South Plainfield Middle School

2022-2023

Newsletter Committee

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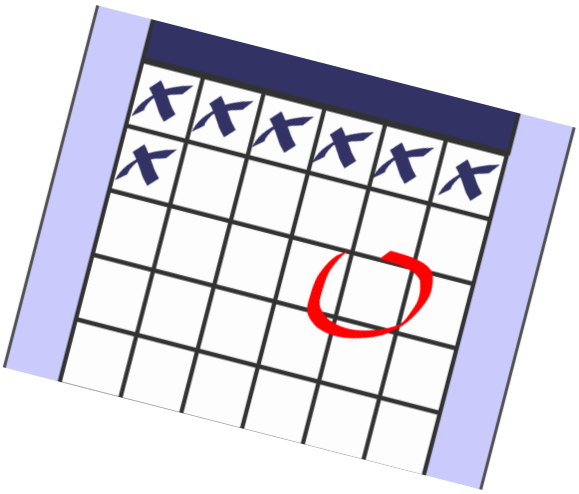
January 2023 NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING EVENTS!

January:

- **11th - Dinner fundraiser at Angelina's**
- **16th - Martin Luther King Day School/Offices Closed**
- **23rd- End of Second Marking Period**



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

The members of the National Junior Honor Society gathered at their monthly meeting to create holiday cards for our troops. They wrote messages thanking and supporting them in all that they do for us. Students also included holiday wishes and decorated the cards. Students pictured: Ben Wordel, Brandon DeGeronimo, Alex Wordel, Shane Magalong, Justin Andrade, Candor Plum, Lea Shatkin, Savannah Anesh, Imelda Joseph, Aaliyah Lewis, Cassandra Penny, Aliya Davis, Vishva Patel, Madison Droge, Sashi Shukla

COUNSELING CORNER

Ms. de Mello
7th Grade Counselor

Mrs. Mikaelian
8th Grade Counselor

Ms. Tamborra
Student Assistance Counselor

Welcome to the Counseling Corner! In the month of December, the guidance department encouraged students to participate in the Action for Happiness "December Kindness" challenge. Students were prompted to carry out small acts of kindness. In the holiday season of giving, this was the perfect time to be generous, kind, and supportive. These small acts can truly have a big and meaningful impact on others. Guidance also urged students to practice some self-care and gave several tips on how to recharge during winter break!

It's Music To Our Ears.....

The Music Department was super busy in December. We had our annual winter concert and had a great turnout. There were performances from the Jazz Band, The Gems, the Chamber Orchestra, and the Middle School Band, Chorus, and Orchestra. Students have been working since September to prepare for the event and Mr. Veiss, Mrs. Livecchi, and Mrs. Haughwout are very proud of their students' accomplishments.

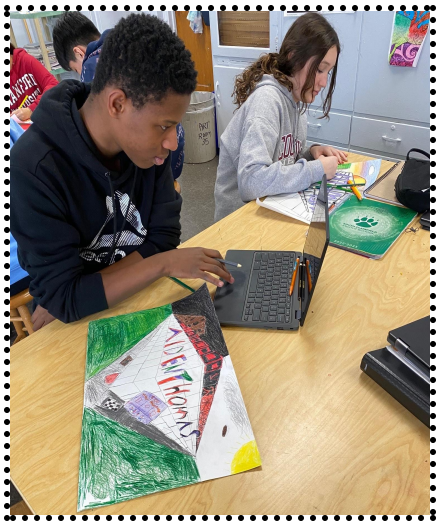
The next concert will be the District Festival which will be on March 9 in the newly renovated high school auditorium. If you would like to purchase tickets, please visit this site: https://spboe.booktix.com/

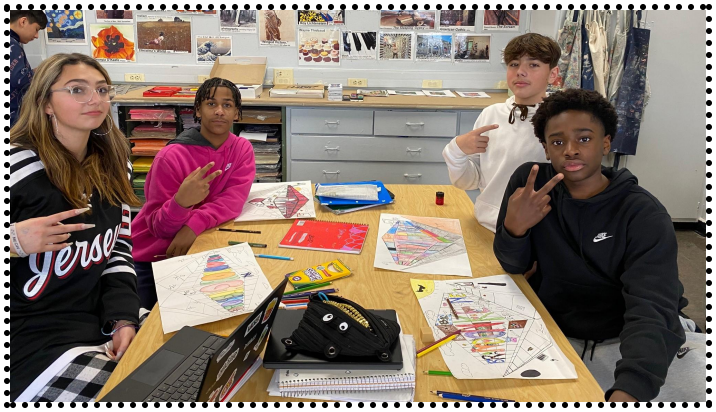
Additionally, the Holiday Band performed around the school on December 23. A small group of students went around the school and played holiday music in the halls during the course of the day. This has been a middle school tradition for over 20 years and the students were excited to participate. Our students started rehearsing for this event back in November and came to school 45 minutes early every Wednesday to prepare the 25 holiday songs for the event.

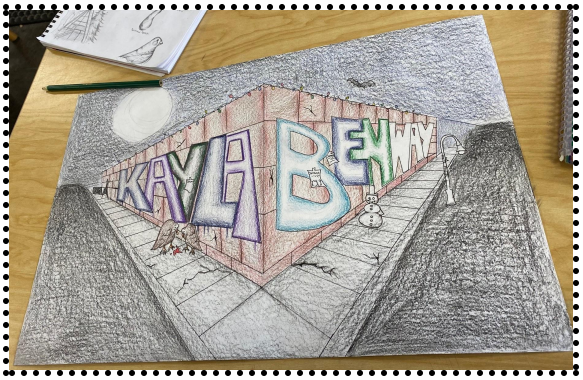
In The SPMS Gallery…

The 8th Grade artists are working on their first project for the 2nd trimester, which is a 2 point-perspective drawing. They learned about perspective drawing and how to make objects look 3-dimensional. To practice this skill, they drew their names in bubble letters on a brick wall and five objects about them.

Students pictured: Diana Lopez, Sophia Iosso, Christopher Gonzalez, Briana Escalante, Aiden Thomas, MiaSophia Muradas, Rhiannon Ghigliotty, Samir Abdulhakim, Brandon Wright, Brandon Keene, Sophia Cottone, Tyana Williams

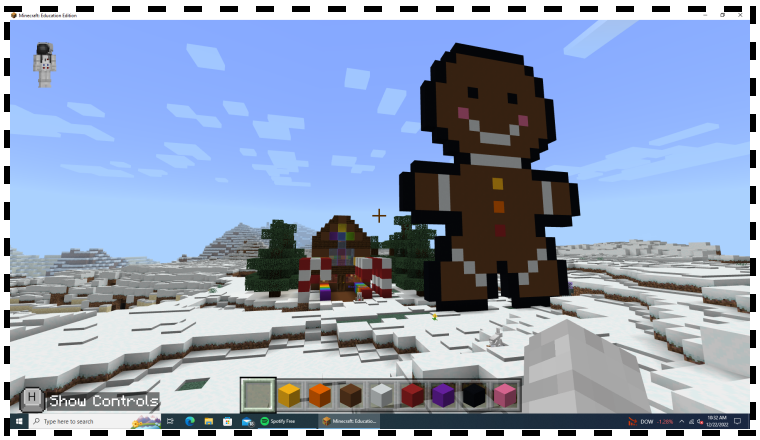






STEM

After researching the history of gingerbread houses, eighth grade STEM students designed and built unique digital gingerbread houses in Minecraft.



Nurse's *Nook*

ATTENTION SPRING SPORTS ATHLETES!!

SOFTBALL

BASEBALL

TRACK

- ***A current SPORTS PHYSICAL or UPDATE form must be on file in the Health Office.***
- ***Athletes will not be allowed to try out or practice until this is done.***
- ***Athletic Forms are available in the Health Office or on the school website or by clicking Sports Physical Exam Packet or Update Form***

ALL FORMS DUE BY: February 17, 2023

- ***Not sure what is needed? Check with the Nurse Wollman to see the date of your last sports physical. PHONE: 908-754-4620, ext 2620***

Winter Madness....

During class at the SPMS the PE students played in a basketball tournament! The students focused on teamwork, zone and man to man defense. The basketball unit is a great segway to the AMERICAN HEART CHALLENGE fundraiser, which will be held during March Madness. Students will also participate in National Wear Red Day on February 3rd and Heart Failure Awareness week February 6-10 ! Students pictured: Noah Charnecky, Brayden Morrison, Brayden Gregory, Musab Wadood, Gino Leonardis, Delgiovanni Dorce, Zoe Cabrera, Leo Dang, Aiden Noblecilla, Jaylen Coffie, Ethan O'Brien, Mike Fiore, Hunter Ravi, Marc Lee, Brandon DeGeronimo

Need to reach us?
SPMS ADMINISTRATION

Main Office

- ***Principal: Mr. Leo Whalen ext. 2610***
- ***Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Lodato ext. 2601***
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Guidance

- ***7th Grade Counselor: Mrs. deMello ext. 2633***
- ***8th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Mikaelian ext. 2632***
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School Nurse

- ***Mrs. Wollman: ext. 2620***

Please visit the new nurse's page on the middle school website