

BEDWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Story Night



The Bedwell H.S.A. hosted the first ever Family Story Night. It may have been chilly outside, but it was warm and cozy inside as students in their pj's, along with their parents, traveled round the school with stops in decorated rooms that delighted and sparked imaginations. At each location, Story Night participants enjoyed Read Aloud stories from the mystery readers: Mr. Angri, Mr. Thurlow, Mrs. Friedman, bus driver Mr. Patrick and Ms. Phelan. Students also enjoyed taking part in a craft activity along with delicious chocolate milk and cookies. It was a fun, engaging night for all the Bedwell families who attended.

Nutrition



Four times a year, Bedwell 3rd graders partner with Shop Rite Dietitian/Nutritionist/RN, Mrs. Allie Sanderson, for hands-on learning workshops focusing on balanced nutrition and healthy choices. Mrs. Sanderson teaches our students real-life nutrition skills about MyPlate and the food groups, how to read a nutrition label, energy balance, and Go, Slow, Whoa Snacks. We are thankful to be a part of this community outreach project!

Thank You to our Veterans



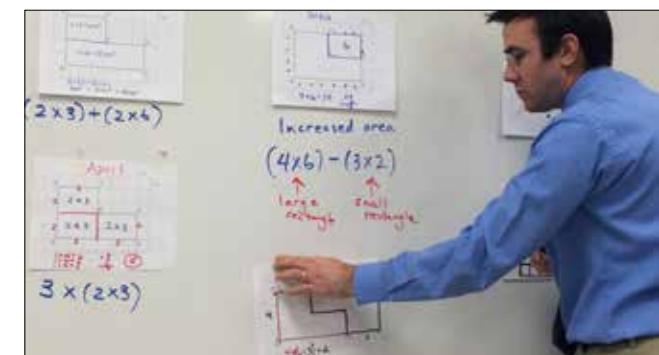
Local veterans picked up 15 boxes of Halloween candy donated by Bedwell students to send to the troops!



Bedwell and our local veterans honor those lost on Pearl Harbor Day and reflect on its meaning.



Professional Development



During the first two weeks of December, Bedwell teachers were engaged in professional learning on best practices for teaching through problem solving. Grant Kolmer, Supervisor of Math, Science, and Technology Education, is seen highlighting multiple solutions to a mathematics problem discussed during the session.

BERNARDSVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

DARE Graduation



In December, 7th graders at BMS celebrated their graduation from DARE with a pizza lunch and a chance to rub elbows with Bernardsville's finest. Thank you to the Municipal Alliance and the Bernardsville Lions Club for their support of this work.



Community Outreach

BMS knows that it is always better to give than to receive! Among our holiday efforts: 22 staff members donated over 130 gifts for local children, and the entire school community collected countless coats, hats, scarves and mittens for the Somerset County Food Bank.

Hour of Code



During December's Computer Science Education Week BMS students participated in an Hour of Code, a global effort to encourage students' exploration of computer science. These 5th graders tried their hands at a drag-and-drop visual programming language incorporating conditionals, sequences, and loops designed to help students master the logic of coding.

Lunch in the Library Speaker Series



55 students kicked off BMS' new Lunch in the Library Speaker Series with guest speaker Corey Heyer, the Executive Chef at The Bernards Inn. Students were able to learn all about a day in the life of an Executive Chef, as well as how they might one day prepare for this type of career. BMS looks forward to this new lunch time opportunity and welcomes local adults who are willing to talk about their own career paths, hobbies, or special interests.

Student Character Award



Bernardsville Middle School Theater



For the first time in the district's history, this year's 7th-8th grade play featured student choreography. Disney's The Lion King Jr. highlighted the wonderful talents of our performers and choreographers. Sierra Emery choreographed three musical numbers; Casey Ferrante, Kelsey Walsh, and Mia McHugh added their expertise to one number.

Every other month Bernardsville Middle School recognizes students demonstrating good character; these students were celebrated for their optimism during the month of December. The thoughtful letters home, certificates, and pizza lunch they received only added to their positive spirits.

BERNARDS HIGH SCHOOL

National Merit



National Merit Commended Students with Superintendent, Frances Wood and Principal, Scott Neigel are: (standing) Freddy Lutke, Matt Litton, Kiersten Campbell, Jake Epstein. (seated) Carolyn Gehan, David Hu (National Merit Sem-Finalist) and Alan Luo. Not pictured-Megan Sardis.

The Veterans' Outreach Club



The Veterans' Outreach Club attended a flag ceremony with the V.F.W. on November 10th to honor veterans who served our country. The main goal of the club is to raise awareness for veterans' issues and serve our local veteran and active duty military community. Three members of the Veterans' Outreach Club, Luke Stauffer, Jack Topping, and Timmy Lallis, attended the ceremony. Jack gave a wonderful speech and presented a wood burned plaque in the shape of an American flag as a token of appreciation to John Sternick for the local V.F.W.

Anatomy Class



A yoga class was well received by students in BHS' Anatomy class. Instructors used anatomical terminology to describe yoga positions and muscle groups. Students were excited to boast of their understanding of sophisticated anatomical vocabulary.

How do you get to Carnegie Hall?



Madrigals outside Carnegie Hall about to perform on the legendary stage. The Madrigals were invited to be part of a 200-voice choir for *The American Christmas Carol*, a benefit performance.

French Week

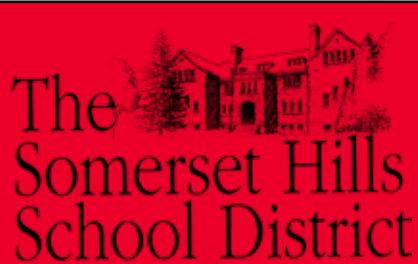


Students from the French classes celebrated National French Week with themes including Cuisine, Science, Technology, and Careers, The Arts and Arts and Crafts, Community Events, Sports, Games, Traditions, and Music and Dance. Students of French at all levels designed posters depicting food, fashion, sports, art, architecture, and more.

Coffee with a Cop



The Veterans' Outreach group led by Jack Topping and Luke Stauffer worked with the Bernardsville Police Department to host Coffee with a COP at BHS on January 11. Students and staff from the high school were able to enjoy donuts, bagels, and a cup of coffee with our local police departments.



Strategic Plan

The Somerset Hills Board of Education is beginning the development of a Strategic Plan. We will be working to identify both strengths in the school district (those special attributes that the district can build on as we move forward) and the critical issues that we will face (the challenges that the district must identify).

Very soon there will be a survey on our website (www.shsd.org) that asks for input on the concerns of the community. We encourage everyone to fill in the survey.

HAPPENINGS

JANUARY 2017

Board of Education



The Board of Education welcomed Kathleen Tober, Bernardsville Representative and Monica Burch, Bedminster Representative, as its newest members.

Recognition

2016 National Soccer Coach of the Year



BHS Soccer Coach, Joe LaSpada, has been named the 2016 National Soccer Coach of the Year by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America!

Group II State Championship Soccer Team



- BHS instrumentalist Jennifer Rupert who, through a highly competitive audition, was selected among the best trumpet players in central New Jersey to perform with the NJ Region All-State Symphonic Band!



- Senior Caroline Baratta reached 1000 points in basketball. Caroline's coach, Sandy Whelan introduced her at the Board of Education meeting.

- Freshman Isabella Piccone set a BHS swim record in 400 free style. At the January 18 Board of Education meeting, volunteer swim coach, Christine Albanese, read a congratulatory note from Coach Ed Tzusuki.

- The BHS Jazz Ensemble is performing at "Trumpets" jazz club in Montclair, NJ on Wednesday January 25th. The ensemble will be sharing the stage with world renown jazz trumpeter Claudio Roditi.