

# The Superintendent's Broadsheet

# Revere Public Schools

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## Beachmont

This week marked the conclusion of MCAS ELA testing for grades 3-5. We were extremely impressed by how diligently our students worked during this time. They were focused, used their strategies, and were very conscientious. It was a truly scholarly effort. We would like to congratulate Ms. Cerasale-Messina, our technology teacher, who recently received a Donors Choose donation for several Osmos – devices that allow students to engage real world objects on the iPad. This is one of several new pieces of technology that the school has received that will advance our STEM focus.

## Garfield

Congratulations to David Kossol Rorth who participated in Boston regional qualifier at the Metropolitan Waterworks Museum on April 9, for the Science Championship. The Science Championship qualifiers are held each Spring in cities across the world with students in divisions from Gr 4 – 12 competing in multiple rounds, answering quiz questions for points, and ultimately qualification for the 2019 Science World Fair. Thank you to STEM teacher Casey Maloney for bringing this opportunity to students at GES and for accompanying David and his mother to the competition.

## Garfield Middle

Congratulations to the 17 students from GMS who had their poems selected to be published in the Poetry Escape Contest. The GMS Drama Club has been working hard all year and is now gearing up for their production of Beauty and The Beast which will be held on April 25th and 26th from 6:30—8:00 in the GMS auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students with and RPS ID. The third installment of the RPS Support Staff workshops will be held on Monday, April 29th and focus on anxiety and depression in middle school.

## Hill

Last week the Junie B. Jones performances on Thursday and Friday were a hit. The cast and crew did a fabulous job and the Hill community is extremely proud! Congratulations to 3rd – 5th grade for finishing ELA MCAS! Lastly, before vacation next week, the specialist team here at the Hill has hosted the trimester 2 dojo celebrations for our 3rd-5th grade students. The celebrations are to acknowledge the success of the students throughout trimester 2 in their specialist classes.

## Lincoln

As an MCIEA task, the third grade team is working to learn about and promote Autism Awareness. Students are studying the disability, preparing research presentations and promoting awareness throughout the school by sharing information. Students are also in charge of the District SEPAC raffle sales and have already raised 1,000 dollars for Special Education programming in Revere. We look forward to seeing their hard work at the completion of this project! In addition, the Lincoln faculty completed professional development around creating trauma sensitive classrooms and is looking forward to working the strategies we learned into our Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Framework (PBIS).

## Paul Revere

On April 23 at 6:00 PM, the winner and the two runners-up of our school-wide Spelling Bee will be recognized for their achievements at the school committee meeting. The eventual winner, Lena Le, and the first runner up, Jon Begoli, duelled for 43 rounds and an amazing 214 words. Lena's second-grade sister, Leona Le, hung in there for many rounds and was the second runner-up. At the regional Spelling Bee in Lynn on March 13, Lena did us proud, continuing through the fifth round. Also, next week during school vacation, our school will host a free STEM camp for 55 of our students. The classes,

taught by Paul Revere teachers, provide enriching experiences in science, technology, engineering, and math.

## Rumney Marsh Academy

The RMA would like to congratulate Kathy Trinh, Christy Ly, Andri Kadaifciu, and Emma Higgins, who placed second at the State Finals of National History Fair this year! With a second place finish, the group of 8<sup>th</sup> graders qualified to represent the entire state of Massachusetts at the National Finals in Washington D.C.! Congratulations to these students and their teacher, Mr. West. The group's placement marks the third year in a row that the Rumney Marsh Academy will be represented at the National Finals for History Fair, an incredibly impressive accomplishment! Great job, go Hawks!

## Revere High School

On Thursday May 28th, AP Biology Students visited MIT, where they observed several model organisms at various developmental stages, learned how fMRI can be used to understand how the brain functions, and listened to a key note speaker discuss the role of introns in the expression of genes. On April 4th, Culture Club members attended an incredible performance of A Bronx Tale at the Boston Opera House. Students especially appreciated outstanding performances by the actors playing young and teenage Calogero and Sonny. On April 5th, Wallid Souksski, the Student Senate President, and Mr. Fergus attended Student Government Day, an informative program about state government, that includes students participating in the role of elected or appointed officials to "observe the processes of government."

## Seacoast

The SeaCoast community would like to congratulate Zack Speroni, Aamirah Caraballo, and Colby Patterson for taking their SAT on the April 9th SAT School Day. On April 10th, Deana's Educational Theater presented The Lesson as Part 4 of our Knowledge is Power Health and Wellness Series. The Lesson explored the relationship of three students who are forced to deal with the effects of cyberbullying. The play helped students recognize the different types of cyberbullying and the lasting implications of what is posted online (reputation, school, career, etc.), and the consequences of sending explicit material on computes, mobile devices, and through social media. Staff will continue this important dialogue with students in advisory. Stay tuned for an update on our final presentation on May 1st.

## Susan B. Anthony

On Wednesday, April 10th, 8th graders Condredge Currie and Omar Leon participated in a panel discussion at The New Accountability: The 2nd Annual Massachusetts Consortium for Innovative Education Assessment (MCIEA) Forum at UMASS Boston. Condredge and Omar helped adults from across the state understand the differences between their experiences with MCAS vs Performance Tasks and how they know their schools are great! #sbapride

## Whelan

Students in Ms. Johnson's 5th grade homeroom were recognized as winners for the Achieve 3000 Read to Succeed 2 Contest. Students received certificates for their success and the classroom received \$25 worth of classroom supplies. Students' high scores helped them win the contest as well as their accelerated literacy growth! Ms. Johnson shares her classes recipe for success "I chose standards that we were working on during ELA and articles that sparked interest for students so they could make connections with the text, and have a better understanding of what they read. We were very consistent about using Achieve, and had students track their Lexile growth. They were so excited to see their Lexile move that they didn't even realize they were winning the contest. By the end of the contest, there were 22 out of the 26 students whose Lexile improved in just one month!"