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In-Person School

Ms. Giacino’s class made gingerbread houses after they learned about balance through a STEM activity. They also completed an artic challenge after learning about animal adaptations.

Virtual Instruction

Mrs. Purcell’s third grade class conducted a science experiment on leaves and color change. Students learned that all of the colors in the fall are always in the leaves but when the leaves stop making chlorophyll, the green color disappears and the rest of the colors appear.

Holiday Raffle

On Friday, December 18th, the Elementary School held a raffle on Instagram Live. One cadet from each grade was randomly selected to win a $150 Target gift card. Teachers nominated students who have shown consistent attendance and participation this year. We hope to hold another raffle in Spring 2021!

Holiday Giving

MACS partnered with Home Association to help families within our school community. The Holiday Giving Drive provided winter gear, toys, food products, and more to 9 families. An additional partnership with the National Giving Alliance provided families with winter coats, gloves, and other clothing. We thank everyone involved in making this a huge success!

MACS PALS

Maritime PALS discovered what it meant to be "Purple People." The students read *The World Needs More Purple People* by Kristen Bell and then made vision boards of what makes them happy and how they can spread kindness in their communities.

CLC "Girls Club"

The CLC “Girls Club” got into the holiday spirit with holiday crafts and some hot chocolate.

Holiday Fun

To bring more holiday cheer to the school, Miss. Sissy made her hair look like a Christmas tree. The kids loved her hair!

Winners:

1st Grade: Joseph Matos
2nd Grade: Brian Gladden
3rd Grade: Amari Davis
4th Grade: Edson Lopez
5th Grade: John Weston Jr.
6th Grade: Clarissa Nuesi
7th Grade: Kylee Padilla
8th Grade: Tiffany Taylor
Ms. Lerner and Ms. Giacino: Willmer Colon
High School

Ugly Holiday Sweater

The high school teachers, staff, and students got into the holiday spirit and held a virtual "Ugly Sweater" dress-down day. Students and teachers had a blast getting creative with their sweaters.

Virtual Concert

Mr. Killian gathered students and teachers to put together a wonderful virtual holiday music concert. Teachers and students participated and had a wonderful time!

The Pineapple Enzyme Lab

Ms. Neel conducted a "Pineapple Enzyme Lab" for 10th grade biology! Pineapple has an enzyme called bromelain which breaks down collagen, and collagen is what makes gelatin thicken up and solidify. Students learned that if they make Jell-O with fresh pineapple, it will never solidify because the bromelain breaks down the collagen. However, if they boil the pineapple first, the enzyme becomes denatured and can no longer break down the collagen. In the lab, students compared the consistency of Jell-O after it was mixed with fresh, canned, frozen, and boiled pineapple.

Virtual Art Show

Under the leadership of Mr. Lint 41 cadets participated in an Art Contest sponsored by the Philadelphia Water Department. Students created 4 thumbnail sketches that showed the importance of keeping our rivers and streams clean from pollution. Judges Mr. Mattioni, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Feria had a really difficult time selecting the winners. The cadets did an extraordinary job with their art work and messages. Initially, there were three prized to be awarded but then got expanded to five.

Maritime Chat

Alumni of MACS, Estreya, Adiyah, and Kristen are currently attending Maritime Colleges. On December 11th, they hosted a virtual conversation with two of our seniors.

Winners

1st place winner - Arianna Ortiz $100.00
2nd place winner - Miguel Martinez $75.00
3rd place winner - Elyjah Floyd $50.00
Honorable Mention - Mariah Ortiz $15.00
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In December, the MACS Administration applied for a new location for our school, a new building, and to increase enrollment. Here, Ms. Harvey is sending our Electronic Application to the Charter School Office. This is the first step in a long process before a shovel goes into the ground. Many hours of work went into the preparation of our application. The application went out on December 30, 2020.

As part of this long and difficult process, Mr. Mattioni presented all supporting documentation for the application.

A Holiday Gift

Elementary students created a gratitude poster for Mr. Mattioni as a gift for the holidays.