. Heyward for providing the time and resources to host this momentous event. We look forward to the next mock election! Never forget to exercise your right to vote!



## Veteran's Day Assembly

On Friday, November 8th we had the special opportunity to honor the significance of Veterans Day. We were grateful to show our appreciation for our veterans with our entire school community. The K-8 students learned about the different branches of the military and even had the chance to meet a service dog. It was a meaningful experience for everyone! Happy Veterans Day to all those who served our country! You truly are our heroes. 🇺🇸

