

Elizabeth Haddon Elementary School

Dragon Gazette



Calendar of Events

June 1
5th Grade Student Orientation at HMS, 8 AM-10 AM

4th Grade Trip – Ellis Island

June 2
School Store 11:50 – 12:40

June 3
Lizzy Haddon 5K



June 5
3rd Grade Trip- Rowan University

Bookworm Assembly- 1:45 PM

June 6
6th Grade Parent Orientation 6:30-8 p.m. Middle School

June 8
5th Grade Promotion Ceremony 6:30-8 p.m.

June 9
The Big Event Entertainment Experience- 5th Grade Safety Patrol -11:45 AM

June 12
Community Meeting 10:00 AM

June 13
Move Up Day



June 14
Field Day 9AM

June 14-16
Half Day For Students, 1230 PM Dismissal

June 15
5th Grade Lip Sync 10-11 a.m.

June 15
Field Day Rain date

June 16
Last Day of School!
9:00 AM – Awards Assembly
Report Cards Available on Genesis, Preschool-5th Grade, 1230 PM



Student Council: A Year in Review

By Loretta Macconi and Miranda Massara

Student Council is a student organization designed to encourage leadership through service. Elected by their peers, this group of students models good citizenship, encourages and coordinates student activities, and promotes school pride. Fourth graders Isabella Ruffolo, Jason Reenock, Samantha Kennedy, Ryan Robbins, Anna Przybylski and Cleo Cottone, along with fifth graders Katie Duffy, Kieran Heslin, Tessa Cahill and Mikey Feinstein are an exceptional group of students who have been very busy this year leading the student body in various community service projects. These include:



- Collecting \$300 for Unicef to help feed hungry children around the world
- Collecting over 55 Halloween costumes for distribution to children in need through the Clothes from the Heart Shop in Camden
- Collecting 22 boxes of food for St. Paul's Basket, helping families in need enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner together
- Hosting a card making event for students during recess, with over 200 holiday cards created to brighten the day of seniors who are in long term care at St. Mary's Center for

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4th Grade Mock Trial Project

By Debbie Landry, Cristina Kaubin, and Anh Thu Nguyen

What an exciting year it's been in fourth grade! Recently, as an enriching extension to our social studies unit on United States Government, 4th grade traveled to Philadelphia to participate in a Mock Trial at the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Our fourth grade team organized and facilitated the event with enormous guidance and support from *The Rendell*



Center for Civics Education and Judge Krause. To prepare our students for the mock trial, each teacher read aloud the childhood favorite *Because of Winn Dixie* by Katie DiCamillo to our classes. We worked with a few Rendell Center volunteers to draft a fact pattern, a term used in law meaning the true and accurate description of what happened, inspired by the events in *Because of Winn Dixie*.

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Students Showcase Creativity with Science Olympiad

For the past 33 years, Science Olympiad has led a revolution in science education. What began as a grassroots assembly of science teachers is now one of the premier science competitions in the nation, providing rigorous, standards-based challenges to 7,600 teams in 50 states. Science Olympiad's ever-changing line-up of events in all STEM

disciplines exposes students to practicing scientists and career choices, and energizes classroom teachers with a dynamic content experience. Science Olympiad this year was led by coaches Elsa Ohl and Cristina Kaubin who commented on the students' experience, "Science Olympiad is a great way to teach students the scientific process and expose young learners to

various types of sciences. Students also learned to collaborate and problem solve. We're very proud of our students!"

Our school competition was held on May 13th and consisted of a series of individual and team events, which students prepare for during the year. This year about 50 students in grades 3-5 participated gathering materials and practicing at home as well as after school. These challenging and motivational events are well balanced between the various science disciplines of biology, earth science, chemistry, and physics. Events included strong components for problem solving, collaboration, and critical thinking. Some of the 16 events were: Straw Egg Drop, Water Rockets, Tennis Ball Catapult, Can Race, Calculator Contest, and Barge Building. We are very proud of our students for their hard work and creativity.



Yearbook Cover Contest

A big shout out to the top winners of the 5th Grade Yearbook Cover Contest:

1st Place: Charlotte Berman

2nd Place: Maya Dunham

3rd Place: Giulia Leonetti

[Click Here to see top 3 drawings](#)

Thanks to everyone who participated!

Student Council

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Rehabilitation and Health Care

- Sponsoring our "Soup-er Bowl!" in conjunction with the Super Bowl, collecting over 400 cans of soup to aid the hungry through the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden
- Collecting and donating 238 pairs of new socks to the Philadelphia Veterans Association, helping the homeless stay dry and healthy
- Collecting 175 blankets and towels to donate to animal shelters, helping animals stay warm and comfy as they await their forever home

Also on the agenda for consideration this year is collecting can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. And of course there is planning Spirit Week for the end of the year!

This year, high school students from the organization [Teams Work for Good](#) have partnered with our Student Council on several projects. This welcomed collaboration boosted the success of our drives and modeled service as ongoing responsibility to our community for our student council members.

We are very proud of the hard work and dedication demonstrated by our Student Council this year!

4th Grade Mock Trial

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The fact pattern included popular characters from the book and described them as prosecution witnesses, defense witnesses, and the jury. Each class also had a student play the role(s) of the Baliff, the prosecution lawyers, and the defense lawyers. Each class participated in their own mock trial in a private court room, and a real-life judge volunteered their time to preside over each case! Surprisingly, each classes' jury found Otis, the defendant, not guilty! From there, we journeyed to the Appellate Court where Judge Krause presided over the appellate case. Students worked with law clerks to draft their arguments; other students played the part of the Supreme Court and wore fancy robes; others acted as audience members and were invited to speak on behalf of either side. It was one of the most memorable field trips ever! We would like to thank *The Rendell Center* and Judge Krause for their hard work in helping us prepare and facilitate this valuable experience for our students. We would also like to congratulate all of our students on a job well done. We are so proud of you!



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