

BTA Shout Outs for April 9 BOE Meeting

In music classes, each grade level has been learning dances to traditional Irish music for movement activities throughout March. Creating short compositions using the iPads and performing in small groups on classroom instruments has been exciting to facilitate. 4th & 5th grades are excited to play the ukuleles; 3rd grades are enjoying MANY B-A-G songs--'a BAG full of songs.'

Both 4th Grade Chorus & 5th Grade Chorus are readily learning new music to prepare for their Spring Concerts. (Lori Ianniello FRES)

Rick LaPaglia (FRES) is presenting at the Central Western Zone Physical Education conference on March 29th.

Ellen Harp (FRES) was elected to Epsilon Pi Tau, the International Honor Society for Professions in Technology. The induction will be held on March 21 at the New York State Technology and Engineering Educators Association (NYSTEEA) conference. She will be presenting "Fun, Free Ways to Teach Computational Thinking for K-12".

We are not giving away our shot to make music relevant in the classroom! Mrs. Cole's 5th grade music classes took the time to explore the genre of rap music and how it is created just as the Hamilton ticket craze begins in Rochester. We took the time to unpack Lin Manuel Miranda's artistic style, listened to him freestyle rap and analyzed what we heard. We were INSPIRED to create our own rap with classmates! After our groups created their raps, we incorporated technology and selected backtracks to add accompaniment and aural interest. Each group had so many choices and had to justify their artistic taste. This project-based lesson incorporated all of our new music standards: Creating, Responding, Connecting and Performing. The kids were cognitively engaged in the creative artistic process and loved creating an original piece of Art. Next year....a 5 Star Qualities Rap Project!

Did you know March is Nation Nutrition Month? Council Rock students have been working hard to lead a healthy active lifestyle! We started off the month of month by reviewing the importance of healthy decision making and eating using the "MyPlate" diagram. Students combined their knowledge of different food groups into learning new basketball skills which included dribbling, passing, and shooting basketballs.

Our Council Rock students continue exploring lifetime fitness by having an opportunity to be active in a "Zumba Kids" lesson as a kickoff to our dancing unit. We had a community member, Sue Gasparino, come in to PE classes to share how "Zumba Kids" is another great way to get our heart pumping and improve our aerobic endurance. We danced to a variety of songs including "High Hopes," "Baby Shark," "Tarantella Napolentana" Circle Dance, and other songs from around the world. ~ Kristen Cooper, Council Rock PE

On Wednesday, March 13th, Eric Morris and Jennifer Wheeler accompanied 32 students from Comparative Religions and English as a New Language classes as well as our Muslim Student Association and International Clubs to Nazareth College for its annual Global Citizenship Conference. This year's conference focused on world religions, what it means to be not just tolerant, but accepting and respectful of others who come from many different perspectives in our world. Students who participated in this event are invited to participate in this summer's Interfaith Summit at Nazareth College, and several student groups are thinking about presenting at next year's Global Citizenship Conference. It was wonderful to see our students represent our school district on a college campus and to actively participate with over 700 students from all over Monroe County. (Pictures attached)



7th grade German students worked with Ms. Lambert and Frau Walter to plan virtual parties!! Students worked in groups, planning and designing their "parties", including themes, menus, outfits and activities. Students then "attended" the parties of their classmates. The project concluded with students writing thank you notes to their party hosts.

On March 16th Best Buddies of Western New York hosted a Ball at the Port of Rochester. There were many Best Buddies club members that attended. It was great to see our buddies having such a fun time outside of the academic setting.



On May 4th we will be participating in the Best Buddies Friendship Walk. Sean Mahn will be the grand marshall for the walk. He will be giving a speech and starting the walk! We are very excited that he was chosen for this opportunity and can't wait to see him shine! (Sarah Potter, Laurie Weidert, TCMS) **If

anyone would like to contribute to our fundraising efforts please contact Laurie or me or further information.

Maria Katsetos' sixth graders have been collaborating with Ashlee Rhodes' and Robyn Ackerman's second graders at Council Rock Primary School, as well as with Katie Covert's and Katie Fallon's fourth graders at French Road Elementary School. Collaboratively, the students wrote letters to the Town of Brighton proposing what the new land at Buckland Park can be potentially used for. Students will be displaying this collaborative work at the Brighton Memorial Library

The Brighton Teachers' Association supported educators and students on the island of Saipan, which is a Commonwealth of the United States, by collecting school supplies for students. You may know that Saipan experienced a devastating hurricane this past October, and they are just now getting temporary schools back up and running. The BTA sent 233 pounds of school supplies to help in that effort.

The Brighton Teachers' Association is proud to sponsor Brighton Youth Sports again this year as well as sponsor Brighton's Clean Sweep. The BTA has been a participating member in the Adopt-a-Highway Program for several years, and we enjoy connecting our spring clean-up to Brighton's Clean Sweep efforts.