



# Elementary Fish "Tales"



## From the Desk of Mr. Meyer...

Dear Parents,

Our second quarter report cards will be distributed on Friday, February 3rd. The report cards are designed to give you a good perspective on how your child is progressing in the current school year. If you need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Together we can help our children achieve great things!

The following poem is entitled, "Report Cards: A Child's Point of View." The author is unknown.

Soon I will bring home a snapshot of myself. This picture will be a time exposure of me that's been developing during the past weeks. Considering my many likes and dislikes, my mood changes from day to day, I think it's a pretty good likeness of me.

When you see my snapshot, remember this is a report of someone near and dear to you. So, please don't get too uptight if you see a blemish. Please do not picture me as being better than other kids. Remember that all children do not learn to talk or walk at the same time nor do they learn to read and write at the same time. Please do not compare me to my brother, my sister or the kid next door. You can set goals for me, but please be careful not to push me to succeed at something that is beyond my ability.

I hope that you understand that my report card is a picture of my school progress. When you meet my teacher, you will learn many things about my life at school. My teachers know me at school. You know me at home. The "real" me is somewhere in between. When these two pictures blend with acceptance and understanding, I hope my "snapshot" will be a shining portrait!

Sincerely,

Marc Meyer

### Mark your Calendar:

- ✓ **2/6** Kindergarten  
Registration Begins (by  
appointment only) @  
District Office
- ✓ **2/10** K-4 Talent Show
- ✓ **2/20-2/24** Mid-Winter  
Recess - SCHOOL  
CLOSED
- ✓ **3/24** Spring Picture Day



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## Music Notes

As we enjoy winter, our First, Third and Fourth graders are exploring melody and chords with Boomwhackers (pitched-percussion tubes). Kindergarteners are getting their fingers moving with the piano. Second Graders are trying their hand at the xylophone. Before the holiday break, Third and Fourth Graders put on the first formal Winter Concert since 2019. They had a great first show and look forward to their **Spring Concert on May 16th**.



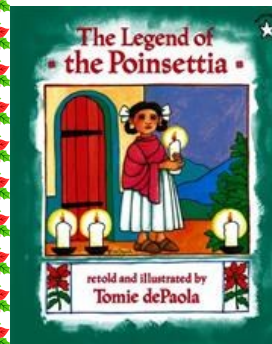
## Physical Education News

We spent the past quarter getting plenty of fresh air and working on our football skills. Students participated in the world cup stacking challenge. Hampton Bays joined students from all over the world to set a new world record of 737,863 people cup stacking in multiple locations. We finished up the season with parachute and holiday games. As always, **have your child wear sneakers and be prepared to go outside.**



## ¡Hola! From FLES

During the holidays, students in kindergarten through fourth grade learned about Christmas and New Years traditions in Spanish-speaking countries around the world. Students in Kindergarten learned about the New Year's Eve tradition *Las 12 Uvas*, and can now count to twelve in Spanish. First grade read **The Legend of the Poinsettia** by Tomie DePaola to learn about Christmas traditions in Mexico and the legend of the Poinsettia. Second grade read the story **'Twas Nochebuena** by Roseanne Greenfield Thong to learn about Christmas traditions in both Mexico and Guatemala like Las Posadas. Third graders completed a project to describe themselves in Spanish using "Yo soy," and also learned about Las 12 Uvas. Fourth graders ended the year making a family Christmas tree, and are currently finishing up writing their 12 wishes for the New Year in Spanish after learning about Las 12 Uvas.



## Technology News



Second, third, and fourth graders worked on a research project. Each student selected a country and researched how that country celebrated the Holidays. Kindergarteners and first graders continue to work on recognizing letters on the keyboard, typing, drawing, and responding to literature. Students' work can be seen in Seesaw under the Specials tab in the Journal section.





## Fourth Grade



Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders had a great time on their walking field trip to the firehouse. Native American legends were retold and celebrated. The visiting museum of Indian artifacts fascinated students as they learned about tools, clothing, pottery, and weapons used by Native Americans long ago. Games, rituals, and pottery making were experienced just the way they were in the past. A culminating song and dance by all 4<sup>th</sup> graders concluded this wonderful celebration.



Dodgeball games were hosted by 4<sup>th</sup> grade to raise money for year-end activities.

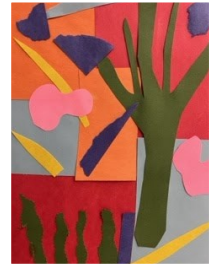
## 2022-23 News from the Art Room!



So much learning and creativity happening in the art room. Congratulations to this year's Fire Prevention winners. They were honored at the January 10th BOE Meeting. Kindergarten has been very busy learning how to paint like the artist Ted Harrison when they were inspired by his beautiful colored landscapes and polar bear art. First grade is learning about Claude Monet and his famous Japanese bridge and how his artwork looked like "smears" of



paint on a canvas. Second graders are learning about Vincent van Gogh and his starry night. They are using oil pastels to create their rendition of Starry Night. Third Graders are learning about Henri Matisse and how he created his scissor drawing. There is so much to learn when it comes to art. And the fun part is they learn when they create. Important words like harmony and how it relates to art. How art tells a story and to tell the viewer about the story. I can't wait for you to see the amazing artist and their artwork at the HBES Annual Art Show, which will be held in May. More information will be provided in the future. Also, this year, the art department has partnered up with Original Art Works as a fundraiser. So keep a lookout for that information as well.



## First Grade Celebrates Holiday's Around The World!

On December 16th the First Grade came together and wowed their families, with their production of Holidays Around the World. Over the last month, all of the first graders studied countries around the world and their December holidays and traditions. They made crafts, read stories, and did research! Most importantly, they celebrated both their similarities and differences to other countries around the world. For their celebration, families were invited to hear the first graders sing songs and speak about various cultures and traditions. The entire experience was not only fun, but magical!

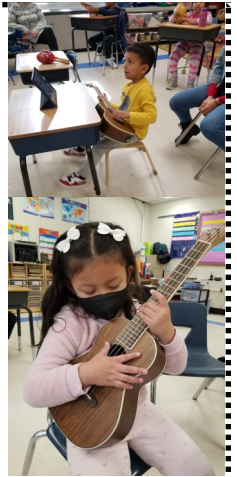


# Life Skills Academy News



This quarter in Mrs. Yakaboski's Life Skills Academy students had the opportunity to learn all about their community and different activities they can do in Hampton Bays. Students practiced dental hygiene and brushing their teeth to avoid cavities and sugar bugs! Students also learned all about reading and writing different story ideas. Students learned all about Winter activities as well as different arctic animals. Students went on an amazing field trip to experience a movie theater!

The Life Skills academy was also very fortunate to celebrate World Kindness Day! The students wrote post-its full of positive affirmations and spread them around the school! The Life Skills Academy had a wonderful quarter filled with exciting activities, books, and fun games! We cannot wait to see what happens next!



## Library

In Library we have been studying penguins, polar bears, Lunar New Year and how to treat a Library book. We read books written by our visiting authors for Family Literacy Night. Kindergarten colored rainbows to go with *Grayson and the Great Crayon Secret*, written by visiting author Anthony Baldasare. In Fourth Grade we have been learning about different genres by having a "Book Tasting" lesson that introduces different genres.

February will bring us to Valentine's Day and *The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Rose*. The upper grades will be introduced to some unknown people that have made a place for themselves during Black History Month.

### Ms. Pen's Picks

*Grayson and the Great Crayon Secret* by Anthony Baldasare (K-4)

*Tomorrow I'll Be Brave* by Jessica Hische (K-4)

*One Dog and His Boy* by Eva Ibbotson (3-4)

*The Hedgehog of Oz* by Cory Leonardo (3-4)

*The Girl Who Could Fix Anything: Beatrice Shilling, World War II Engineer* by Mara Rockliff (2-4) *Tomorrow I'll Be Brave* by Jessica Hische (K-4)



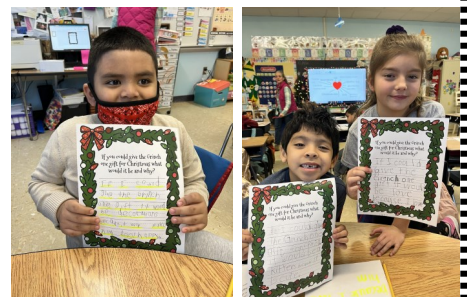
## Second Grade News!

We are having an exciting year in 2nd grade! During the month of December, the students were engaged in studying one of our favorite authors and illustrators, Jan Brett. She's the famous creator of the well-known story called *The Mitten*. Students enjoyed participating in our Grinch Week. Students worked hard comparing and contrasting the Grinch's character traits from the beginning to the end of the story. We ended the week enjoying the Grinch movie.

The students have been enjoying our interactive math curriculum I-Ready. It is amazing to see the growth in our math skills including, addition with regrouping and place value.

In January, we enjoyed several new text sets including the *Pleasure of Giving*, *Finding Beauty in the World Around You*, and *Exploring Different Cultures: Folktales*. These texts highlight the importance of helping others and looking on the bright side. Our students have been practicing these skills inside and outside of the classroom.

It's hard to believe we are just about at the 100-day mark! We are so proud of our students and all of their accomplishments thus far!





## Kindergarten



Kindergarten had an exciting December. We did many fun projects and activities. We made gingerbread men, who ran around the school at night. We also made Grinches, Santas and reindeer. We skated around our Christmas trees and watched the Polar Express. We had a special visit from the North Pole, Santa and Frosty the Snowman. We got to tell Santa what we wanted for Christmas and Mr. Meyer also got to tell Santa what he wanted too. We had a great December!!!



## STEAM NEWS

Quarter two brought with it a new and engaging unit of study in STEAM. During the month of December, HB students in kindergarten through fourth grade participated in a CODING unit of study. We practiced coding using different hands on robots including the Code and Go Mouse and Botley. Our second through fourth grade students were introduced to an online coding program called CodeSpark. CodeSpark is a fun and engaging computer platform that provides opportunities for our students to learn the basics of coding and creating algorithms. Young kids who learn to code get introduced to ideas such as cause and effect, thinking ahead, and how little steps add up to an amazing final product.



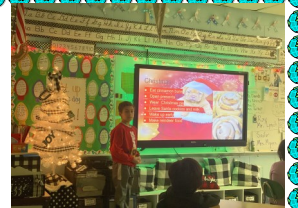
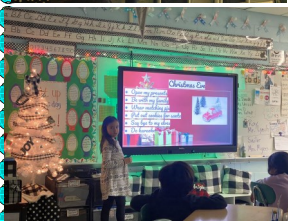
In the coming weeks, students will be introduced to new topics during STEAM. Kindergarteners will be learning about forces; First Graders will be studying the sun, moon, and stars; Second Graders will be learning about matter; Third Graders will be learning about fossils and animals through time, and Fourth Graders will be studying sound waves.

Always question. Always wonder. – Generation Genius.



## Third Grade Traditions

In December, the third graders created and presented Google Slides to show and explain their family traditions. This project connected the Core curriculum, social studies and the Fountas and Pinnell reading program. During Core the students listened to books that shared multicultural traditions from around the world. The students were fascinated and inspired by the traditions they read about that included children from other countries. The students selected any 1 or 2 family traditions that were important to them and their family. Some of the ones they selected included Christmas, New Years, Thanksgiving, and birthdays. The students used their ChromeBooks and technology skills to create the slides. They creatively inserted images to go along with their text and utilized the background and text features. In addition, students had fun selecting and applying animation to make their slides come to life. Finally, the students proudly presented their slides and traditions to their classmates. We were impressed to see the students' creativity and technological skills applied in these amazing presentations!



## Reading Department

The reading department hosted their annual HB Reads Together and Family Literacy Night this January. For HB Reads Together, each class read *Keena Ford and the Secret Journal Mix-Up* by Melissa Thomson. This book sparked fun and meaningful conversations between students and teachers.

Family Literacy Night was a great success! The students were able to participate in a variety of literacy activities. They were also able to meet and talk with local authors and illustrators. The reading department thanks everyone who participated in these events. Happy reading!



## Counseling Department

In September our school social worker and school psychologist completed personal safety awareness education with all students K - 4. This program was well received and reviewed the state mandates for child safety under Erin's Law. In October, in conjunction with our speech and occupational therapy departments, we had a successful anti-bullying month! HBES continues to support Mindfulness with our mindfulness minute, mindfulness groups in school and offered during enrichment.



## K-Kids

The K-Kids have been very busy with fundraising and helping the community! In December, the K-Kids helped collect over 50 coats for our annual coat drive. These coats were then donated to those in need at St. Rosalie's Church. This helped many people during this cold winter season. The K-Kids also sold Emoji Keychains to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



## Student Council



The Student Council along with the Southampton Police Department collected dog food, cat food and blankets for the Southampton Animal Shelter. Members of Student Council got in the holiday spirit by decorating our school tree in the cafeteria and sponsoring Holiday Fun Days. Students wore red and green, dressed in their pajamas and wore their holiday sweaters on those days. The K-kids and Student Council want to thank everyone who purchased mochas which helped both clubs raise money for tee shirts and other club activities.



# Citizen's of the Month

## November & December

### **Life Skills**

Natalie Palacios  
Cooper Clementi

### **Kindergarten**

Logan Tapia  
Luca Lofstad  
Sophia Rivera  
Victoria Ramirez Guzman  
Scarlett Acevedo Arias  
Arianna Morocho Granda  
Evangelista Alvarado Olender  
Matthew Feliciano Gonzalez  
Amy Soledad Ramos  
Fernando Reyes Bonilla  
Ximena Sanchez  
Matias Sopla-Ayavaca  
Hannah Mingione  
Landon Gerber

### **1st Grade**

Adela Bojadzic  
Grace Carleton  
Isabel Trinidad Aguilar  
Veronica Caputo  
Mateo Bautista Gonzalez  
Daniel Reyes Flores  
Brady Andrews  
Andrew Insdorf  
Jose Aguilar Ponce  
Oliver Contreras-Toledo  
Jaxon McFarland  
Emma Lopez-Lazcano





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## November & December

### 2nd Grade

Jhoan Heras  
Ruby Tyson  
Grace Guo  
Samuel Muevecela  
Kevin Huerta Sanchez  
Isla Loudenslager  
Liam Pacheco  
Leah Gorman  
Mariangel Roman  
Carter Hayward  
Rosa Henriquez Hercules  
Jennifer Lopez  
Nickolas Cordova Leon  
Grace Ramos

### 3rd Grade

Nicholas Soto  
Brandon Lopez Zacarias  
Marley Caputo  
Emme Youngman  
Dylan Bacuilima Guaman  
Allison Zambrano  
Mike De Los Santos Vasquez  
Delaney Belvedere  
Ariela Blakaj  
Donovan Cardona  
Jenely Flores Hernandez  
Mathias Correa  
Adam Bojadzic  
Taylor McFarland



# Citizen's of the Month November & December

## 4th Grade

Daniel De Jesus  
Sydney Blom  
William Loudenslager  
Aryana Kappers  
Brooke McNamara  
Nicole Calieca Hernandez  
Kaydens Meneses Tello  
Isla McMahon  
Aurora White  
Annabel Ramsay  
Ivanna Maradiaga Franco  
Alexander Mendez Ramirez  
Johan Elejalde Grajales  
Lesly Ordonez Cartuche

