



# Elementary Fish "Tales"



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

Dear Parents,

What an exciting time it has been in the last few months here at HBES as we kick off the spring season! I am confident that you will enjoy reading this issue of our newsletter as it is chock full of exciting events and happenings in our elementary school. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated, creative, and enthusiastic staff. They never cease to amaze me with their level of skill.

Next week we wrapped up New York State Testing of English Language Arts and Mathematics for our third and fourth graders. From everyone here at Hampton Bays Elementary School, we would just like to give a big thank you to our students and their families for the dedication and hard work that they have shown all year. Hampton Bays is a wonderful community to be a part of as has been demonstrated this year. So once again, thank you for all that you do and continue to do!

Finally, on behalf of the Hampton Bays Elementary School, I would like to wish a Happy Mother's Day to all! I look forward to watching our students continue to grow and bloom in their learning.

Sincerely,

Marc Meyer

### Mark your Calendar:

- ✓ **5/2** Spring Enrichment  
@ 3:30-4:30
- ✓ **5/3** BOE Meeting &  
Budget Hearing  
@ 7 pm - HS
- ✓ **5/4** Spring Enrichment  
@ 3:30-4:30
- ✓ **5/5** PTA Plant Sale
- ✓ **5/6** PTA Plant Sale
- ✓ **5/9** Spring Enrichment  
@ 3:30-4:30
- ✓ **5/11** Spring Enrichment  
@ 3:30-4:30
- ✓ **5/17** Spring Concert
- ✓ **5/18** Author Illustrator  
Night @ 5-6:30
- ✓ **5/19** Author Illustrator  
Night Rain Date



## K-Kids

This month the K-Kids are continuing to work hard on fundraising and helping their community! In February, the K-Kids raised money for Autism. The K-Kids sold puzzle pieces for \$1 to donate to Camp Flying Point. The students were able to raise \$ 200 for this organization. In March, the K-Kids participated in a Green Day on St. Patrick's Day to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House. This month the students will have an opportunity to participate in a National Pajama Day on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>, which will raise awareness on Autism and the Anderson Center. The K-Kids will also sell Emoji Keychains this month to raise money for Stony Brook Children's Hospital. The students are eager and excited to participate in these fund raising events. The K-Kids also have many more events planned for the remainder of the year.

## Music Notes

As Spring made its debut, so did many of our students in the wonderful PTA Virtual Talent Show. Thank you to all the supportive families who helped make our stars shine so brightly! Links to watch the shows are on the Elementary School Website, as well as the students' Google Classroom called "Specials".

In the music room, Kindergarten and first grade students are enjoying some singing games. Second graders have been playing piano, and third graders are playing xylophones. Fourth Graders are preparing songs for a school performance on Tuesday, May 17th. Each fourth grade class will perform a hit song from the 1950's to the 2010's!

## Technology News

Third and fourth graders are learning about ways to protect and care for our Earth. Students have been expressing themselves creatively with poems, essays and artwork to participate in the yearly Earth Day poster contest. Students competed in Keyboard Olympics, which were typing challenges and games. Students just finished completing puzzles and codes with a Digital Escape Room to Free the Leprechaun. Students in grades K-2 have been working on writing, drawing and improving keyboarding skills. Students wrote about what makes them feel lucky.



## Physical Education News

Students have had a fun winter in PE. Besides playing numerous cooperative games, they were on a secret mission to cross a river (the gym) and save an exotic fish with only a scooter, rope and some rocks. Fortunately, our teams were successful! Students completed a challenging obstacle course and learned some road safety on scooters. For the spring a reminder to wear sneakers, sunscreen and dress in layers since we will be outside.

## Student Council News

The Student Council has planned the Spring Spirit Week. We look forward to a week of fun April 11-14, 2022. When we come back from spring break, the Student Council will be helping plan and be station leaders for Kindergarten Celebration and 1<sup>st</sup> grade Field Day. The help of the student council and their enthusiasm make each day a great memory for our students.

## ¡Hola! From FLES

Students kindergarten through fourth grade are learning about the history of Cinco de Mayo and why it is celebrated.

Kindergarten is engaging in a read aloud to learn about how food, music, dancing, and parades are all a part of the celebration. To follow, they are making a sombrero craft. First graders are gaining an appreciation for the exciting traditions and rich cultural celebration associated with Cinco de Mayo. They are also learning a traditional song from Mexico called, "La Cucaracha." Second graders are reading and creating a mini book about this special holiday.

Third and fourth graders are deepening their knowledge and appreciation of the holiday and Mexican cultural, while also strengthening their comprehension skills.

¡Viva México!

## Fourth Grade News

Fourth graders have been actively participating fundraising for worthy causes and making cards for our local seniors. Community service activities prove to be fundamental in the growth and development of our students.

Our students are enjoying the Love on a Leash program which features classroom visits by various therapy dogs. In addition to their amazing personalities, these dogs bring a sense of calm and joy to each classroom they encounter.

Officer Tedesco also visited our 4<sup>th</sup> graders to share some sound advice on how students can stay safe and make good decisions when in online activities. Students were engaged during the presentation and encouraged to ask questions and share experiences.

It's been a very busy time for 4<sup>th</sup> grade!

## 2021-22 News from the Art Room!

The students of the Hampton Bays Elementary School have been learning about different artists and their style or technique of art. Kindergarten students are learning about watercolor resistance and how by using crayons and then painting over the picture with watercolor the crayon will be vibrant. First Grade students have been learning about Henri Rousseau and how he became a self taught artist. Second Grade students are learning how Georgia O'Keeffe was one of the first American Women artists and how she painted objects larger than they were. Third Grade students have been learning about the artist Henri Matisse and how you can create a masterpiece by just using scissors, construction paper and glue. Fourth Grade students have been learning about the local artist Jackson Pollock and how he took ordinary house paint and created masterpieces by just flick a paintbrush or dripping paint from a can. So would you like to see what your artist has been creating in the Art Room!

You can see all of these and more at this year's IN-PERSON Art Show that will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 between 6-8 pm. Bring your family and friends to see how your young artist created their masterpieces. More information will be posted in the virtual backpack as the event gets closer.

## Second Grade News

The second graders at Hampton Bays Elementary school have enthusiastically welcomed the spring season! Students have been creating Spring poems. We have been learning about various poem styles including acrostic and haikus poems. We used our observations of the outside world to create poems that describe the beauty of the spring season!

During the month of March, our students enjoyed several books written by the famous author Helen Lester. Students enjoyed hearing her hilarious adventures of her characters Buddy, Tacky the Penguin, and Edwin the Emu.

We are so proud of our hard work raising money for a fundraiser for the Southampton Animal Shelter. Second Graders sold mini stuffed animals and raised \$1,206 to be donated. The shelter will use the money for everyday needs including food and medicine.

A special "thank you" to Mr. Pilero and our Hampton Bays Elementary School P.T.A. for hosting our talent show! Our courageous second graders showed off their special talents including dance routines, singing, and even pop it baking! As always, thank you parents for your continued support. We are so proud of our second graders and look forward to a successful Spring learning experience into the fourth quarter!



## Life Skills Academy News



This quarter in Mrs. Yakaboski's Life Skills Academy students prepared for spring and the Hampton Bays Olympics! Students learned all about spring activities as well as different animals that were waking up from hibernation and migrating back to New York State. Students went on an amazing field trip to Hampton Bays High School to compete in our very own Special Olympics! Students also began to study fossils and dinosaurs in preparation for our field trip next quarter! 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

Kindergarten, First and Second Graders have been working on *The Flower Garden* by Eve Bunting. Third and Fourth grades were working on *The Curious Garden* by Peter Brown. The students worked on Cause and Effect with these books.

We are now moving on to *Miss Rumphius* by Barbara Cooney. Miss Rumphius was known as The Lupine Lady. Students are creating their own lupines to "make the world more beautiful". The classes be moving on to *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss and making their own truffula trees. Second through Fourth Grades will be writing about why trees are so important to us.

### Ms. Pen's Picks

*Little Brown* by Marla Frazee (K-4)  
*Honeybee* by Candace Fleming (K-4)  
*A Day for Remembering* by Leah Henderson (2-4)  
*Ghosts* by Raina Telgemeier (3-4)  
*One Dog and His Boy* by Eva Ibbotson (3-4)  
*Here in the Real World* by Sara Pennypacker (3-4)

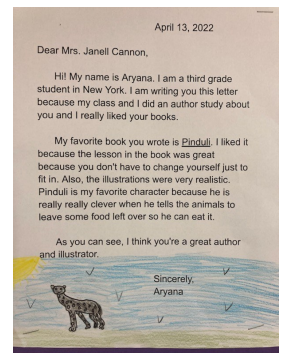
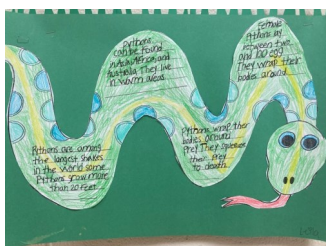


## Third Grade News

The third graders are actively involved in and enjoying the school's reading program - The Fountas and Pinnell Classroom. A recent unit of read aloud books was focussed on an author and illustrator study of Janell Cannon. Her books centered around animals that re unfavorably

perceived by most people. Her characters were Verdi the snake, Stellaluna the bat, Crickwing the cockroach and Pinduli the hyena. Students learned valuable life lessons as they read each book and saw the struggles these characters overcame. This unit related nicely to our school-wide character education program. We learned the importance of not judging others by the way they look or before you get

to know them. Finally, the students wrote letters to Janell Cannon telling her their favorite characters and books. Many of the students ended their letters wondering if she would be writing another animal book in the future!



## Kindergarten

Kindergarten had fun learning about Spring and making Easter projects. Each student decorated Easter Eggs with their families and they were displayed in the kindergarten hallway. The students enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt with their classes. The kindergarten students had a great time at the Fun Run.



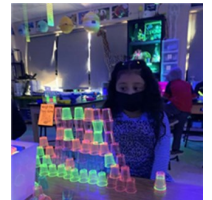
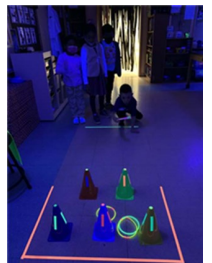
## Glow Games Spark Learning

The faces of Hampton Bays Elementary School students lit up recently as they entered their STEAM learning period. The lab, which is set aside for science, technology, engineering, arts and math learning, was fully aglow with fluorescent, black-lit learning stations aimed at sparking engagement.

Designed as part of the Glow Games initiative, each station featured an interdisciplinary, age-appropriate game or activity. Among them were weighing and measuring glowing liquids, creating art projects using a Lite-Brite, finding scientific words with neon highlighters and stacking illuminated cups.

"I am super excited to bring this concept to Hampton Bays," said STEAM teacher Jonathan DellaSperanza. He learned of the idea at a virtual conference and saw other schools creating similar events on social media.

To bring the idea to fruition, DellaSperanza secured a \$500 grant from Jovia Financial Credit Union for the purchase of supplies.



## First Grade Visits the Sun and Moon

The Vanderbilt Museum sent some friends to Hampton Bays! These 'out of this world' friends took our first graders on a journey of a lifetime, as they explored the sun and the moon! "Space Adventure to the Moon" turned up the heat and began with an exploration of the properties of the Sun. From the Sun, these space explorers popped over to Earth and discovered the water cycle and cloud types! Eventually the clouds cleared and we learned about rainbows, how they come to be, and where to spot one. We ended the day with a giant leap to the Moon. There, we learned about the features and phases of this amazing satellite. The Vanderbilt Museum sparked our interest and gave us the SPACE to grow!



# Mindfulness

This quarter in mindfulness classes, we have continued our focus on the breath and relaxation with visualizations. We have also focused on kindness, caring and connection when thinking about the choices we make. Students enjoyed the ice cube activity to understand how our thoughts can impact how we feel as well as noticing the difference between a feeling and a reaction.

Coming up: We will continue with learning how to reframe our thoughts and how that helps us understand a situation better and a teamwork activity to teach focus and connectedness. Breath, focus, and affirmations are part of most lessons.



## Junior Achievement Program

Over 20 classes in the elementary school are participating in the Junior Achievement Program. Junior Achievement is a volunteer organization that provides hands on materials to teach valuable economic skills through grade appropriate lessons. Kindergarten focuses on working, earning and saving. First grade introduces children to entrepreneurship, needs and wants. Second grade explores businesses and communities. Third graders practice financial literacy through money management. Finally, fourth grade culminates with the relationship between the natural, human, and capital resources found in different regions. Junior Achievement is an extremely beneficial program for children of all ages and the Hampton Bays Elementary School is proud to be a part of the organization.



Please follow us on Twitter at [@HamptonBaysES](https://twitter.com/HamptonBaysES) so that you can see live feeds of what is going on in the Elementary School!

# Citizen's of the Month

## January

### Life Skills

Faith Rojas Espinosa

### Kindergarten

Dominick Young

Camila Maldonado

Omer Bandic

Camila Gallardo Zendejas

Tatiana Dominguez Zurita

Lucas Luna

Evelyn Rojas Rojas

### 1st Grade

Rowan Delaney

Johanna Barranco

Liam Pacheco

Rosa Henriquez-Hercules

Emma Stiehm

Eduardo Sanchez Cornejal

Quinten Schulze

### 2nd Grade

Brody Carpenter

Hannah DeJesus Barranco

Dafne Ramirez Siguencia

Leslie Ruiz Rizo

Emee Youngman

Guilherme Ribeiro

### 3rd Grade

Liliana Berisha

Jackie Reyes

Daniela Aguero

Addison Schulze

Wesler Escobar Calanche

Jack Huebner

Isla McMahon

### 4th Grade

Matthew Valencia Abad

Manuella Ribeiro

Lily Schultheis

Emy Moran

Ashlyn Copt

Britney Rojas Rojas

Stephanie Cruz Morales





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## February

### Life Skills

Jacob Rojas Morales

### Kindergarten

Isabela Gomez Muyudumbay

Oliver Vasconcelos Jaramillo

Vania Paiz-Perez

Daniel Reyes Flores

Emma Guzman

Clayton Beymolla

Alexander Preda

### 1st Grade

Brianna Bedoya

Kennedy Martinez-Gomez

Juliette Berisha

James Reinoso Salazar

Ciaran Smith

Ivan Guevara Bermeo

Wesley Velez

### 2nd Grade

Brandon Lopez Zacarias

Delaney Belvedere

Victoria Schmidt

Gahel Medrano

Matthew Castillo Cedeno

Austin Copt

Mia Lascano

### 3rd Grade

Diego Blas Cruz

Kayden Austin

Noah Krops

Scarlett Clanahan

Dylan Muevecela

Gianna Sinchi Valladares

Aryana Kappers

### 4th Grade

Edguin Puin Farez

Christopher Alvarado

Logan Haynes

Israel Potrero Cuamatitla

Carlos Guerra

Anthoni Perez

Alison Guzman





# Citizen's of the Month

## March

### Life Skills

Isabela Rivera Aranzazu

### Kindergarten

Faryn Stubelek

Nicole Castro Espinoza

Devon Reiner

William Feliciano

Sailor Lofstad

Ashley Alvarez Calix

Emma Rios

### 1st Grade

Chase Brennin

Robert Despres III

Aiden Blakaj

Andres Herrera

Tyler Huebner

Alexa Bautista Martinez

Fisher Lofstad

### 2nd Grade

Isabella Gonzalez Sierra

Marley Caputo

Bradley Nieto

Debbie Cabrera

Odaly Lazo de Cid

Nikki Zhang

Kylie Ceballos

### 3rd Grade

Brooke McNamara

Katherin Gonzalez Avila

Juana Llanos Carmona

Hudson Anglin

Daniela Munoz Arias

Briselda Orozco Coronado

Aline Rojas Reyes

### 4th Grade

Nickolas Lopez

Aubrey Schrage

Jemma Loetscher

Andrew Ochoa Franco

Aiden Bonilla-Angel

Bianca Ramirez Paredes

Ivan Gutierrez Cruz



# Citizen's of the Month

## April

### Life Skills

Jayden Pirir

### Kindergarten

Bruno Saldana Muevecela

Jose Aguilar Ponce

Peyton Talmage

Alison Suqui Bacuilima

Eleanor Cullings

William Patino

Mikayla Small

### 1st Grade

Daphne Chilikuinga Ochoa

Sadie Kiernan

Vanessa Villada

Ashley Andrade

Mackenzie Spring

Carla Gonzalez Flores

Kaitlyn Flores Hernandez

### 2nd Grade

Jake Ruc

Emma Kirst

Natalie Palacios Alvarado

Adam Bojadzic

Anthony Bautista Gonzalez

Deen Brbutovic

Aden Paguay

### 3rd Grade

Sandy Mejia Lopez

John Munoz Morales

Ashton Urbano

Melina Torres

Freddy Mejia

Angel Martinez

Lillianna Carlson

### 4th Grade

Dylan Patino

Ian Lopez

Stacey Ochoa Rojas

Kevin Gonzalez

Amy Tigre Suculanda

Cristel Galo

David Santiago

