

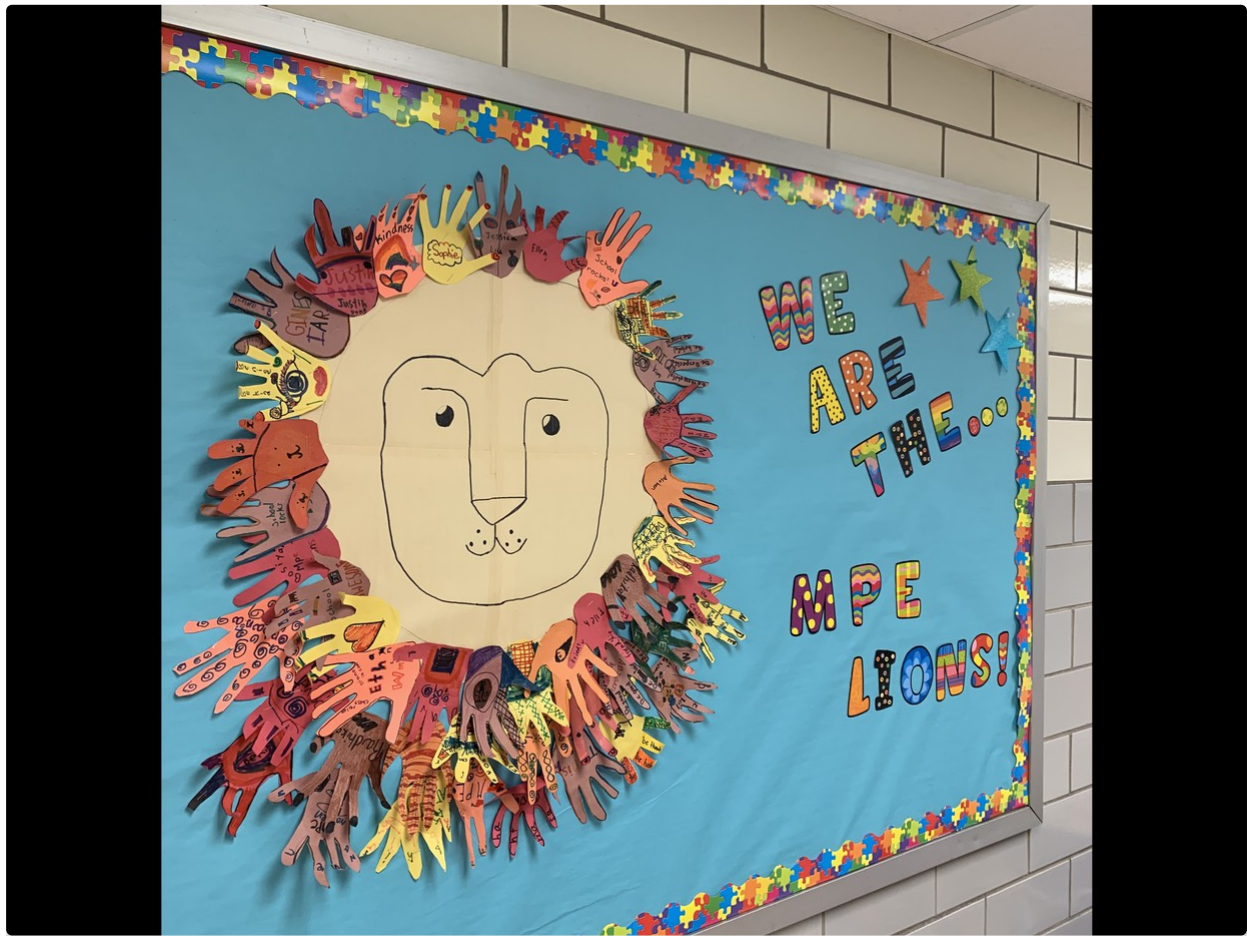
# Weekly Newsletter

January 24, 2020

Dear MPE Families,

We are so excited to share that many of our classes have earned a BINGO on our kindness counts school-wide bingo board!! Remember to ask your child about the MPE stickers they are bringing home! Each day students are reminded to be kind by using their manners, respecting themselves and others, and helping out whenever they can!!! Your children are precious! Thank you for entrusting them to us!

I so appreciate all of your efforts to get your child to school on time!! It is greatly appreciated!



First and foremost, we need to be the adults we want our children to be.  
We should model the kindness we want to see. Brene Brown

# Kindergarten

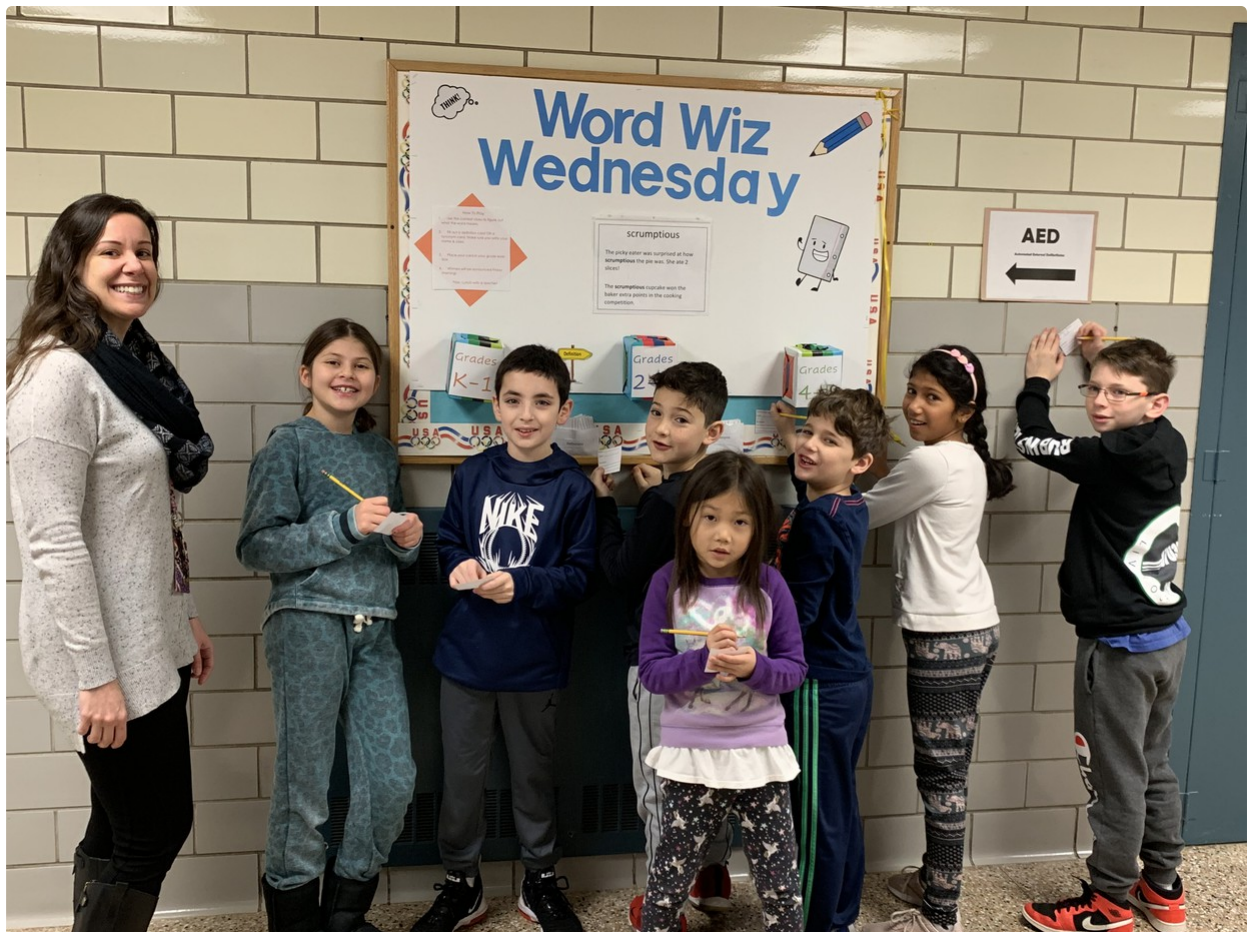
This week the kindergarten children have been excited to read poems and stories about snow. They are using their reading skills to decode unfamiliar words during Shared Reading and Reading Workshop. They are practicing how to retell a story to their workshop partners. It is extra special when they can retell a story by using the words beginning, middle, end, first, next, and/or last.

In Writing Workshop, the kindergarteners are getting ready to write stories about things they like. They are learning that their stories need to give a reason why they like something. We are so excited to see how their writings are becoming more developed pieces.

LET IT SNOW!!! In Science this week, the kindergarteners learned how snow is formed. The children wore their scientist hats to make their own snow in the classroom!!! They learned that one quality a scientist possesses is patience. Everyone was pleasantly surprised!

## 1st grade

This week in first grade we continued our nonfiction unit. We are learning to stop and jot new concepts and important facts while we read. We began to explore a new website called PebbleGo to help us research facts about animals. In writing, we just completed our stories that we wrote about our partners. We used the information that we collected in our partner interviews in our stories. We learned so much about each other! In math, we continued our unit on shapes and patterns. We used shapes, both solid and flat, to make picture models. In science, we are studying translucency as we identified and sorted objects around the room into the following categories: transparent, translucent and opaque. We also continued to work on showing kindness in our classroom and around the school.





## 2nd grade

This week the students worked on various text structures to help them better understand nonfiction text. They worked to locate evidence to support independent ideas gained by reading various articles.

Baby it's cold outside...in writing the second graders have continued learning about the polar regions and the animals and people who inhabit these areas of the world. Next week they will be writing about what they have learned. In social studies, we have begun to learn about urban, rural, and suburban communities. In math, we have explored 2 and 3 digit addition with regrouping.

## 3rd grade

In 3rd grade, we have been busy learning about our 5 facts in both multiplication and division. Keep studying the multiplication flashcards we make in class. Feel free to also practice "call outs"! You can easily "call out" multiplication problems with your student on the way to school, practice, or even on the way to a playdate! This week we launched our new unit in reading: Traditional Literature. We will be studying fables, tall tales, myths, legends, and folktales. In social studies, we made our Native American Pictographs which gave us an opportunity to have fun writing a story using pictures as words.

**In media, 2nd & 3rd graders are learning that research can be safe, accurate & appropriate when using secure sites like PebbleGo & World Book Encyclopedia as well as databases provided by LPS.**

## 4th grade

Fourth graders have been busy this week learning all about our government! We have worked to figure out what makes a good government as well as at what happened at the Constitutional Convention. Next week we will use centers to learn all about the Preamble, the Bill of Rights and venture on a government webquest. In science, the students completed a STEM project - they had to build a Rainforest Ecosystem and camouflage a living creature in their ecosystem. They had a blast! In reading, we are finishing up our study of non-fiction and will begin our class novel soon! We are very excited to read *The Wild Robot*.

In writing the students have begun to write their literary essays. We will continue to write about what we read in the coming weeks!

We have dived right into division this week! We are learning how to use basic facts to solve division problems as well as using models to divide.

## 5th Grade

5th Graders have finished their division unit and now we are onto fractions! They had a great time trying out some stations to work on parts of a set and converting mixed numbers into improper fractions and vice versa. They also enjoyed the volume stations where they got to build a variety of three-dimensional figures to help them calculate the volume. Students also enjoy getting a chance to

have a mindful minute during their calendar and word study time. They love mindful coloring and can certainly get into the zone when listening to music without words.

Please send a note in the morning with your child indicating any dismissal changes. Please do not call the office unless it is an emergency. It is not effective to email teachers as they may be absent or unable to check their email. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. We really need everyone to follow these guidelines as each time we call the classroom, we are interrupting instruction.







## Physical Education

This month in PE, students explored the Whittle in Physical Education. The Whittle is a climbing apparatus that challenges our students to plan and resolve movement challenges safely and effectively. The Whittle promotes movement exploration, problem-solving skills, flexibility, balance, strength, and endurance. Students in grades kindergarten through fifth are challenged to navigate the climbing towers and crossovers as individuals and as part of a small group.

## Winter Concert

The 4th and 5th grade orchestra and band are working very hard for the Winter Concert on January 30. The beginners have come a long way since September and you will be amazed by the progress they have made over the last 4 months. The 5th grade advanced groups are eager for you to hear all the hard work they put into the pieces they have been preparing for the winter concert. We look forward to seeing everyone at the concert on the 30th!!





