



Inner Core

A BI-WEEKLY NEWSLETTER TO KEEP ALL PARENTS
AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN THE KNOW
LATE MARCH 2019

LIBRARY - MS. JOHNSON

YA author S. K. Ali spoke with a group of eighth grade students on Thursday, March 14. She talked about her books which feature Muslim characters of all ages. She spoke very candidly with students as they were very interested in her Muslim culture experience. She also talked about the importance of one's own voice which resonated with the group. Mrs. Ali and Ms. Kysia, the representative from the George Washington University Middle Eastern Studies Office who made Ms. Ali's visit possible, were quite impressed with the students' questions and interest. Heather Cuthbertson shared one of her poems with these ladies. Both ladies were so impressed that they encouraged Heaven to keep writing. Ms. Kysia said she would send information for Heaven about organizations that can help her develop her writing gift.

Spring Book Fair

The Eliot-Hine Spring Book Fair will be hosted April 1-11. A schedule will be created for students to preview and later purchase items. At present, one parent volunteers is needed to help pack up the book fair when it wraps up.

March Reading Madness

The sixth grade advisory that has posted the most minutes read for the last two weeks is Grenier's El Equipo Mejor. The seventh grade team that has posted the most minutes read for the last two weeks is Weaver's The Reading Force 166. Congratulations to El Equipo Mejor, The Reading Force 166 and all the students that have participated. Keep reading!

SPANISH - MS. MAXWELL

Students are wrapping up our short unit on Likes and Dislikes, and will be transitioning into reading Brandon Brown Dice la Verdad in their classes. This will engage students in strong Spanish reading experiences. As a reminder, for extra credit students are encouraged to download Duolingo and practice Spanish outside of school!



8th graders try their hands at reconstructing clay pots to gain appreciation for how hard it is to fix environmental systems that get 'broken.'



P.E. / HEALTH - MR. VANN

8th graders thoroughly enjoyed the “What’s Cooking?” unit where they learned skills around knife handling in addition to preparing a dish given various recipes. The students were disappointed at the conclusion of the unit because they wanted to make more. Their next unit of study will be Floor Hockey for 8th grade. Students will learn the rules of floor hockey, technique, and game play.

Our 6th and 7th graders have been learning the basic skills of Floor Hockey, rules and will work towards implementing the skills learned into mini games.

MUSIC - MS. SCOTT

A select group of 7th grade students had an opportunity to attend a unique concert series with the Washington Bach Consortium (see photo, right). Student were able to explore some of the concert instruments after the performance and also participated in a pre and post Concert Artist Q&A series, where they had a very meaningful discussion about the performance.

BROADCAST MEDIA - MR. BIRKS

Student will review the Livestream interface, the basics of switching from camera sources, and how to go LiVE in 4 steps. for a variety of purposes, including broadcast journalism.



8th graders were put to work by partner organization Living Classrooms, prepping wetland plants for planting.



Re-enrollment for SY2019/2020 is now open! Register your student in one of our upcoming enrollment events to help your student (and teachers) win incentive prizes!

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