



## GOOD NEWS WEEK ENDING January 25, 2019

### High School

The collective poem "Our Voices" written by a group of sophomore students in their English class with the support of Ms. Stevens, Ms. Rittner, Ms. Syring, and, visiting poet, Mr. Terry Carter, was read at the Stoneham Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Event at the Boys' and Girls' Club on Monday, January 21. The Celebration honored Dr. King and his legacy of inclusion.

In February, seven juniors from the Youth Action Coalition will be attending a leadership conference in Washington, DC. The focus of the conference is substance abuse prevention training. These students will bring back community-based strategies to combat substance use.

### Central Middle School

On the night of Thursday, January 17, the Middle School vocal and instrumental ensembles performed at their Winter Concert. The Chorus sang first, under the direction of Mr. David Parry, performing a program of Disney songs, covering Disney history from Snow White to Moana. The Flute Ensemble, under the direction of Ms. Stephanie Sousa, performed four pieces, including When The Saints Go Marching In. The After Hours Jazz Band offered three pieces by Dean Sorenson, finishing with Milo On Midway. The Concert Band then played five selections, including the theme from The Surprise Symphony by Haydn and the feel-good Banana Boat Song. Both bands were directed by Mr. Len Simboski. The children worked hard for their performances, and they were supported by an enthusiastic audience. Let's hear it for the kids involved in the Middle School music program!

Congratulations to the Math Team, which placed fifth at its meet in Lynnfield! Leading the scoring were Jessica Hom, Maya Ibrahim, Quinn Nial, Konstantina Hantzis, and Radhika Patel followed closely by Wilmarika Annacacis, Nihal Berrad, Bree Lakeman, Alex Dubuisson, Shenaya Verma and Ivy Wong. Konstantina Hantzis and Radhika Patel also received awards as highest scoring 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the meet. Congratulations to all participants!

### Colonial Park

At Colonial Park, lots of fun things have been happening in specials. In Art, 4th graders recently completed aboriginal dot paintings which are displayed in our halls. In music class, Kindergartners are learning the concepts of presto and largo, and learning to sing along different examples of these types of songs. First grade students are in the process of learning quarter notes and eighth notes using chanting, clapping and percussion instruments.

### Robin Hood

Grade one teachers are excited to report their students are committed to building their reading stamina! Students in all three classrooms are halfway to their goal of reading independently for 20 minutes. They love filling their book bins with just right books and silently reading in their comfy spots around the classroom. Keep it up grade one – we can't wait until you reach your goal!

Grade 2 is looking forward to their field trip to the Greater Boston Stage Company on Friday, January 25. Students will be enjoying a performance of Disney's Beauty and the Beast as a culmination of their Fairy Tale and Fables

unit. We are so grateful to the Robin Hood School PTO for their continued support of our many exciting field trips and enrichments!

### **South School**

Students that were “Caught being...” last week were: Kaiya, Bryan, Rak, Angelina, and Jackson.

Despite the difficult weather we had a great turnout for our second week of our before Writing Club! 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders have been busy typing various types of writing such as open response, opinion writing, fun stories with a partner, and even Google Slides presentations.

During Common Planning time our teachers have been visiting classrooms at other grade levels to see the great things happening around the South School!

### **Technology**

Notification has been received that Stoneham has been awarded four Project Lead The Way (PLTW) Grants to implement new PLTW STEM curriculums.

South Elementary - \$5,000.00 – PLTW Launch Program  
Robin Hood Elementary - \$5,000.00 – PLTW Launch Program  
Colonial Park Elementary - \$4,000.00 – PLTW Launch Program

Stoneham High School - \$35,000.00 – Implementation of an Engineering Pathway. Initial courses will be Introduction to Engineering Design (2019-2020), and Civil Engineering and Architecture (2020-2021).

The PLTW program is currently in use at CMS (STEM and Computer Science courses), and at SHS (Biomedical (3) and Computer Science (2) Courses).