# Weekly Update

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### Special note from Mrs. Dolan

Hello, I will be sending a comprehensive email with information about the upcoming pivots next week!! If you have questions, please complete the survey below.

https://forms.gle/Smn2RecRhL8nTYbKA



Art Appreciation in Mrs. Alterman's class!!



Reading challenge!!! We've got this!!!



Thank you to our parent volunteers for zooming in for art appreciation lessons!!

#### **Read Across America!**

To celebrate Read Across America Week, students dressed up for theme dress up days! We loved the spirit our MPE students brought to school and to their zooms! Mrs. Piccoli gave the students a treat and dressed up as the Cat in the Hat and greeted students as they were entering the building! In addition, guest readers joined our zoom classrooms to read their favorite books with our MPE students. Our guest readers consisted of Livingston administrators and community members such as Dr. Block, Mrs. Steiger, and Livingston public school supervisors. Our students loved seeing new faces and hearing a new book to help them grow their love for reading!







# Virtual Kindergarten Snack with Officer Joy and Officer Ralph!

Our Kindergarten students had the opportunity to have snack virtually with our Livingston Police Department community officers, Officer Joy and Officer Ralph! Our students loved getting to know them and had great questions to ask.



## Women's History Month by Caroline Li

March is Women's History Month. It's a time to celebrate the amazing women that formed our country, and paved the path for more opportunities for other women and girls across the country. Some of these women are...

#### • Rosa Parks (1913 - 2005)

Rosa Parks is one of the most popular women in the Civil Rights Movement. In December 1955, Rosa Parks boarded a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. When a white man didn't have a seat, in the "white section" of the bus, he decided to take Rosa Park's seat, in the "colored section" of the bus. Rosa Parks was tired of being pushed around just because of her skin color, so she just sat there and did not move. Later, she was arrested and charged for "civil disobedience." Just refusing her seat was a very dangerous act for colored people back then, and it was also a very powerful act in history. Rosa Parks became known as "The Mother of the Freedom Movement." So that is why, to this day, she is still

#### • Kamala Harris (1964 - present)

Kamala Harris is another powerful person. She went from being a daughter of an Indian mother, and a Jamaican father, to being the first African-American, Asian-American, and female vice president of the United States. She tells students all over the U.S. that if you dream with passion and ambition you can achieve anything. She is a great role model for MPE students.

• Harriet Tubman (1822 - 1913)

Last but not least, Harriet Tubman. Harriet Tubman was another powerful person. She was born into slavery, but escaped and helped many others escape their slavery as well, by helping them get through the Underground Railroad. She risked her life for many others. She saved 300 hundred slaves from their slavery, and each time, she was successful.

Those are just 3 amazing women who helped shape our country.

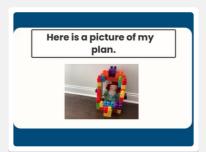
## **Google Classroom**

Parents, please see how to access comments in this google classroom video <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgS-hoSljnw">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgS-hoSljnw</a>

The assignment was to build a house for their stuffed animal.

It could be no taller than their Kindergarten knees, and strong enough to not fall down when they tried to blow it down.







## **Special Shout Out to Mr. Darst**

#### by JENNA AND LILY!!!!!

In Social Studies, Mr. Darst is teaching us all about all the different regions and different ways people survive. Mr. Darst helps so much when we need assistance, he is there right away giving you suggestions on ways you can problem solve. We did a slideshow and wrote about Native Americans. Mr. Darst also answers all of our questions. With his help and support on these region slides, it makes it so much easier to learn and write.

Also in reading, we are in a nonfiction unit. Our class is learning what nonfiction is and what you can

You could pick your topic here of some of the topics people choose recycling, brains, and anything you could think of! It has been such a fun unit so far and it is just going to get better! Mr.Darst is always talking about his past and how he enjoys reading so much. It encourages us to love to read interesting books even if it is in nonfiction or fiction. When we have our read alouds we enjoy the books he picks out for us. For example White Bird or Finding Langston. They are so interesting that we make so many stop and jots while inferring with the text.

Next week we will shout out Mrs. Barbag!!

# Thank you MPE PTA for a Pizza Lunch on Friday!!! Delicious!!!!



#### Is the Lorax real??

#### Patas Monkey by Anjali

Have you ever wondered what the real Lorax is? There may be an answer to this. Some believe that Dr. Suess based the Lorax off of a Patas Monkey. Well, what is a Patas Monkey? Patas Monkeys are ground-dwelling monkeys who live in the semi-arid areas of East and West Africa. An adult male Patas Monkey weighs 27.5 pounds, while an adult female Patas Monkey weighs 15 pounds. They have shaggy, reddish-white colored fur. They also have white mustaches. Their reddish-white fur and white mustache earned them the nickname "the red guenon" and "the military monkey". Patas Monkeys also have long limbs and a long tail. Excluding the tail of a Patas Monkey, they measure approximately 1-2.4 ft. Their tail is about the same length. Their long limbs allow it to run at remarkable speeds of 34 mph! This makes it the fastest primate on earth. Patas Monkeys jump up and down when they're excited. Because they are the fastest primate on earth and they jump when they're happy, they became known as "the dancing monkey". Patas Monkeys are omnivores. Their diet consists mostly of fruits, leaves, insects, flowers, gall, tree gum, lizards, and bird eggs. Due to their small size, they are hunted by numerous animals that share their habitats. Most commonly, they are hunted by wild cats like Lions, Cheetahs, and Leopards. They are also hunted by Hyenas and African Wild Dogs. Snakes and large birds of prey also often hunt Patas Monkeys. Some people hunt Patas Monkeys for their meat, but their biggest threat is people capturing them for sale, either in exotic pet trade or for medical research. Lastly, Patas Monkeys are very social animals. They live in troops of 10-40 Patas Monkeys, consisting of one dominant male, and many females with their young. Female Patas Monkeys play an important role in the troop. They are the leaders as well as the defenders of the troop. As you can see, Patas Monkeys are extraordinary animals. I hope you have come to see Patas Monkeys as the fascinating animals they are.

#### Poem Read Across America By Shubhada Bhoyar, 5th grade

Go Everywhere with Just a Little bit of Reading!

Read, Read! What an amazing thing! I could fly in the air, Or swim in the sea!

And best of all, I can do all these things, While on a couch, Or in my sleep!

So how do I do these wonderful activities? Can I do it in my mind, Or with creativity?

Yes! That is correct!
You can do it anywhere, anytime!
Just close your eyes,
And take to the sky!

Dream while you read. And soon you'll enjoy it! If you just imagine it, You'll just have to love it!

And so you can read being free.

Read over there,

At home, or in a tree!

Read here and there, and if not, then read EVERYWHERE!

#### **Upcoming Events**

March 8 - LBOE workshop meeting - 7:00 p.m.

March 9 - Trivia Night for K &1 - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

March 10 - K-2 Storytime w/ Cullen 2:10pm

https://livingston-org.zoom.us/j/83567702735?pwd=VWtFTVN3UUtwdURhSDJPZG1QMEpHUT09 Trivia Night for 2 &3 - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**March 11** - 3-5 Hygiene lesson w/ Cullen 2:10pm <a href="https://livingston-org.zoom.us/j/82368311335?">https://livingston-org.zoom.us/j/82368311335?</a> <a href="pwd=ZkZaZE5raEVRUi9IYTJOUjJLaDlwQT09">pwd=ZkZaZE5raEVRUi9IYTJOUjJLaDlwQT09</a>

March 12 - Spirit Day

Trivia Night for 4 & 5 - 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

March 15 - LBOE voting meeting - 7:00 p.m.

March 17 - St Patrick's Day

March 26 - Pajama Day

March 29 - April 2 - Schools closed for Spring Break

# Don't forget to tell your teacher how much you appreciate them!!! $\Box \Box \Box \Box \Box \Box$







Thank you Dr. Block for reading to us!!

Thank you Mrs. Rubin for reading to us!

Mrs. Whipple's class loves Read Across America



March Cohort Schedule updated.pdf



