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THE HOBOKEN CHARTER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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### Important Dates:

- Friday, October 26th– Halloween Bash @ West Five Supper Club 4-7pm
- Monday, October 29th– Make a Difference Day Celebration
- Monday, October 29th– HCS Build Hoboken Charter Fundraiser @ the W
- Thursday, November 1st– Open House @ 255 Congress Street for K-8, 7:00-8:00 pm
- Thursday, November 1st– Open House @ 4th & Garden Street for 9-12, 7:00-8:00 pm
- Wednesday, November 14th– Board Meeting—7:00 pm @ 255 Congress Street, JC
- Thursday, November 15th– PA Meeting @ 8:30 am, location TBD
- Thursday, November 15th– 1:00 pm dismissal for students. Professional Development
- Wednesday, November 21st– 1:00 pm dismissal– No Afterschool or clubs.
- Thursday– Friday, November 22-23rd– school closed for Thanksgiving



Thank you to all you have donated to help Rebuild Hoboken Charter. See pages 2,3,4



### Rebuild Hoboken Charter School Benefit & Auction

When: October 29th - 7:30 to 10:30 pm  
Where: W Hotel Hoboken - 225 River St, Hoboken NJ  
Tickets: \$90 each

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31ST IS HALLOWEEN.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ARE PERMITTED TO BE WORN. COSTUMES DEPICTING VIOLENCE, WEAPONS AND MASKS ARE NOT ALLOWED. THANK YOU AND HAVE A SAFE HALLOWEEN



HCS 6th Annual Halloween Bash  
Friday, October 26th

See the attached flyer.





A Giant Thank You to the following families, friends and neighbors who have made contributions to help Rebuild Hoboken Charter School.

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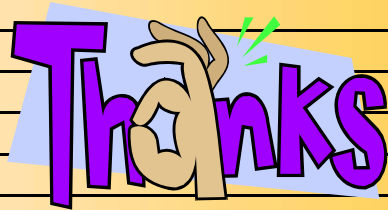
**THANK YOU**

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Robin Wolfson	
Eleanor Wyrich	
Kathie Zedack	
Rebekah Zelman	





# Kindergarten Class Newsletter



Enjoy The Pictures!!

## Look What We've Been Up To!!!

### Language Arts:

We started our "Letter of the Week" studies with the letter Mm. So far we learned a few M words and next we will be learning S words and we will add them to our Word Wall. As part of our letter studies we're now using our handwriting books. We've been practicing good handwriting, sitting up straight in our chair, concentrating on our pencil grasp) and are really enjoying our handwriting workbooks. We have begun reading workshop and soon we'll be bringing home our book baggies filled with our "just right" books.

### Math:

We have been quite the mathematicians!

We have begun our study of numbers and have been practicing identifying and writing numbers. We even got to write them in shaving cream and in paint. Then we molded them out of play doh! We have been using the numbers to move forward and backward. Soon we'll be adding!

### Writing Workshop:

We launched our Writing Workshop! We are looking forward to being authors and writing our own stories throughout the year!

### Science:

We began talking about the five senses and how we use each of them to be aware of our surroundings. We will continue to learn about the life cycle of a pumpkin and even get to dissect pumpkins before the end of the month!

### Service Learning:

We are looking forward to Make a Difference Day, on October 29th. We will be discussing how we'd like to make a difference in our community. We'll keep you posted on how we are going to help.

This year has been quite eventful so far. We want to thank all of the K families for all of their support and generosity and kind words over the past month and a half!!!

Thank you to the families who have provided snack so far, the kids have enjoyed them all!

### WISHLIST:

Zip loc bags (gallon and sandwich size)



Making numbers in play doh!



Writing teen numbers in shaving cream!



Pumpkins from the cleaning staff!

## First grade news - A new beginning



**Our new home** - So much has happened since our (second) first day of school. We have learned all about our new building and are enjoying working in our new art and music classrooms. We now also have a separate room for Spanish, and space for P.E. to take place right here in the building - no more worries about rainy days! Our classroom is big and bright and fully stocked with books, toys, art supplies and even our desks from 713!

**Our new programs** - First grade got right back into the swing of things and has been busy learning through the use of some new programs, combined with additional proven techniques. We are learning phonics and how to spell by taking words apart and putting them back together with "Words Their Way." We are also learning a new way to write with "Handwriting Without Tears." Readers and Writers workshops have begun, and the children are learning how to identify character traits, and write a "small moment" story.

**Our new friends** - Words cannot convey how much we'd like to thank everyone who has helped rebuild our class (and our school) to what it is today. To Lori Hill of EPS, who met me on the Parkway to deliver books, I say "Thank You!" To Rainbow Transportation and Mile Square Theater, who donated bussing and tickets for first grade and Kindergarten to see "Go Dog, Go" we say "Thank You!" And to every parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, relative, and person that helped us during a true time of need, we say "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!" None of this would have been possible without you.



# 2nd Grade News

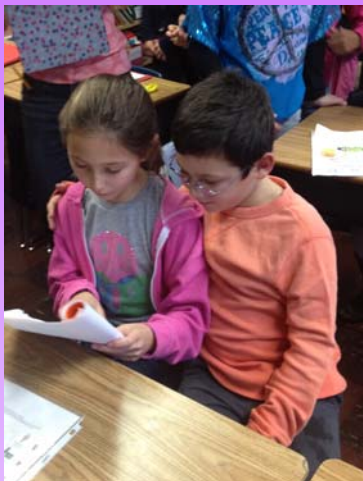
The second graders have been hard at work in our new classroom. We are so proud of them! We cannot thank the second grade parents enough for all the hard work they have put in to help us rebuild our classroom.

## Math

The second graders are getting ready for their unit 1 test, which is all about place value and addition facts. In unit 2, we will start working on the differences between even and odd numbers, and adding and subtracting using regrouping.

## Writing

We wrapped up our first unit last week with a publishing party. We invited the fourth graders, and they had a blast! Now, we are starting our non-fiction expert unit. Students will be choosing topics to research. We encourage them to bring books or artifacts from home that can help them research their topic.



## Reading

Students have been reading independently for at least 20 minutes a day. As a class, we are focusing on characters in our books. We are answering essential questions like: How do character actions help us make logical predictions? How can we use character actions to help us retell or summarize a story? What do our characters want in the story, and how does this help us understand the main problem in the story?



## Social Studies

Last month, second graders kicked off their year long study of Hoboken and came up with things they already know about Hoboken, and things they want to learn about Hoboken. We looked at maps of Hoboken and talked about some of the features that make Hoboken special. We will also be focusing on recycling this year.

## Science

Second graders have been studying animals. We have been focusing on the characteristics of living things, and invertebrates vs. vertebrates. Soon, second graders will be learning about the food chain, life cycles, and how animals change and grow.

## Wish List

- Clorox wipes
- Paper towels
- Ziploc baggies (sandwich size)

Keep up the hard work,  
second grade!

Love, Ms. Nestor and Ms.  
Blackman

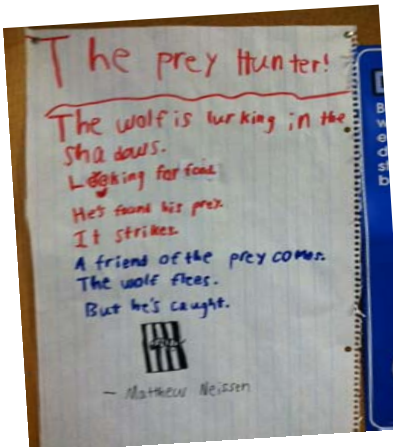
# News from the Third Grade



## Anti-Violence/Anti-Bullying Weeks Make a Difference Day

After reading inspirational poems about bullying, violence awareness, and peace and love the third grade students were driven to write their own poems. They used metaphors to describe how bullying feels to them. They conveyed some beautiful messages that are now displayed throughout the halls of 255 Congress St.

Students will be selling copies of their compiled poems for this year's Make a Difference Day Fundraiser. Proceeds will go towards Rebuild Hoboken Charter.



## Items We Would Love to have!

Thank you all for all of your wonderful help and donations this crazy year! Here are a few things that are running low!

- Clorox Wipes
- Wet Wipes
- Paper towels
- Plastic cutlery
- Paper plates
- Napkins

## Reading, Reading, Reading!

Our reading tree is growing faster everyday! When students finish a book they fill out a leaf with the book's title, author, and their name. They add the leaf to the tree and see their reading grow. The tree started off barren and is now flourishing! Our goal is to cover the door by the end of the year!



## Writing our Way to Publishing Day!

The students of the third grade have almost completed their first writing project! They have been writing their personal narrative pieces since arriving at our new school. Students have explored dialogue, writing using their five senses, and showing their story rather than telling about it.

The students are very proud to display their work for all to see on **October 31<sup>st</sup> at 1:45 PM**. Please join us in the third grade room for ghostly treats and captivating stories.

The students' work will be set up at their desks for their peers and families to read. Comments, suggestions, and compliments are encouraged. Readers are given a comment sheet to write down their observations. The third grade class celebrates our compliments after the completion of the publishing party.

We hope to see you all there!



Once again thank you for all that you have done for us already this year! From donations, to leveling books, to putting up shelves you all have been so helpful! Have a fabulous fall season. Please visit our website for weekly updates! [hcsthirdgrade.weebly.com](http://hcsthirdgrade.weebly.com)

Warmly,

**Miss Bobb and Ms. Brown**





# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Tribune

## Ms. Leahy & Ms. Foschini



October 2012

### The Meadowlands

We had a fantastic trip to the Meadowlands earlier this month! Thank you for your flexibility and support to make our trip possible.

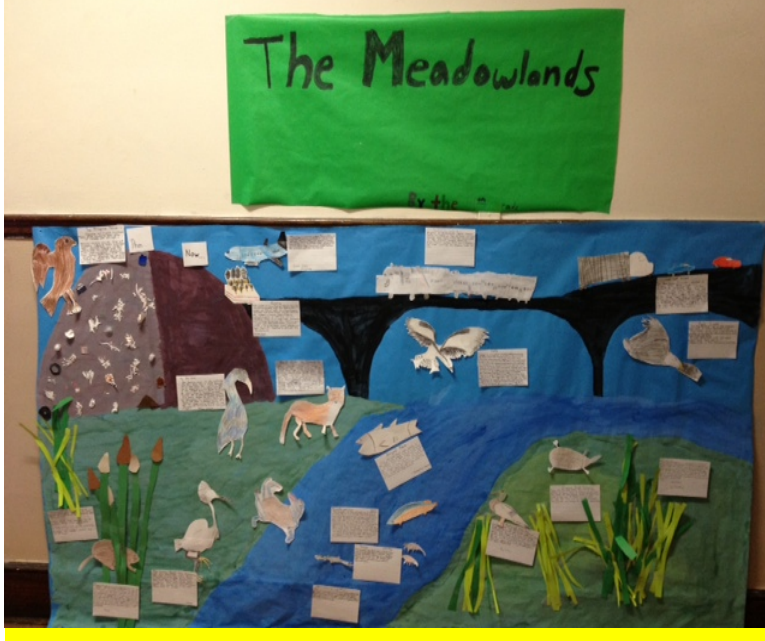
We learned a ton from our guide, Captain Hugh. We took what we learned from our trip and incorporated some research to create a 4th grade "Meadowlands" teaching mural. Each student selected a feature to research and illustrate.



We loved riding on the double-decker!



Cleaning up the Meadowlands





# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Tribune

## Ms. Leahy & Ms. Foschini



October 2012

### Halloween

This year Halloween falls on a Wednesday and we are aware that students may want to wear their costumes to school. In 4th grade, we will use this opportunity to connect our costumes to literature. We will take turns explaining who we are and what book our costume comes from.

You do not need to buy a separate costume in addition to your child's Halloween costume. Use your creativity to find a book that relates to the costume (it can be a stretch). Non-fiction books count too! If the costume requires a prop, your child may bring it to school, then show the class during our sharing time. The props will be left in cubbies during the remainder of the day to prevent distractions. Please be sure that the costume is appropriate for school.

### Reading Buddies

The 4th grade has started reading buddies with the Kindergartners. We will continue to meet on a monthly basis to practice our fluency, and share our love of literature.



# 6th Annual HCS Halloween Bash



FRIDAY OCT 26TH, 4-7PM

@ THE WEST FIVE SUPPER CLUB  
505 MADISON ST.

**Tickets \$10**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM CLASSROOM REPRESENTATIVES**