



SHARING THE GREAT THINGS WE DO



Samsel Upper Elementary School

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Samsel Share

SINGING SENSATIONS

Six 5th grade students who participate in the 5th grade chorus have been selected to attend the CJMEA Treble Honors Chorus on May 30th. They were chosen for musical excellence and dedication to the group. The students who will attend this special event are Mackenzie Tompkins, Haley Redding, Archi Desai, Aidan Wilson, Esther Akulezie, and Marina DePrizio. We are so proud of these student vocalists.



READING'S IN THE BAG

Mrs. Aloisio has had a project approved on DonorsChoose.org. Reading's In The Bag! The project to be funded provides drawstring mesh bags that the students will use as "book bags" during Daily 5 time.



HERO AWARD RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Mrs. Jennifer Mahieu! Mrs. Mahieu was selected as the 2015 National Liberty Museum's Teacher as Hero Award recipient! This award recognizes dedicated teachers who inspire, motivate, and educate young people. Mrs. Mahieu is being honored for providing incredible enrichment activities to her students. She is a true asset to our school!

RAISING MONEY

Over the past three years, the Samsel Upper Elementary School has made a donation on behalf of the school to POAC at the "Walk for A Difference." During indoor recess throughout the winter months, the students in Mrs. Giorgianni's multi-disabled class created pins to distribute to faculty and staff who made a donation to sponsor our team at the Walk. The students used beads in the colors for Autism Awareness (red, light & dark blue, green, and yellow). Students were required to follow a pattern while creating the pin. These students were able to make approximately 50 pins! Their goal was to make a donation of \$250.00 or more to this worthwhile organization. Mrs. Giorgianni and some of her students and their families participated in the Walk for a Difference on Sunday, April 19th at Spotswood High School.

SAMSEL BUCKET CHALLENGE

We are in the midst of the S.U.E.S. Bucket Challenge! Many of our fourth and fifth graders are taking a "30 Day Bucket Filler Pledge" to promote good character, and in return, over 50 Samsel staff members have volunteered to participate in a modified ice bucket challenge on Field Day to raise awareness for A.L.S. As a reward for our students' continued kind words and actions, they will experience the thrill of seeing their teachers get drenched for a good cause!



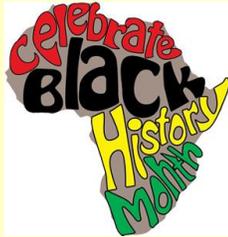
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National Library Week

The week of April 12th was National Library Week! To celebrate, Mrs. Desmond introduced Makerspaces in the media center. A Makerspace is a space where students are given various supplies (ie: craft supplies, technology devices, hardware supplies, etc...) and encouraged to imagine, design, collaborate, build, create, share and learn. Students have been creating and designing their own origami bookmarks.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY AND WOMEN'S HISTORY

In honor of Black History Month and Women's History Month, Team 4-7 researched prominent black women who have made a positive contribution that changed the world for the better. Using the Read Write Think website, students created Bio Cubes representing their famous person. This activity added a little technology twist to a research project and the students loved assembling the cubes.



"PENNIES FOR PRESERVATION"

Team 4-1 realized the cost and importance of maintaining the quality of our lighthouses. Mr. Glisten was kind enough to visit our school and gave a presentation on all the lighthouses in New Jersey. After the presentation, the students sponsored a collection entitled "Pennies for Preservation." It was a privilege and honor to present Mr. Glisten with a check in the sum of \$250 for the New Jersey Lighthouse Society. Ms. Stapleton, Mrs. Stricker, and Mrs. Clarke are so very proud of their students. Job well done!



TREE HUGGERS WANTED

Mrs. Mahieu created a Tree Hugger Environmental Awareness activity with the TAG students. She discussed an article entitled "21 Reasons the Forests are Important," which included many ecologically-based principles such as oxygen emission and carbon dioxide absorption, anchoring soil to prevent erosion, absorption of toxic chemicals in the air and soil, and a new concept called "biophilia". Biophilia is our innate attraction to forests and nature, which is now being scientifically linked to improved creativity, mindfulness, meditation, and speedier recovery. Students in TAG classes discussed a current environmental situation in which Six Flags (Great Adventure) is planning to clear-cut 19,000 trees to build a solar farm. Ms. Mahieu snapped photos of her students being "Tree Huggers" which are currently being displayed in the cafeteria next to persuasive paragraphs that explain the crucial position trees play in a clean environment. TAG students are also in the process of writing letters to Congressman Frank Pallone to state their opinions about the Six Flags project, and to offer other viable solutions for the park to implement so that it may continue to pursue clean energy use. Also, a series of Green Announcements are being made over the PA system during homeroom to share our knowledge with the rest of the SUES student body. The BASC program employees have contributed to the environmental campaign, as Miss Debbie has created trees and set up the display in the cafeteria. Miss Debbie has coined the activity slogan, "Tree Huggers Wanted!" and has made the display available for all students to see during their lunch period.

