



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:

- ✓ **4/17 to 5/3** Spring Enrichment **ONLY Mondays and Wednesdays @ 3:30-4:30**
- ✓ **4/28** Fun Run
- ✓ **5/11 & 5/12** PTA Plant Sale
- ✓ **5/16** Spring Concert @ 6:00pm
- ✓ **5/24** Art Show @6:00pm



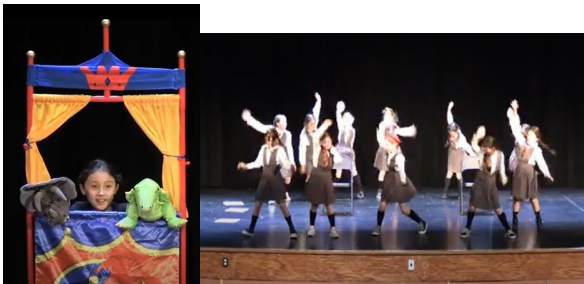
K-Kids

This month the K-Kids are continuing to work hard on fundraising and helping their community! In February, the K-Kids raised money for the Ronald McDonald House by selling Mini Pop Fidget Keychains. In March, the K-Kids participated in a Green Day on St. Patrick's Day to raise money for the Stony Brook Children's Hospital. The K-Kids were able to raise over \$500 for the hospital. This month the students will have an opportunity to participate in a National Pajama Day on Thursday, April 27th, which will raise money for Autism Awareness. The K-Kids will be selling bubbles and puzzle pieces for \$2. With the proceeds, the K-Kids will donate to both the Anderson Center and Camp Flying Point. 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 school year.



Music Notes

In the music room, Kindergarteners have been composing rhythms for their percussion instruments. First grade students have been playing piano, and Second graders are playing xylophones. Third and Fourth Graders are preparing for their **Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 16th**, which will also include the debut of the Fourth Grade Band! Congratulations to our amazing students who performed in the PTA Talent Show. We had a wonderful show with so many different talents; from Kindergarten to Fourth Grade. We can't wait to see next year's show!



Student Council News

What did the Student Council member say about selling yo-yo's?

It has its ups and downs!

The Student Council brought the NED Show to Hampton Bays Elementary during the Citizen of the Month assembly. The Ned Show is a live performance where NED uses a yoyo to teach students to Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best. The program is a "pay it forward assembly" where we sell yo-yos and then another school can see the assembly for free like HB did. The students would agree that the show was entertaining with a great message. Thank you to all that purchased yo-yos

Physical Education News

Physical Education: During the recent quarter we raised money for the American Heart Association by teaching students jump rope skills to utilize in and out of the classroom. Students were a part of our Kid's Heart Challenge event and were able to show off their skills to the rest of their grade. Hampton Bays Raceway was created while students drove through our course on scooters learning about traffic safety, signs and the rules of the road. Students were also challenged through our Project Adventure course of low elements, ropes, rock climbing wall and more. As always, have your child wear sneakers and be prepared to go outside as we enter the spring season.

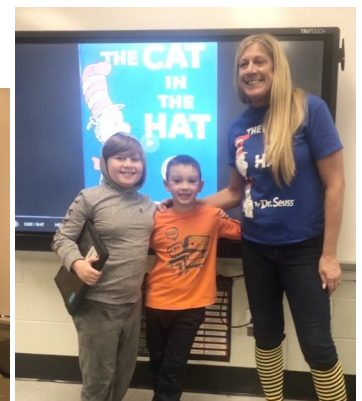
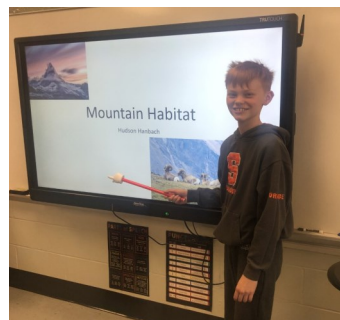


Technology News

Third graders recently played Valentine Bingo on their Chromebooks. Also, third graders did an author study on Dr. Seuss.

Fourth graders just finished creating their own google slide shows and presented them to their classmates.

Kindergarten, First and second graders continue to work on typing skills, reading, writing and math skills. Ask your child to show you their work on Seesaw.



Kindergarten

Kindergarten had a very exciting March. We got ready for Spring by doing many fun activities and projects. We also celebrated St. Patrick's Day. The kindergarten children made leprechaun traps to hopefully catch a Leprechaun. The Leprechauns broke into the kindergarten classrooms and made a mess! Sadly, we did not catch a leprechaun. Hopefully, next year we will catch one!



First Grade Visits the Westhampton Performing Arts Center

Excitement ran high on the morning of March 15th, as first graders entered the elementary school ready to go on their first field trip! At 11:45 we boarded the buses and were off to Westhampton Performing Arts Center! There, the first grade filed into the theater seats and were all smiles as they awaited the show. The show kept the students interested with their unique execution of The Ugly Duckling. Lightwire Theater presented this classic fairy tale in a pitch dark theater, with the only light coming from their light up costumes. The Ugly Duckling taught us that we should all accept ourselves for who we really are. Lightwire Theater did an amazing job illuminating their costumes, the story and our first graders' hearts!



Second Grade News

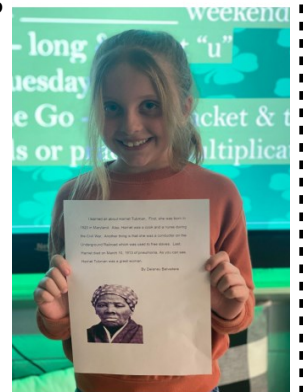
The second graders at Hampton Bays Elementary school have enthusiastically welcomed the spring season! Students have been creating Spring poems. We have been learning about various poem styles including acrostic and haikus poems. We used our observations of the outside world to create poems that describe 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 the hilarious adventures of her characters Buddy, Tacky the Penguin, and Edwin the Emu. **All of the Second Grade Classes** are participating in the Junior Achievement Program. Junior Achievement is a volunteer organization that teaches and inspires young people to understand the economic world around them. They provide hands-on materials to teach these age appropriate lessons. Second grade students are exploring businesses and the many jobs these businesses offer in a community. We are all so proud to be part of the Junior Achievement Organization and grateful for all of the volunteers for their time and energy. The children truly love the program and have a lot of fun learning about these extremely important topics.



Third Grade News

On Monday, March 6th, the third grade went to the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Theater to see the musical performance, Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. The third graders had been reading, writing and learning about Harriet Tubman as they were learning about Black History Month. The students enjoyed the live performance and songs. They recognized a lot of the facts in the show that they had learned in class. There was also a lot of new information that was revealed in the performance about Harriet Tubman and her life. We all appreciated being able to return to the theater again as this is the first year we're able to travel for field trips again. Many students commented that this was the first time they were at a theater and saw a live performance with music. Overall, the students and staff enjoyed the experience. We would highly recommend it to everyone!

I learned all about Harriet Tubman. First, she was born in 1820 in Maryland. Also, Harriet was a cook and a nurse during the Civil War. Another thing is that she was a conductor on the Underground Railroad which was used to free slaves. Last, Harriet died on March 10, 1913 of pneumonia. As you can see, Harriet Tubman was a great woman. By Delaney Belvedere



Fourth Grade News



4th Grade is raising money for educational activities by sponsoring the famous BIN-GO Night at the elementary school. This is a very successful and exciting community activity and we hope everyone who comes has a great time.

The GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) program is back! Officers from our local sheriff's department will be visiting 4th grade classes to discuss positive relationship building and problem solving skills.

We are anticipating our annual trip to Old Bethpage Village. This trip will compliment our curriculum about colonial NY. Students cannot wait to explore the past!

Library

In Library we make a Kindness Chain by using kind words and how we helped someone. We also learned about the changes a caterpillar goes through by reading ***The Very Hungry Caterpillar*** by Eric Carle and ***The Impatient Caterpillar*** by Ross Burach. As St. Patrick's Day approached, we read ***There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Clover*** and did a sequencing activity. With the older grades, we learned about St. Patrick's Day while playing, ***Blooket***. We will be studying some famous women in history such as ***Gertrude Ederle***, America's Champion Swimmer and also getting ready for STEAM night by reading books about determination and inspiration.

I Got Next by Daria Peoples-Riley (K-4)

Bravo, Tavo by Brian Mekunier (K-4)

Trudy's Big Swim by Sue Macy (K-4)

Girls with Guts by Debbie Gonzales (K-4)

The Eye that Never Sleeps by Marissa Moss (3-4)

Tish by Edwina Wyatt (2-4)

The Infinite Questions of Dottie Bing by Molly B. Burnham (2-4)



STEAM

The students were very busy with hands-on explorations in STEAM for Quarter 3. Kindergarteners learned all about pushes and pulls which are forces. Through activities including bowling, wrecking balls, and ramps, students were able to grasp the concept of force and motion.

First Graders were lucky enough to have the Vanderbilt Planetarium visit us for an in-house trip to the moon during our unit of study on the Sun, Moon, and Stars.

Second grade learned all about solids, liquids, and gasses which are all states of matter. We even learned that some types of matter can have properties of more than one state, like Oobleck!

During the **third grade** unit on fossils, the students were able to go on a fossil dig, with the help of donations made by the Beymolla Family. The students identified fossils and were even able to bring one home.

Fourth graders learned all about sound. By exploring waves and wavelengths, we learned about patterns in terms of amplitude and frequency. Through the use of sound stations, like cup phones, palm pipes, and musical glasses, the students were able to delve deeper into this topic.

To close out the school year, topics in various grades include but are not limited to animals, plants, energy, electricity, and engi-



¡Hola! From FLES

What fun it has been learning Spanish this quarter! Students in **Kindergarten** made brown bear puppets to help them retell the story Oso Pardo, Oso Pardo, Que Ves Ahí? using animals and colors in Spanish. They are now learning a traditional nursery rhyme from Mexico called “De Colores” to sing about the springtime. Students in **first grade** have been learning the days of the week in Spanish. They read La Oruga Muy Hambrienta and are able to retell the story in Spanish about what the caterpillar ate on each day. Every class, we start off by singing the days of the week song along with our other favorites! **Second graders** learned the letters of the alphabet and vowels in Spanish. They are not able to ask someone how their name is spelt and spell their name in the target language! They are now learning how to express their emotions in more ways than just “bien.” Students in **third grade** learned weather expressions in the target language. Students are “weather reporters” and have been completing a weather forecast project about their Spanish-country of choice. **Fourth grade** celebrated the 100th day of school by writing one hundred words in Spanish, as a grade. We have been having fun playing games to learn numbers to one hundred in Spanish and have even been doing math!



Art News

So much learning and creativity is happening in the art room to get ready for this year's “Annual In Person Art Show!” This year the Art Show will be held on May 24, 2023 in the Gym. Come and view your child's AMAZING art work. They have been working so hard and learning how to make art. They are learning how colors are made and how to blend colors together.

This year we are using Original Works as a fundraiser so you can create some personal keepsakes. Perhaps for Mother's Day, Father's Day or even just to have. A sample of what your child's artwork might look like has gone home, so check your child's backpack. If you would like to place an order, those orders need to be given to Mrs. McDowell no later than April 18th, so they will be back just in time for Mother's Day!



Please follow us on Twitter at **@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

Avva Pirir

Kindergarten

Aubree Small

Mia Vlahadamis

Salome Elejalde Grajales

Emma Chabla

Emily Diaz Villazhañay

Madison Fallo

Indie Blue Crooke

1st Grade

Faryn Stubelek

Brandon Pena Castano

Ariana Alvarracin Suculanda

Dylan Mena Lopez

Adele Valle Flores

Derek Sacta Maldonado

Bryanna Trujillo-Novillo

2nd Grade

Johanna Barranco

Samantha Reyes Medina

Cesar Canel Guevara

Ashley Andrade

Kolton Kappers

Quinten Schulze

Angel Ochoa Franco

3rd Grade

Jacob Guevara

Anette Garcia Gonzalez

Grace Simmons

Marcus Brennin

Anthony Bautista Gonzalez

Dafne Ramirez Siguencia

Jocelyn De Los Santos

4th Grade

Angel Galo

Juan Maya Hernandez

Daniela Aquero

Sheyla Gonzalez

Oscar Zaleski

Angel Villate Pinto

Luis Lopez Hernandez



Citizen's of the Month

February

Life Skills

Jacob Rojas Morales

Kindergarten

Maya Mendez
Brandon Sierra Ospina
Juan Ordóñez Padilla
Alex Fajardo Murillo
Eduardo Soloman
Anson O'Rourke
Madeline Forbes

1st Grade

Alexander Preda
Camila Maldonado
Bruno Saldana Muevecela
Evelyn Rojas Rojas
Iraní Alexa Sanchez Escorcía
Danny Estrada Bautista Nico-
las Postiglione

2nd Grade

Gabriel Lopez Rodriguez
Grace Schultheis
Riley Flynn
Nicolas Guanga Pena
Mayah Correa
Emma Steihm
Tessa Mendez Arriola

3rd Grade

Amber Coady
Dylan Jimenez
Gahel Medrano
Evelyn Dodd
Darwin Saban Mendez
Deen Brbutovic
Jocelyn De Los Santos

4th Grade

Sabrina Prieto
Maria Sanchez Montoya
Jack Huebner
Grant Kurz
Sandy Mejia Lopez
Ashly Duran Maldonado
Julianna Quizhpe Carchi

