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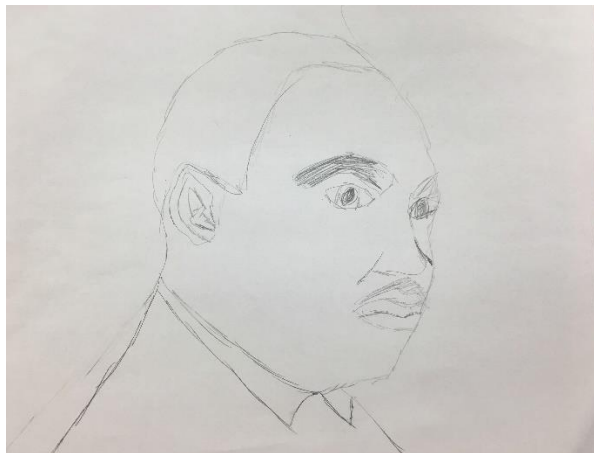
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**Art News:**  
**Mrs. Conversano**

Happy New Year! As we begin a new year, students in 3rd - 6th grades are creating art with a 2020 theme. We are beginning a unit on multicultural art. Students in grades Pre-K - 2nd have been learning about Chinese New Year, and are creating Chinese lanterns and Chinese dragon masks. Chinese New Year, also called Lunar New Year, began with the new moon on January 25th, lasts for two weeks, and ends with the full moon on February 4th. Gung Hay Fat Choy! (Happy New Year!). To honor the civil rights leader, students drew a portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In January, students in the Artistically Talented Class learned about still life paintings, and the work of French artist Paul Cezanne. The first session of the Artistically Talented Class (ATC) is coming to a close. The second group of students will be starting in February.

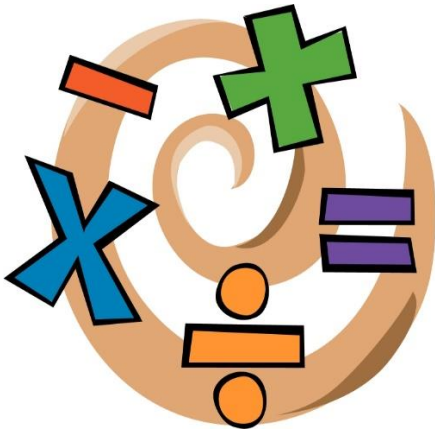
**Upcoming Events:**

**February 17 & 18: Presidents'  
Recess – No School**



## Basic Skills Instruction News: Mrs. Coyle and Ms. Guider

We hope everyone has been staying in, and staying warm this winter. With so much extra time spent inside, it is a great opportunity to practice your math facts. If you are looking for something to use in addition to flashcards, the website [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com) has addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts, as well as games for the students. Thank you for all your continued help, and support at home.



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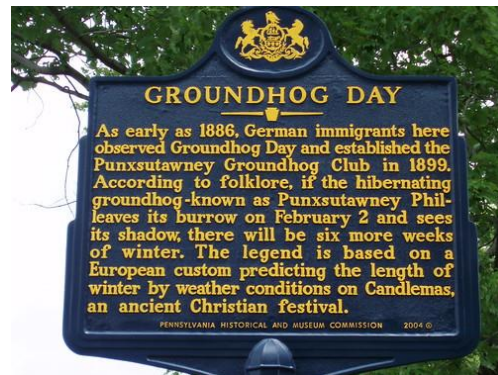
## Dance News: Ms. Butler

Dance classes are in full swing. Ms. Husti, Ms. Capazzi, Ms. Cioffi, Ms. Bush, and Ms. Lascar's classes are doing sensory activities, and gross motor skills. Ms. Sinclair's class is learning the basic elements of dance. Ms. Lax's class is studying gross and fine motor skills through various styles of dance, and Mr. Hayes' class is learning gross motor skills and fine motor skills, rhythm and coordination through hip hop, Latin, and step dance.



## English as a Second Language News: Mrs. Salvatore

Mrs. Salvatore's ESL classes have been learning about hibernation, migration, and adaptation. The students are also learning about animal habitats, especially the very interesting groundhog burrow. They have read about the history of Groundhog's Day, and the early traditions that started with German immigrants. We will be making predictions on whether the groundhog will see his shadow on February 2nd. Stay tuned!



## Enrichment/Gifted and Talented News: Mrs. Morris

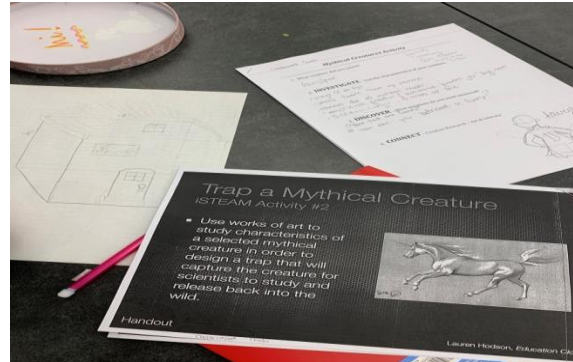
Enrichment and Gifted and Talented classes are off to a fresh start in the New Year! The Kindergarten and First grades enjoyed hearing *The Snowy Day* and *The History of Snow*. Students then used dice to identify (Kindergarten) and add (First grade) numbers to complete the snowflakes. The Second grade has also begun a unit on snowflakes. We read *Snowflake Bentley*, the true story of Wilson Bentley, the first person to photograph a snowflake. We will be studying the concept of symmetry through the natural beauty of snowflakes, as well as creating our own beautiful snowflakes. Third grade G & T students have been introduced to Morse Code. Students practiced decoding and creating messages. They will use their knowledge to create a new twist to the fairy tale "Little Red Riding Hood", and help save Grandma. In collaboration with Ms. Collova (district art teacher), the Fourth graders are studying Picasso's guitars. Students will study Picasso's creations and replicate their own guitars. Using Makey Makey kits, copper tape, and computer coding, we will be able to play our creations! I am really





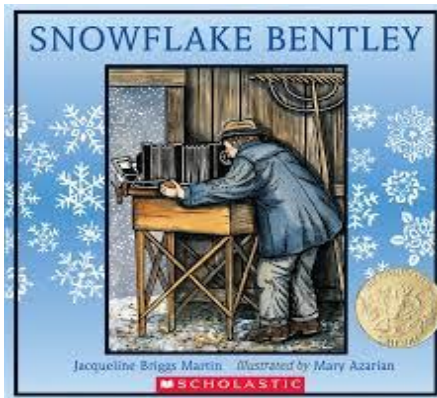
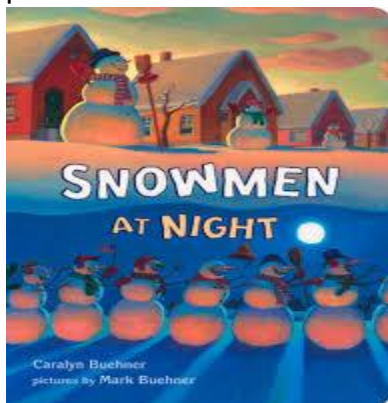
## Enrichment/Gifted and Talented News - cont'd

excited about this lesson! The Fifth grade has begun a new unit called Picture Books for All. In this unit, the students will study mature wordless books and create narratives to accompany them. Finally, in the Sixth grade, students will use works of art to study the characteristics of a selected mythical creature. They will then design a trap that will capture the creature. They will create a Google SlideShow and present their traps to our class!



## Library News: Ms. Raimo

Snowflakes, Snowmen, & Symmetry, Oh My! While the weather outside has **not** been frightful so far this winter, it's all about 'snow' in Library classes. After learning about the antics of "Snowmen at Night", the Kindergarteners illustrated themselves as snow boys/snow girls. The 1st graders sketched "How To's" on how to build a snowman after reading "The Biggest Snowman Ever". The 2nd, 3rd, & 4th graders learned about the life and times of "The Snow Globe Family". They compared and contrasted the lives of the regular family vs. the Snow Globe family, found evidence in the text that showed how small the Snow Globe Family was, and developed outlines of the type of snow globes they would like to live in. BrainPOP Jr. gave the 5th grade an in-depth look into winter weather patterns, and the 6th graders were introduced to "Snowflake Bentley", who took real pictures of snowflakes using microphotography. The students practiced their symmetry skills by sketching snowflake halves. Even though it was challenging to draw the mirror images, the students prevailed!



## Music News: Mr. Arendt

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders are singing spiritual songs that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would have sung in anticipation of Black History Month. Spirituals and work songs are important to the development of all American music – blues, jazz and rock. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will continue their journey, learning to play the recorder, culminating in an appearance at the Spring Concert. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are learning music terms. 5<sup>th</sup> graders are learning about classical music, and the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are becoming acquainted with American jazz music. I know the band students have been practicing their instruments during the holiday break. That's good news, because I will be evaluating their progress in February. How do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice!



## Ms. Cioffi and Mrs. Latour Bush

Our classes engaged in a sensory class group activity. They explored various textures in order to create snowman sensory bottles. Everyone had a fantastic time, and they brought a little bit of winter indoors!





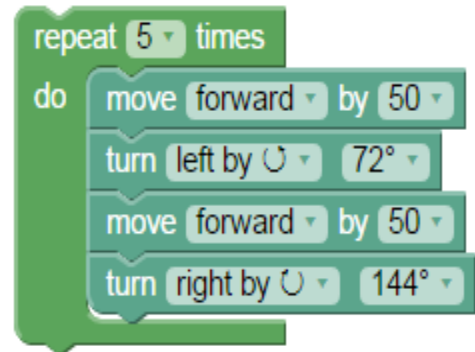
## Speech News: Mrs. Dornan and Mrs. McCullough

The students are continuing to expand both their receptive and expressive vocabulary skills. Many of our activities are “winter themed” such as sequencing stories, categorizing, and expanding comprehension. The older students are learning about age appropriate synonyms and multi-meaning words. Our articulation students are working to improve their sound production through modeling, exercises and repetition.



## Technology News: Ms. Fares

The Lincoln School students have been learning about Computer Science. They learned the programming language, Blockly, by working on Puppy Adventures, Candy Quest, Dragon Blast and Dance Party, depending on their grade level. Then, they continued to use Blockly to code various scenarios. Some students learned to click and drag blocks, while others learned about algorithms, nested loops, and other programming functions. Some of our coding involved well known characters from *Ice Age*, *Minecraft*, and *Star Wars*. We were also able to see what the programming language, Java Script, looked like, as we coded. I can proudly say that Lincoln School has some very talented computer programmers!



## World Language News: Mr. Haskaj

In 1st grade, we just finished greetings, goodbyes, colors, days of the week, months of the year, animals, and body parts. We just started learning the classroom materials this week. In 2nd grade, we finished greetings, goodbyes, numbers 0-50, days of the week, months of the year, hobbies, animals, and body parts. We will start the classroom materials this week. In 3rd grade, we finished greetings, goodbyes, hobbies, numbers 0-100, colors, days of the week, months of the year, and body parts. We will start with seasons and classroom materials this week. In 4th grade, we finished greetings, goodbyes, hobbies, colors, numbers 0-1,000, months of the year, and body parts. We will continue with school subjects and classroom materials in the weeks ahead. Students had a lot of fun learning body parts through songs, dances, total physical response, and Simon Says. In 5th and 6th grades, we are reading "Pobre Ana: Una Novela Breve y Fácil Totalmente en Español". Students are enjoying the story of Ana, and are learning a great deal of Spanish at the same time. We are also learning body parts. The students' favorite activities are the ball activity, singing songs and working in groups. In addition, they like to watch funny videos in Spanish, with subtitles in English.



2<sup>nd</sup> graders going over body parts with a Spanish song.



5<sup>th</sup> graders playing Simon Says to practice body parts.

## Ms. Molina

Hola! Kindergarten students learned about farm animals as well as some zoo animals, and have recently been learning to count up to 30. They have fun playing a Spanish number game where they switch seats when their number is called. They will be learning the days of the week and the months of the year next, in Spanish class.

### FARM ANIMALS (ANIMALES de la GRANJA)



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