

Colonial School District Clippings

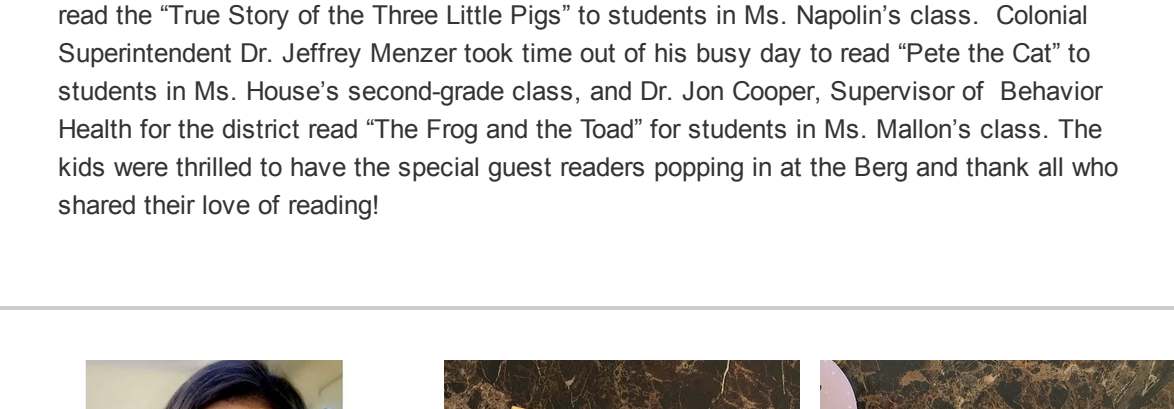
APRIL 1, 2021

Please note this correction from the previous newsletter for the return to school dates.
Monday, April 12th - all classes will be held virtually

School Calendar Dates to Remember

- April 2: Schools and Offices Closed
April 5-9: Spring Break: Schools Closed
- April 12- all classes will be held virtually**
Marking Period (MP) & Semester Dates
- Prek: Semester 2: 2/5/21- 6/11/21
 - Elementary: Semester 2: 2/5/21- 6/11/21
 - Middle School:
 - MP 3: 2/1/21 - 4/13/21
 - MP 4: 4/14/21 - 6/11/21
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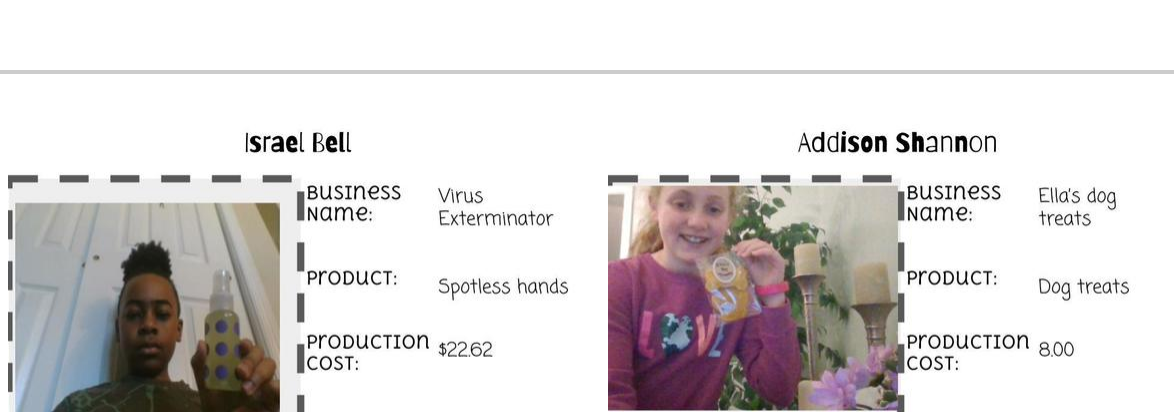
Happenings at CEEP



A Virtual Field Trip for the Little Colonials

Pre-school students in Colonial's Early Education Program (CEEP) traveled all the way to the peach state virtually. The children had a visit from Tom Hastings from the Chehaw Park Zoo in Albany Georgia. The children saw a hedgehog, an alligator, a red owl, and even a tarantula. Wow, what an awesome way to learn!

Happenings at Elementary Schools



Berg Nation Celebrates I Love to Read Month

Eisenberg brought in the big guns for I Love to Read Month. Delaware Governor John Carney read the "True Story of the Three Little Pigs" to students in Ms. Napoli's class. Colonial Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Menzer took time out of his busy day to read "Pete the Cat" to students in Ms. House's second-grade class, and Dr. Jon Cooper, Supervisor of Behavior Health for the district read "The Frog and the Toad" for students in Ms. Mallon's class. The kids were thrilled to have the special guest readers popping in at the Berg and thank all who shared their love of reading!



Teacher Illustrates How to Save

Jennifer Hurley is not only a first-grade teacher at Southern Elementary, she's also the illustrator of a new children's book about finances. Hurley says a friend who is a financial advisor approached her about helping with the project. "When I found out that the book would be based around the concept of teaching children how to save their money, I immediately became so excited to be a part of this! I teach economics to my first graders, and all of the concepts flow right into our unit or learning." Hurley says she spent five hours a day over a span of two years to make her colorful illustrations drawings. "I wanted to bring the author's words to life with bright, magical, and enthralling drawings. I know what the kids like and what they are into... fidget spinners, X-box, clothes, cars, toys, unicorns, bright colors!" The book, titled, "Money Grows Here" is available on Amazon and at Barnes and Noble where it's getting great reviews.

[Here's the Amazon link](#)

Israel Kelli



Business Name: Virus Exterminator
PRODUCT: Spiffy hands
PRODUCTION COST: \$2262
SELL PRICE: \$100

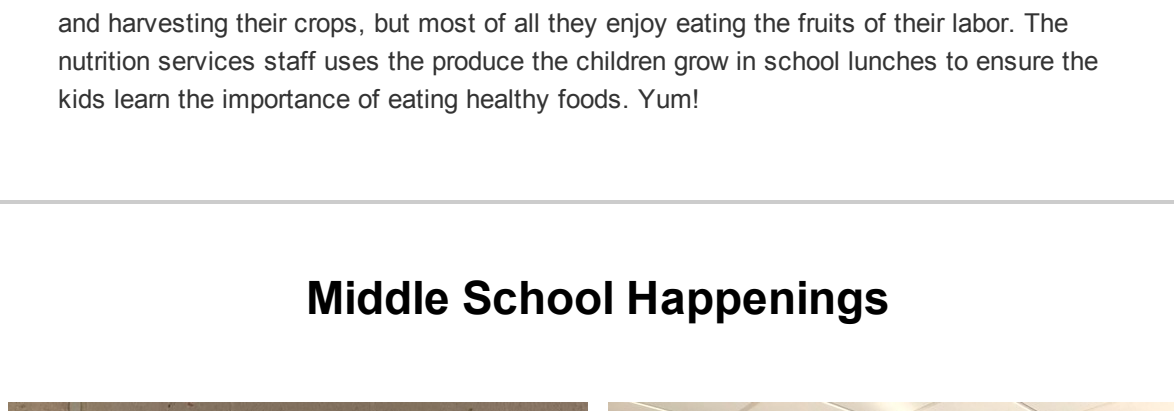
Addison Shannon



Business Name: Elles dog treats
PRODUCT: Dog treats
PRODUCTION COST: 800
SELL PRICE: \$200

Market Days Continue at Wilbur

In a typical school year Wilbur's cafeterias would be filled with display boards and all kinds of projects and products handmade by the students. The kids work hard to produce their products to show off and even sell to customers at the school. COVID wasn't about to stop this much-anticipated event spearheaded by 5th-grade teacher Alina Pfeifer. The children held a virtual Market Day and had a blast!



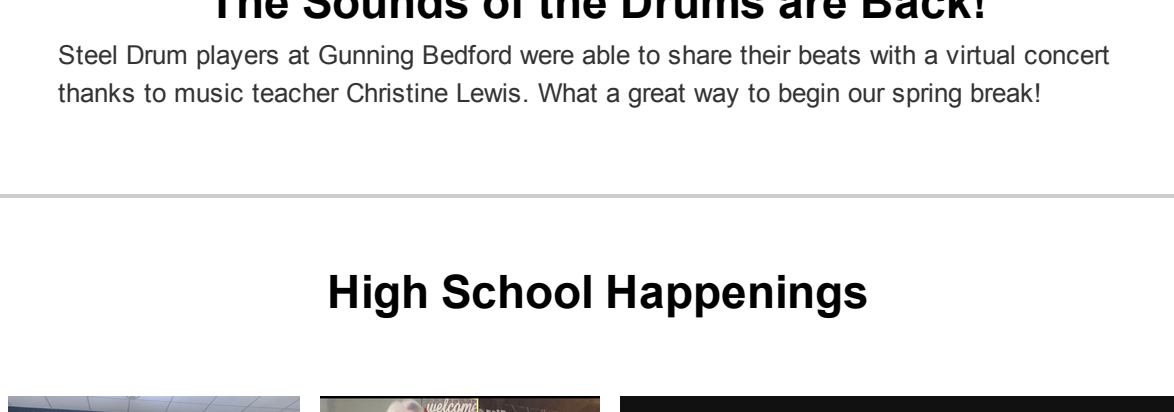
A Colorful Spirit Day at Wilmington Manor

On the Monday after World Down Syndrome Day students at Wilmington Manor, like students at many others in the district, showed their support by rocking their colorful socks. A Spirit Day with a special meaning is always fun for students in-person and in Colonial's Virtual Academy.



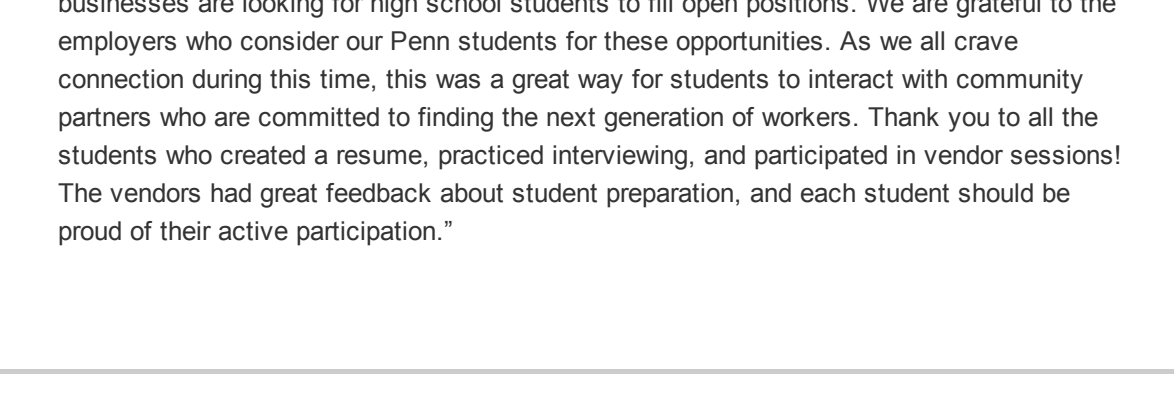
St. Patty's Day at New Castle

There was plenty of green to go around at New Castle Elementary school as students and staff celebrated St. Patrick's Day!



Spirit Day Southern

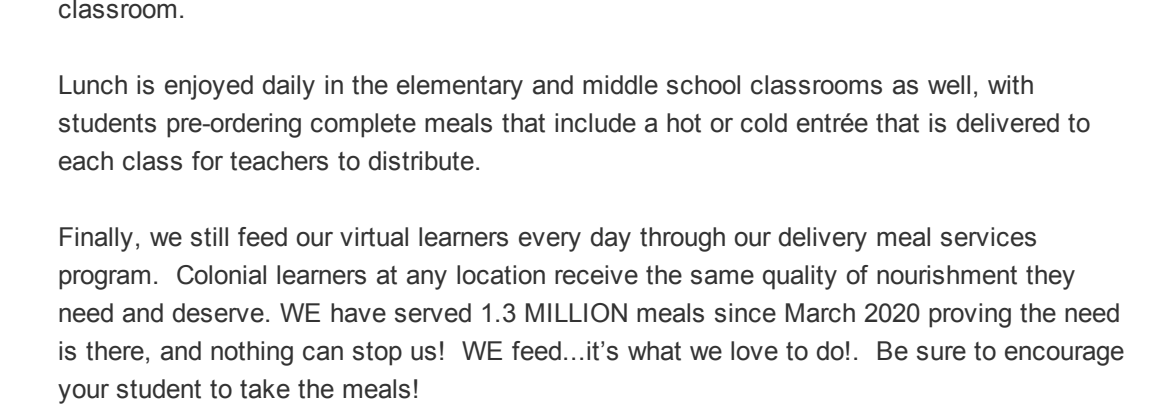
Students and staff enjoyed a day that was out of this world at Southern. Those who came to school for in-person instruction, and those who learned at home virtually dressed for Galaxy Day with some great costumes and T-shirts. Spirit Day is always fun at Southern!



Spring is Here!

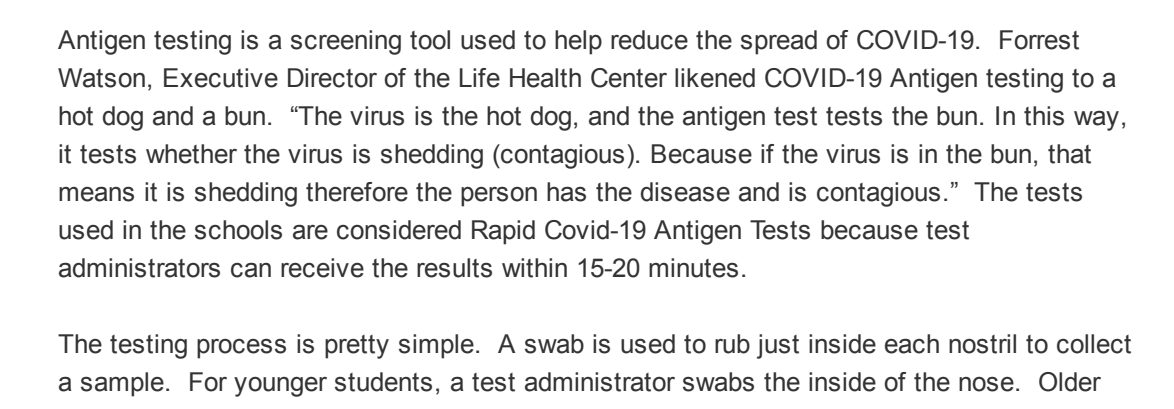
Spring means one thing at Pleasantville...time for planting veggies. The vegetable beds have been prepped so students had started planting seeds. The children love planting, caring for, and harvesting their crops, but most of all they enjoy eating the fruits of their labor. The nutrition services staff uses the produce the children grow in school lunches to ensure the kids learn the importance of eating healthy foods. Yum!

Middle School Happenings



McCullough Goes on a Field Trip...Virtually

Students at McCullough may not be able to travel on field trips due to the pandemic, but virtual visits are the next best thing. The students recently went on a virtual tour of the Constitution Center in Philadelphia. Principal Bill Johnston said the administrator at the center was so impressed with the Mustangs he wrote, "We have enjoyed your classes so much, whatever you are doing at McCullough keep doing it." Johnston was particularly proud when student Nicholas Parker volunteered to take the oath of office as part of the virtual visit. "It was priceless and his whole class clapped and cheered. It was amazing. This is a great testament to everybody because it has been so difficult but when you hear this it does make it all worth it," Johnston said.



The Sounds of the Drums are Back!

Steel Drum players at Gunning Bedford were able to share their beats with a virtual concert thanks to music teacher Christine Lewis. What a great way to begin our spring break!

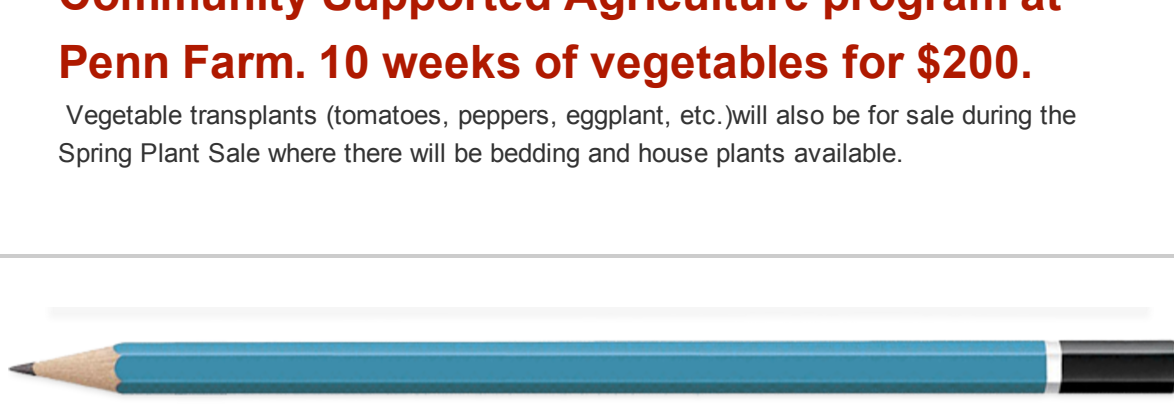
High School Happenings



Job Fair Was a Huge Success!

The pandemic didn't stop Jobs for Delaware Grads from hosting its annual job fair for William Penn students. More than 70 students participated and 35 vendors hosted their own zoom sessions with those students. Work-Based Learning Coordinator Anna Morgan pulled off the virtual event with help from teacher Sarah Cuje who built a website just for the event. "While virtual engagement can be tough, we are so grateful for the employers who were willing to participate in our virtual fair. It's crucial for student development that we do what we can to offer the same events and opportunities that students would have in normal times," Morgan said.

Before the fair, Jobs for DE Grads hosted three interview and resume workshops. Students who attended pre-qualified for on-the-spot interviews with Harry's Savoy, Big Fish Restaurant group, and Panda Express. At least one student was hired from these interviews, while other students landed follow-up interviews with other businesses. Morgan acknowledges it's been a tough year for employers and job-seekers alike but says, "With stores and restaurants increasing capacity and summer camps planning for in-person programming, we know businesses are looking for high school students to fill open positions. We are grateful to the employers who consider our Penn students for these opportunities. As we all crave connection during this time, this was a great way for students to interact with community partners who are committed to finding the next generation of workers. Thank you to all the students who created a resume, practiced interviewing, and participated in vendor sessions! The vendors had great feedback about student preparation, and each student should be proud of their active participation."



WE Feed!

The Colonial Nutrition Services Department covers all the bases when it comes to making sure our virtual and in-person students are ready for optimal learning.

The William Penn cafeteria staff makes sure students receive a nutritious lunch to take home every day. At dismissal, kiosks are stationed at every student exit while our team reminds each student that an individually packed, HOT meal is available for them to take home (at no charge to any student). The Penn Nutrition Services staff encourages students to grab a meal as they are leaving by dressing up, dancing, and sometimes singing to students!

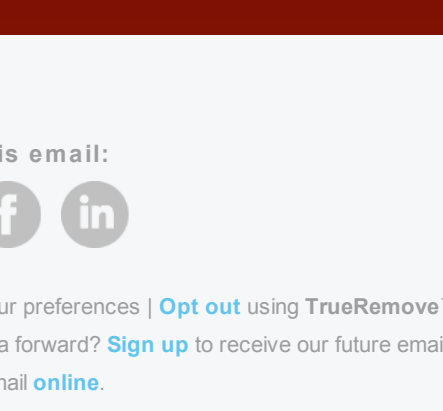
We love to feed our full-day Integration A students at Penn as well. To bring extra excitement we deliver meals to their classrooms that are packaged in decorated bags and fun stickers. When dressing up for holidays or special events we make sure to visit the classrooms so the kids can share the occasions with us. They are always so happy and appreciative, which makes our job fun!

Penn cafeteria manager Jeannette Latchford declares, "Our team wants every child at William Penn to enjoy a HOT nutritious meal AND a smile, every day!"

To start the day for our in-person learners, all grade levels are enjoying breakfast in their classrooms by grabbing a popular entrée, fruit, and milk from a kiosk stationed in the hallway. All products are individually wrapped and bagged. Our teachers are instrumental in encouraging their students to participate in breakfast service. Research supports what educators see every day in our schools: a well-nourished child who starts the day with breakfast is more likely to be a better learner, and more willing to participate in the classroom.

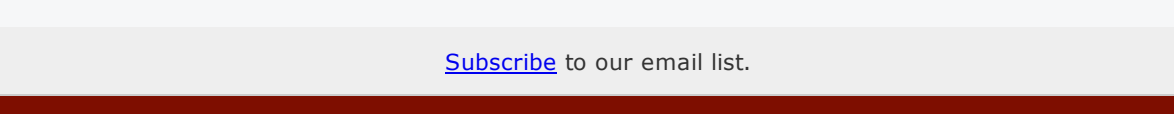
Lunch is enjoyed daily in the elementary and middle school classrooms as well, with students pre-ordering complete meals that include a hot or cold entrée that is delivered to each class for teachers to distribute.

Finally, we still feed our virtual learners every day through our delivery meal services program. Colonial learners at any location receive the same quality of nourishment they need and deserve. WE have served 1.3 MILLION meals since March 2020 proving the need is there, and nothing can stop us! WE feed...it's what we love to do!. Be sure to encourage your student to take the meals!



She's a National Winner!

The Special Needs School Nurses Special Interest Group named Heidi Hildick as the National Outstanding Nurse for Students with Special Needs for 2021! Colonial Nation is proud to have Heidi as the District's Lead Nurse and Leach's School Nurse. WE are making a difference that's being recognized by the entire country!



You may be planning your garden. We are too!

If however, you are not planting a patch this year we have a Summer CSA vegetable share just for you.

more info @ colonialschooldistrict.org/pennfarm/

Want fresh produce all summer long? Don't forget Penn Farm is offering its summer Community Supported Agriculture program at Penn Farm: 10 weeks of vegetables for \$200.

Vegetable transplant (tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, etc.) will also be for sale during the Spring Plant Sale where there will be bedding and house plants available.

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