

Heron Pond Happenings

January/February 2018

Principal: Mrs. Chantal Alcox

Assistant Principal: Mr. Chris Saunders

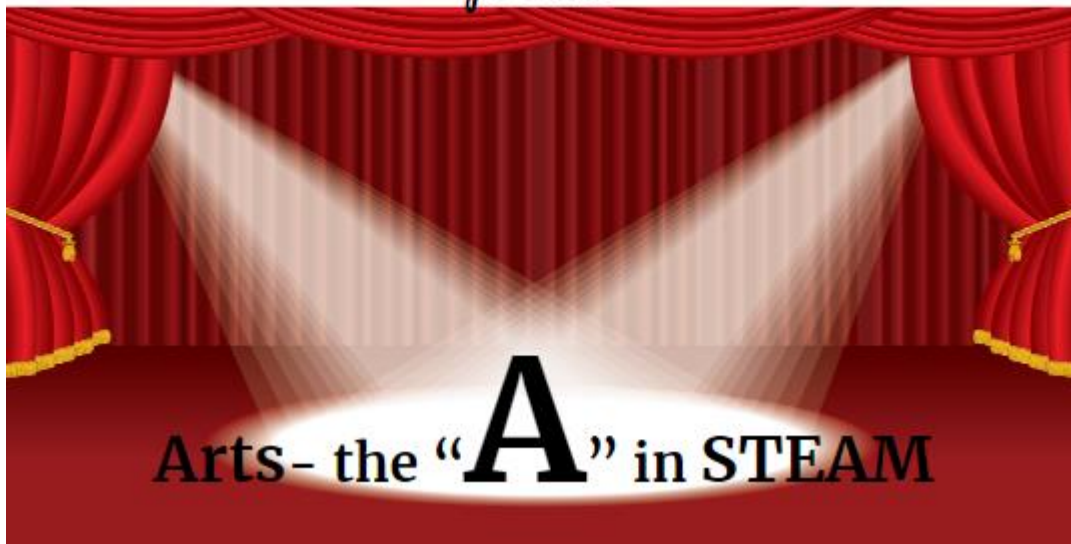
Principal's News –

Our Guinness World Record Attempt - "Most people dressed as Dr. Seuss characters" The current record is 564. Our total is 686! Thank you to everyone for helping us to achieve our goal! Thank you to MES PTO for their support!



Heron Pond Family Night

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Heron Pond's Family Night Presents: "Arts - the A in STEAM!"

Please save the date for our upcoming Heron Pond Family Night!

Who: All Heron Pond students in grades 2-5 and their families

What: A Family Night celebrating the Arts - art, music, health, wellness, physical education, science, technology, engineering and math.

When: Friday, March 9th; 6:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Heron Pond Elementary School

More information to follow. We hope to see you all there!

Spelling Bee

In January we held our annual Spelling Bee. The Bee went for several rounds as our spellers competed. Our school champion is Beth Brooks and our runner-up is Isaac Rysdam. Beth will go on to compete in our State Bee on Saturday, February 24 in Concord. Good luck Beth!

Congratulations to our classroom winners: Beth Brooks, Brennan Lawson, Isaac Rysdam, Mason Antonowicz, Jordan Gebro, Paradise DeLaCruz, and Jason Lewicki.



STEAM

Our Innovation Lab is ready for classes! We have had success in applying for grants to enrich our Lab and are excited about the opportunities. Thank you to the Milford Rotary Club for the donation to create a Lego Wall. We are excited to have our students explore design thinking and challenge themselves as they create.



Grade Level News

Grade 2

Everyone had a great time on our field trip to Peabody Mills! Students learned about animal tracks and adaptations. They were also able to search for animal tracks on our snowshoeing adventure! Thank you again to all the chaperones who joined us. You were all a big help!



Currently the second graders are working to complete their first research project! Students will learn how to take notes, gather information and organize that information into an expository writing piece. They are having a blast learning about the penguin they have chosen and can't wait to create a life size picture of their penguin to take home!

Grade 3



Ellis Island Day

The students have been hard at work learning about immigration. During their study of immigration and Ellis Island, the students have had the chance to learn about their own family histories through various projects. On February 21st all of their hard work and learning will help them as they immigrate to America. The students will undergo the inspections and tests that third-class passengers experienced upon their arrival at Ellis Island. After all of the “immigrants” are welcomed to America, each class will have a feast and the students will get to taste foods from all over the world. It is a day they will remember forever. Parents, please be on the lookout for more information about the specifics of Ellis Island Day.

Coding Club

Coding Club is coming to third grade beginning in March! Students will get to sign up and try their hand at coding with Miss Hollander on Fridays during recess. Students will work on block coding with Angry Birds and learn about problem-solving and algorithms. Check out code.org if you'd like to help your child learn this valuable skill!



Grade 4

The fourth graders of Heron Pond performed the musical “Of Thee I Sing” on Tuesday February 20 and Wednesday February 21, 2018. The musical is a tribute to that many styles of music that have shaped American culture including folk, country and rock n’roll! The students rehearsed for many weeks to learn lines, song lyrics and dance moves. The final product was a delightful show that had the audience smiling and tapping their toes! The fourth graders also showed off their recorder skills on stage! Bravo to the all the performers and to the music teachers Mrs. Rumson and Ms. Chaplain for their hard work!



Grade 5

As we pass the midpoint of the school year, fifth grade students and teachers are preparing for another "middle" - middle school! We recently had several sixth grade students visit from Milford Middle School (MMS) to talk about a program available in sixth grade called Nature's Classroom. The sixth graders shared information, experiences, and answered questions. There will be a parent presentation on Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. at MMS. As the second half of the school year progresses, we will continue to focus on mastery of the skills necessary to be successful in middle school. Keep up the great work, fifth graders!

Important Dates:

Holiday Recess 2/26 - 3/2

MES PTO Meeting Thurs. 3/8 @ 6:30pm Jacques

Milford Town/School Voting Tues. 3/13 6am-8pm MMS

No School/Teacher Workshop Day Tues. 3/13

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