

The Hawk Eye



Harrison Elementary School's Newsletter

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Harrison's Garden

By Noah Boxer and Nathan Spergel

The Harrison School garden is an important and symbolic place at Harrison School. It is next to the Media Center by the drop-off and pick-up line and has many decorations. Some of them are superhero scarecrows, painted rocks, and winter plants like cabbage, kale, and mums. We interviewed Mrs. Adams, our head gardener, about the garden.



Us: What was gardening with the students like?

Mrs. Adams: I loved it. I love gardening and I want everyone to learn how to do it.

Us: What gave you the idea/plan for which plants to pick?

Mrs. Adams: The reason we did mums, cabbages, and kale is because they are seasonal, cold-hardy plants. They can survive colder weather better than most other plants.

Us: Why the superhero scarecrows?

Mrs. Adams: They were a decoration for the Power of Yet superhero theme. You see a lot of scarecrows in the fall. I thought it would be a good idea.

In conclusion, this garden is important to Harrison because it is a hint of beauty in a large school. The garden really represents all of the differences within our school because each class has its own separate rock and scarecrow that they designed around the superhero theme.

You're The Teacher!

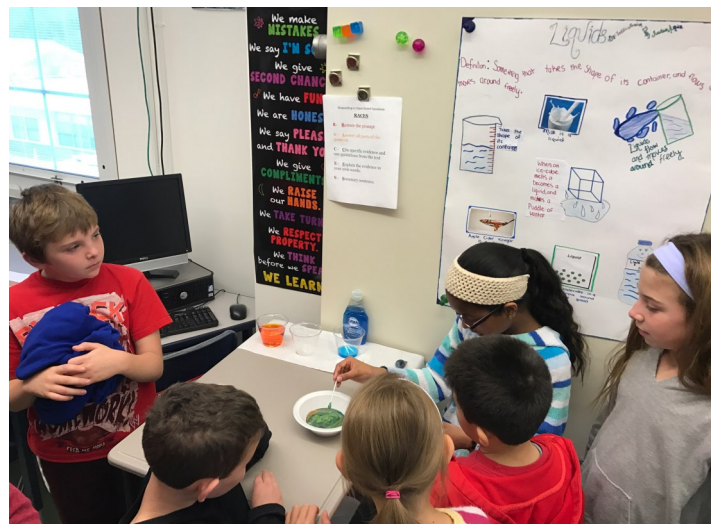
by Ariel Lewis and Michelle Rubinstein

At the end of our fifth grade science unit called Properties and States of Matter, we did a project where the students were the teachers! Each second grade class came to a fifth grade classroom and rotated to each and every station! The stations were Solids, Liquids, Gases, Physical Change, and Chemical Change. To teach the information, the fifth graders designed poster boards with information about each topic, and created fun demonstrations to show that type of matter. In preparation for the presentation, the fifth graders worked in cooperative groups of 4 to 5 students where they researched the topic, found pictures to show examples, and brought in objects or conducted experiments to model what that states of matter can do.

After the presentations, we interviewed some second graders from Mrs. Zavaglia class to see what they thought of the lessons. Morgan Immitt said, "My favorite group was the physical change group." Eden Shvartsman said, "My favorite group was the chemical change, but from the liquid group I learned much more!" Both of them said they learned that matter could do a lot of things and they both liked being taught by the 5th graders.

We interviewed William Wang from Mrs. Craig's 5th grade class to talk about what he thought about teaching the second graders. He said, "I had a really fun time. I was nervous, but excited."

All in all, this was a fun experience for both grade levels. The fifth graders got to share their knowledge, while the second graders had their first introduction to the concepts.



The Monthly Student Council News By Leo Giresi and Akhila Pisupati

Thanksgiving Placemats for Seniors

Before Thanksgiving, the whole school made placemats for elderly people living at Inglemoor Rehabilitation and Care Center in Livingston. Its purpose was to brighten up their Thanksgiving meal by having decorative, hand-made placemats for them to eat their meal on. Though we haven't receive any feedback from them yet, Mrs. Giannopoulos, our Student Council Advisor, said that when she dropped the placemats off the people cried tears of joy. They were so touched by our generosity.

Thanksgiving Food Drive - CHOW

Here's yet another Thanksgiving charity: collecting food for C.H.O.W. During Harrison's Thanksgiving Food Drive, we collected canned and dried foods for our local food bank called Community Hunger Outreach Warehouse (aka C.H.O.W.). C.H.O.W. began only 7 years ago and in that short amount of time, has been able to feed over 30,000 people per year! Our school collected about 7 **large boxes** of food during the food drive. Each grade collected about the same amount of food. That is all very impressive.

Pop Tabs Update

For the months of September and October, Mrs. Latino's class collected the most pop tabs. Due to all of the breaks in the months of November and December, it was decided that the pop tabs would be collected after the holiday break. Let's see who can collect more than Mrs. Latino's treasure mound of pop tabs the next time around.

Book for Babies

In December, the Student Council did a book drive called Books for Babies. The books collected went to The Department of Child Protection and Permanency Agency in Somerville, New Jersey. The fundraiser asked our student body to collect books for children ranging in age from infants to 21.

Harrison School has been very good at contributing to all of the fundraisers so far this year. We hope to have some exciting and new fundraiser as we continue through the year. Keep it up!

Superhero Central

This issue's super message comes from artist Cade Hwang. Her beautiful artwork shows representations of the different holidays recently celebrated by Harrison families.

