



Hamburg School

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Washington's Birthday, also known as Presidents' Day, is a federal holiday held on the third Monday of February.

The day honors presidents of the United States, including George Washington, the USA's first president.

*Monday, February 19, 2018
~ No School ~*



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 2/2 - National Wear Red
- 2/2 - Groundhog Day
- 2/8 - *PTA Assembly - Chinese Acrobats
- 2/12 - G8 vs. Teacher/Parent Volleyball
- 2/13 - *PTA Meeting
- 2/14 - *PTA Lunch with Your Child
- 2/15 - *PTA Lunch with Your Child
- 2/16 - *PTA Valentine's Dance
- 2/19 - President's Day - No School
- 2/23 - *PTA School Store
- 2/23 - *PTA Movie Night
- 2/27 - BOE Meeting (7 PM)

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Upcoming Events

Presidents' Day

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100th & Groundhog Day

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K-2 Lily Okin

3-5 Brianne Decker

6-8 Kailey Manasso



Winter 2018 benchmark assessment reports were generated and sent home the week of February 12th. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher.

2 - Mrs. Field

In math students have just completed topics 7 and 8 which review how to add and subtract two digit numbers with regrouping. Many of the students in our class have mastered this skill and are ready to add and subtract more than two multi-digit numbers. Watch out these students are math superstars!

Learning about the members of our community who provide services has inspired the young students in our class to help others. In our latest social studies chapter, students have studied the various jobs and services people can have and how those jobs affect a community in a positive way.

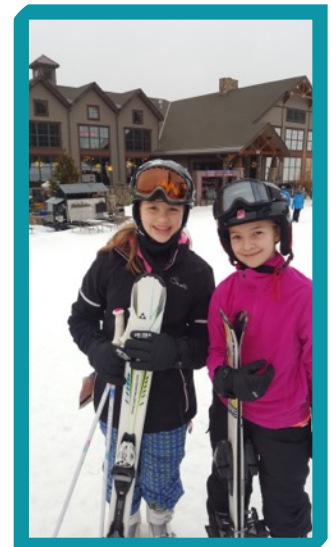
Mrs. Field's second grade class has completed unit 1 Plant and Animal Survival in their science text and has started unit 2 Materials and Their Uses. In this unit students will discover various types of materials, specific characteristics of each material, and how certain materials are used. Our upcoming lesson will be about how materials can be reused.

Second grade is moving ahead to the third unit in their language arts series and will be reading a variety of stories that focus on creative ideas. Students will start a descriptive writing piece where they will experience all the steps of the writing process and begin writing with a pen pal.



Mrs. Altieri recently visited Ms Kolb's room to read a story to the class.

SKI CLUB



District Band and Chorus Concert

On January 30, ten Hamburg School students participated in the Multi District Music concert, which combined middle school students from Franklin, Hamburg, Hardyston, and Hamburg with the music students of Wallkill Valley Regional High School. Seventh and eighth grade students from Wallkill's sending districts were given the opportunity to meet and collaborate with each other to create a community of musicians from our section of the county. Select sixth grade band students were also invited to participate. The high school students acted as mentors and leaders to facilitate the learning of a full concert's repertoire in a short period of time. Students met for a two-hour evening rehearsal and then met again for a full school day to rehearse all of the music for the concert. The result was a phenomenal concert and a great connection between students, teachers, and school community.

District Concert Participants 2018

BAND:

6th grade

- ▶ Jackie Schels
- ▶ Lily Tobachnick

7th grade

- ▶ Michaela Neiper

CHORUS:

7th grade

- ▶ Rachael Ross

8th grade

- ▶ Amanda Montague
- ▶ Brianna Brown
- ▶ Samantha Fried
- ▶ Avery DelGuidice
- ▶ Natalie Armstrong
- ▶ Isabella Esposito



ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB

The Hamburg School Environmental Club was recently visited by Mary Cody, who fosters dogs and finds homes for them through her organization, Aunt Mary's Doghouse. Sally Allen, a local dog trainer, also visited the club. Mary taught the students the importance of rescue and volunteering, and Sally brought her dog, Indie, to demonstrate dog training techniques. Students were given the opportunity to work with Indie to try out some of the techniques for themselves.



Color A Smile

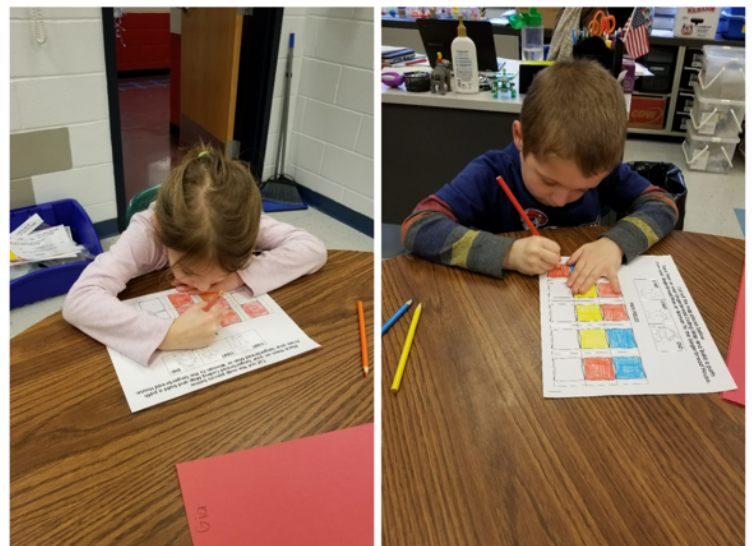
Kindergarten participated in the ColorASmile program as part of a community service project in conjunction with learning about the life and accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Vocabulary Fun with Mrs. Williamson



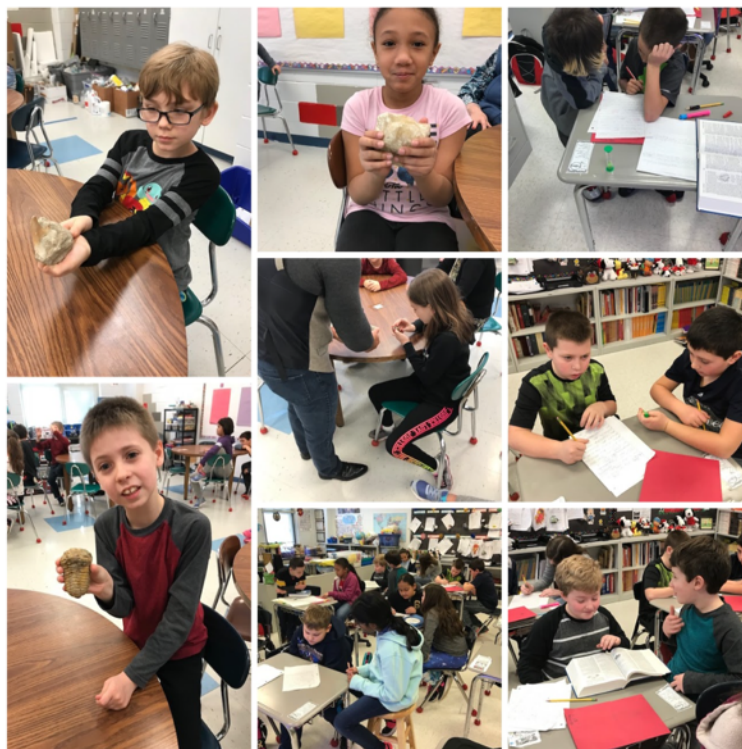
Coding in Kindergarten



HERE'S THE NEWS

G6 EGYPTIAN MUSEUM

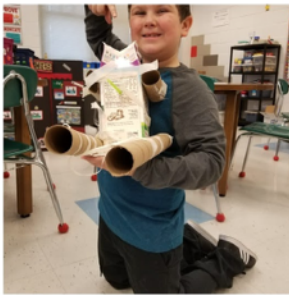
Wouldn't you like to travel back in time to ancient Egypt? Well... the 6th graders at Hamburg School did just that. As an extension to their unit on ancient Egypt, they researched a topic on ancient Egyptian life and created an accompanying 3D image. They then assembled their work and created an ancient Egyptian Museum. Students can visit the Museum that is located across from Mrs. Hoglund's office.

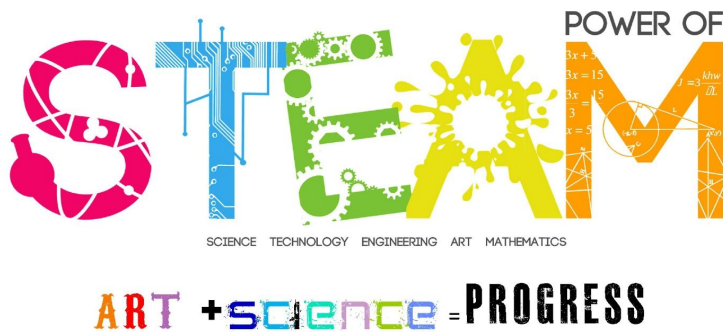


STEAM LAB
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 presentation
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 editing with 5th
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STE(A)M Update





Mrs. Hoover's STEAM lab has really been hopping! Students in the 4th grade have been working very hard engineering their very own species of frog! Using what they already knew, students have been following a STEAM activity pack to select various traits, draw their animal based on the trait, and decide on the coloration and camouflage. Students learned about various environments and decided where they would like their little friend to live. Students will illustrate the life cycle, create a poster of their frog in their new home, and write a report about how their frog was able to adapt to living in their chosen ecosystem.

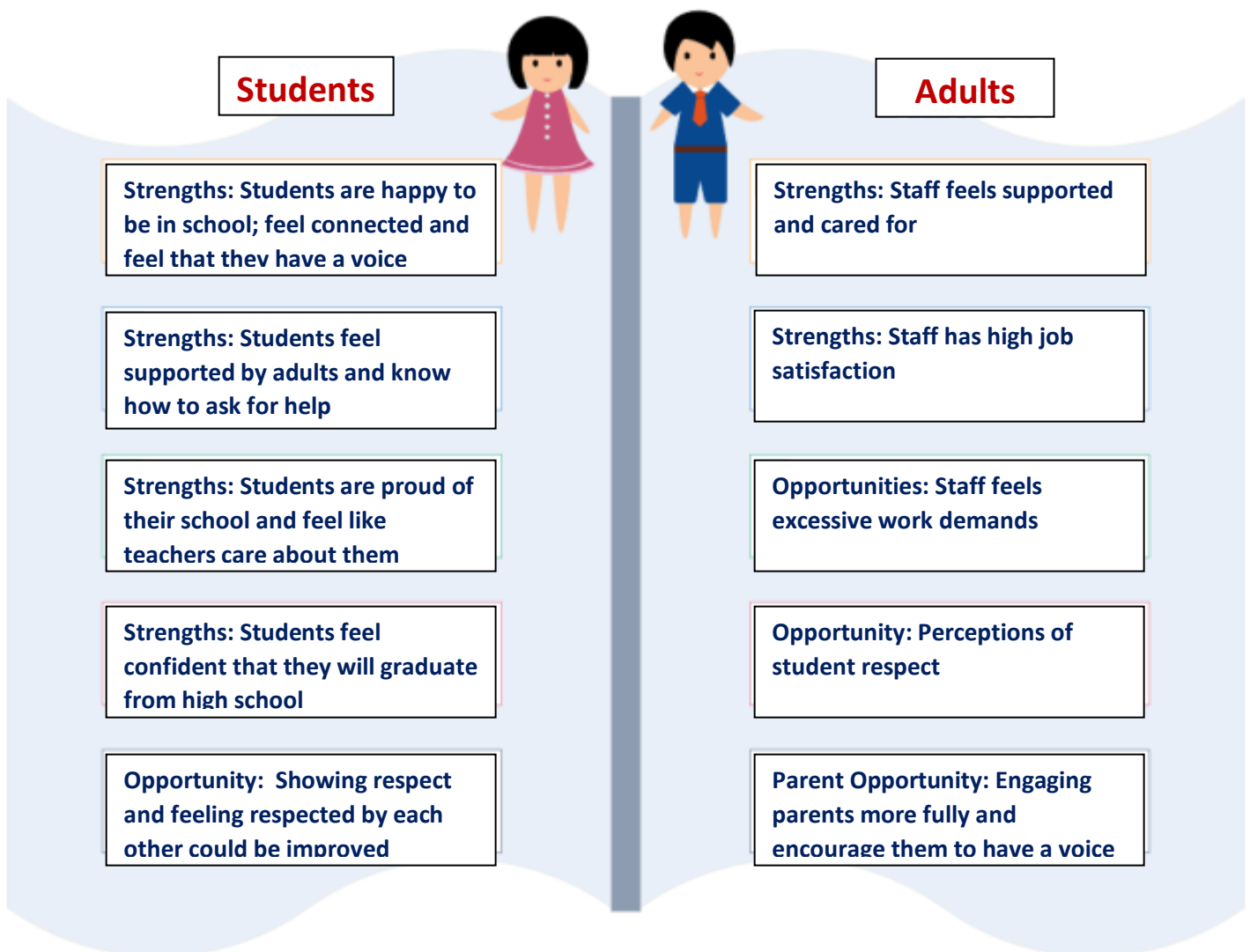
Jumping over to Kindergarten, the children have gotten a taste of computer programming. Using a gingerbread theme, students have colored and cut out path pieces. Some of the pieces are obstacles that the students must "code" for. Working in pairs, students will layout a map that their gingerbread boy or girl must navigate following the given symbols. This exercise helps the children to think logically and in order, just like one would have to be able to do when writing a computer program.

Sixth grade students, in conjunction with Mr. Blochinger's Egyptian unit, formed groups, designed blueprints, calculated a supply list, and finally constructed their pyramid. The real challenge took place when the students had to put their plan into action and build their structure in only one class period.

Eighth grade students are getting a charge out of working with Elenco's snap circuits. They have been watching youtube videos on simple and parallel circuits and resistors. Some of the projects include making a light switch, a motor switch, a switch activated by sound, and adjusting sound levels with a resistor.

Culture and Climate News

Several years ago, our community of students, teachers, and parents participated in a Culture and Climate Survey to see how we could improve the learning atmosphere in our community and our school. The results were overwhelmingly positive, with a few neutral areas where we saw opportunities to improve. Last Spring, our community took the survey yet again to note areas of improvement and highlight new opportunities. The chart below shows some of the information that was gathered from our most recent survey.



It is important to note that even our opportunities within the survey results were in the neutral to positive range. We had absolutely no negative areas. Way to go Hamburg School...you rock! Watch for more Culture and Climate news soon....there's so much going on!