

Howard T. Ennis School

February 2, 2018

(December, January, February)

News from 102 and 103 (PACT TEAM)

By Ms. White and Ms. Showard_

As this newsletter is being written we have completed the second marking period of the school year. Report cards have been completed and sent home. We are anticipating the President's Day long weekend. The students have worked very hard to make progress on their IEP goals.

There have been many topics discussed so far this school year. We have discussed rules, laws and technology, landforms, motion, force and movement, ancient time and modern day inventions, traditions and ways to keep our body healthy. The students have been busy working on reading comprehension, math, science and social studies skills. They are working hard and doing well. We are continuing to use the school curriculum, Unique Learning Systems. The students participate in specials daily. Remember to ask your child about their school day and what they learned.

Some students have been going out in the morning into the community on work crew. They go to area businesses in the morning in order to learn various job skills. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. They may be going out of the building for work crew in the morning or there is always the possibility of having a fire drill.

Please stay in touch with your child's teacher either by note or phone. We look forward to hearing from you with any questions or concerns about your child. Thank you for your support this school year.

We would like to congratulate Dominic B. from room 102 for being nominated their Star Student. Congratulations to Brianna M. for being nominated star student for room 103. Congratulations also go out to Chauncey P. for being nominated star student for the PACT team work crew.

Ennis Eagle

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 16th:

No School for students,
Teacher Work Day

February 19th:

No school, Presidents Day

February 26th:

Parent/Teacher Conferences,
5:30-8:00 p.m.

March 29th:

No School For Students,
Professional Learning Day

March 30th-April 6th:

No School, Easter Break

April 12th:

Report Cards Go Home

April 20th:

PBS Celebration, 1:00 p.m.

May 4th:

No School for Students,
Teacher Work Day

May 11th:

Family Fun Night, 6-8:00 p.m.

May 18th:

Spring Formal, 12:00 p.m.

May 28th:

No School, Memorial Day



News from SCHS/ESP

By Mrs. Flores

Our class at Sussex Central High School has been working diligently. In the classroom, we are finishing the unit on body systems and beginning the Revolutionary War. Our students are working on journaling. This consists of summarizing the monthly unit. We are looking into a few field trips and community outings for the remaining of the year (more information will be coming home later). My staff and I would like to thank all the families for their support. Let's keep working together to ensure a successful and productive year!!!

News from JMC/ESP

By Mrs. Sparpaglione

The second marking period has flown right by. We learned about different holidays people celebrate. We also learned how to keep our bodies healthy. We participated in Special Olympics basketball competition at Sussex Tech High School. Our athletes won five gold medals, one silver medal, and one bronze medal. We are very proud of all of our athletes. We are looking forward to playing soccer in the spring.



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Preschool News

Mrs. Timmons,' Mrs. Reynold's, Mrs. Johansen's Class

The second marking period has packed with lots of fun. During the month of November we learned about our emotions and how they change. We discussed things that make us feel happy, sad, mad, scared, surprised, and loved. The Nanticoke Indian Tribe came to school and taught us about their culture. In the month of December we learned about holidays and traditions around the world. We discussed different traditions that our families celebrate. Sussex Central High School's band, choir, and dance team came and performed a holiday concert for the school. The students loved listening to the holiday music as well as watching the dancers perform. The Delaware State Troopers, Ms. Delaware, Santa Claus and other characters came to visit the children before the holidays. The students were all really excited to meet them. All of the classes did a fantastic job at our Holiday concert this December, singing and dancing their hearts out! During the month of January we have been learning about keeping our bodies healthy. We have continued learning the sounds and how to write the letters O, Q, G, S, J, & D. We are looking forward to warmer weather and celebrating being in school for 100 days!

Congratulations to our Star Students!

Miss Reynolds's Class – Dane I. and Charlotte G.

Mrs. Timmons' Class – Claire R. and Josefina H.

Mrs. Johansen's Class – Bentley H. and Kylie B.



STEP Team News

By Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Coulbourn-Hastings, Mr. Piatkowski

The STEP life skills classes have been busy this past marking period. We made over 40 dozen cookies to hand out to staff, students and soldiers. With the help from Preschool and elementary classes, the STEP team made about 20 dozen cookies to donate to "Operation Cookie Drop Off." We received cards from the soldiers thanking us for the yummy treats.

Congratulations to our star students Jose H., Edwin W., Zachary H., and Brandon M. Keep up the great work!

News from 105 & 124

By Mr. Stanzilis & Mr. Peet

The weather certainly gave us a run for our money this marking period, but the middle schoolers have worked hard to complete their January unit focusing on keeping our bodies healthy. Next month we will study history and the American Revolution.

Room 105 would like to congratulate Amaajah D. for being our star student for the quarter. Room 124 is happy to announce Dylan H. as our star student.

We are looking forward to the start of Spring and warmer weather.

News from GMS/ESP

By Ms. Kruger

Happy New Year! It's 2018! Georgetown Middle School ESP has been learning lots of new things from US World History (Compared physical and human made features of the past with those of today), Life Science/Health (Explored body systems and basic health practices) and Social Studies (Compared different holiday traditions and cultures).



We have started our new Cycle 2 exploratories which includes Health and Gym. Inclusion allows for our students to work on their social interaction and communication skills with their typical peers. In Health, topics such as Nutrition and Stress Management are being covered. In gym class, students are learning games such as volleyball, pickle ball and basketball as well as preparing for their fitness grams.

Lynn P. is our star student for the quarter! She has been putting forth 100% effort in all classroom activities as well as in exploratory classes. Keep up the great work Lynn!

News from GE/ESP

By Mrs. Wildt

We are at the halfway point in our school year and are busy working hard and having fun with our classmates and typical peers. We continue to work on math and reading skills in the room, learning about movement, health, nutrition and our senses through our Unique Learning Systems curriculum.

In first grade music, Ashley is practicing spring concert songs, numbers in math, Dreambox in computer, fitness in gym and painting skills in art. In library with her first grade friends, she is learning how to find books. Our third graders, Jazlyn and Jahsan are also using Dreambox in computer. In art they are learning about the artist Claude Monet, a founder of French Impressionist painting, and practicing his style of landscape painting. In math they are focusing on number strategies, while playing floor hockey in gym, practicing concert songs in music and sequencing in library. DaVeone' is working on a book report in fourth grade library, adding in math, floor hockey in gym, coding in computer and reading sheet music in music. He is also studying Monet in art.

Congratulations to our Star Student Jahsan W.!

News from Room 112

By Mrs. Downs

It's hard to believe that half of the school year has "rumbled" on by. We have learned many things. In November, we learned about how life was different in early America. We worked on comparing and contrasting two characters in our story, "Needs: Past and Present." The students did very well with all of the activities. In December, we compared the character "The Gingerbread Man" by reading a variety of gingerbread man stories. The students heard the original version, the gingerbread cowboy, and the gingerbread girl. In January, we explored parts of the body and ways that we can keep our different body parts healthy. Our star student for the second quarter is Timothy E.

SPEAK News

Mr. Guerin's Class

The students are doing a great job in Room 106 and are learning about a lot of different things. In Reading they are learning about How to Keep Our Bodies Healthy. They are also learning about the title of the story, the author and the illustrator. The students are doing a great job working on their beginning letter sounds and writing those letters and some basic words. In Math, the students are starting to learn about adding numbers up to 10 and 20. They are continuing to do a great job counting objects up to 50.

When it comes to individual achievements in our classroom there are many. Marvin is completely toilet trained following a 30 minute time schedule and with staff support. Avalon is able to use her AAC communication device very well to communicate her needs and wants. She is also using it to greet people she meets throughout the school day. Kamren is using his AAC communication device very well by communicating his needs and wants and asking to use the bathroom. He is using it a lot more during lunch time requesting more food or juice. Matthews is doing an outstanding job in small groups and is doing a lot of the work independently. Ty'Shawn is starting to mimic and make sounds when working on reading and sounding out the beginning letter sounds. Ty'Shawn is also starting to initiate conversations with others. Finally, David is working well in small groups and is paying attention and working hand over hand for 5 minute intervals and is our Star Student of the 2nd Marking Period.

Room 106 would also like to Welcome our new student Jeremiah A. to our classroom.

Ms. Peralta's Class

Happy New Year from GE Room 212! We are looking forward to returning to our routines now that breaks and snow days are finished. Our class has been hard at work, despite the interruptions to our schedules! We began a new unit in ELA and it is definitely our favorite so far this year! We are examining how technology makes a difference in our lives. We are exploring how technology has changed throughout time and what the future holds. Our favorite story so far was about robots in China that serve food in restaurants. In Math, we are continuing to focus on fast facts, missing numbers, and strengthening our number sense. We have greatly improved our abilities to take quizzes independently, as well as work at work places without support. In Number Corner, we have been taking turns leading the sessions and this has been very rewarding. Room 212 cannot believe they are already halfway through the school year!



Our Star Student for the second marking period is Peyton B. Peyton joined our class at the beginning of this year and has already made tremendous progress! He is now joining his typical peers for English Language Arts and finished the second marking period with an 82% in Reading and an 85% in Writing. WOW! Peyton is continuing to work on maintaining his calm body throughout the day and is becoming more self-aware of how to accomplish this. Congratulations, Peyton!

Mrs. Baker's Class

The second marking period has been a busy one for us at GE. One of the highlights was my students worked hard along with Ms. Peralta's class to publish a social skills book, "It's a Jungle Out There." Students paired up between the two IRAP classes and developed illustrations and stories that relate to social skills we need to navigate in and out of school. Their stories also gives self-regulation strategies to help cope with different social situations. The students should be very proud of their work. The book will be displayed at the end of the year fair. Mrs. Baker's Star student is James E. James has worked very hard in his inclusion math class. He demonstrates leadership and helps the younger students. Way to go James and keep up the great work!



SPEAK News (Continued)

Ms. Bradley's, Mrs. West's, and Miss Kit's Class

Wow! It's hard to believe we are already half-way through the 2017-2018 school year! Many great things are happening with our amazing preschool program here at Howard T. Ennis. One change that took place is that our autism program has taken on a new name. We used to be referred to as S.P.E.A.K. but we now have the catchy new acronym of I.R.A.P which stands for the Indian River Autism Program. Also, we were fortunate to add a new preschool class with Miss Kit White as their teacher. The staff and students in the class have all transitioned well into our school and are working hard each and every day. Welcome to Miss Kit and all of the staff and students in room 104!

We have had a busy marking period. During the month of December, the kids had a lot of fun engaging in a variety of holiday activities. We practiced all month for our Winter Concert and the kids loved making their costumes and picking different instruments to play. The concert turned out great! Ms. Bradley's class sang "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer", Mrs. West's class sang "Frosty the Snowman" and Miss. Kit's class sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas". The students loved performing for the school and their friends and family. Thank you everyone that came and supported our students. We had a great turn out.

In addition to all of the fun holiday and seasonal activities our classes participated in, we also stayed focused on the academic and social skills our preschoolers need. We continued learning our uppercase letters as well as numbers using the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum. We learned about various themes and topics using the Unique Learning System. Some topics we delved into were "Sometimes I'm Glad, Sometimes I'm Mad" (Feelings / Self-Regulation) and My Body (Health). Our students also enjoyed making crafts, sensory play, and outdoor recess on the nice weather days.

In late November, Ms. Bradley's and Mrs. West's classes ventured to Hopkins Dairy Farm and Creamery for a field trip. The trip served a dual purpose for our staff and students. We were fortunate to get a personalized tour by Miss Megan. We went on a walking tour of the farm and were able to see the ice cream making process from cow to cup (or cone). At the end of our tour each student was treated to an ice cream flavor of their choosing. We hope that in the spring all three preschools can take a community outing together once the nice weather returns.

All of our students are amazingly awesome in their own individual ways so choosing super stars is always a challenge. We would like to congratulate these students for following our PBS rules and being safe, being respectful, and being responsible:



Star Students

Ms. Bradley's students - Genesis E & Dylan D.

Mrs. West's students - Liam P. & Julia S.

Miss Kit's students - Allison A. & Pablo P.

Mrs. Sanchez's Class

As the snow melts away and our students get back to the structure and routine of school, Room 108 is as busy as ever. In the next few weeks we look forward to the start of our monthly community outings that help to strengthen social skills and generalize what has been taught in our classroom to "the outside world" (e.g. eye contact, manners, waiting, etc.). As thoughts of Spring creep in, we will be learning about rainbows in science and how they are made. We will also continue to work on math and reading curriculum and individualized IEP goals throughout the school day. January will wrap up our unit on Healthy Bodies and the things we can do to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Our class will also be working on our first attempt at fund raising. Students will be baking, marketing, and selling our dog treats for pet lovers at very reasonable prices to raise funds for our Spring trips.

Congratulations to Drea H. who is our student of the quarter! Drea has made great progress in the past few months on her goals of following directions, counting and identifying things in her world. Drea, we are so proud of you and the gains you are making!!!



Elementary News (Room 111)

By Mrs. Morrow

Room 111 has had an exciting second marking period. In December, we learned all about different holidays that we celebrate. We got to cook and experience firsthand the types of food different cultures eat as part of their holiday traditions. We baked cookies in the Happy Café. They were delicious! We got to eat some and then sent the rest to our troops overseas. We had an exciting visit from Santa and got to meet Ms. Delaware. In January, we focused on staying healthy. We practiced washing our hands and keeping our mouths covered when we sneeze or cough. We learned how eating right and exercising is an important part of staying fit. We also learned about our different senses and how we use them. In February we will be exploring the traditions of our community, state and nation. We are counting down the days till spring and warmer weather so we can get outside and play.



Elementary News (Room 116)

By Mrs. Howard

Room 116 returned from Winter Break warmed up and ready to learn. During the month of January we have been learning about and practicing healthy habits. We all are motivated to eat right, keep our bodies' clean and staying flu – free. Everyone in room 116 enjoyed our hand washing activity and is now making sure we cover our noses with tissues when we sneeze, cough into our elbows and wash our hands regularly. We recently made our Super Bowl craft to cheer on the Philadelphia EAGLES!!!! Room 116 hopes everyone stays warm, healthy and has a great winter!



Elementary News (Room 118)

By Mrs. Gartman

In the jungle the mighty jungle, our students in 118 have been exploring how we can keep our body happy and healthy. Students are becoming familiar with body parts and their functions; discovering and investigating ways to keep our body healthy; and comparing and contrasting healthy vs. unhealthy foods. Students enjoyed conducting a science experiment to see how different drinks affect our teeth. Our super star student this marking period is Jennifer W.! Jennifer is such a sweet, affectionate, happy girl who always makes you smile. We are proud of all of the progress our students are making!