

McCloud Highlights

January

Principal's Message

The Importance of Mathematics

I recently attended an open house at Kean University. Kean University is a New Jersey research university. I visited their School of Integrative Science and Technology, otherwise their STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics). The faculty member introduced himself to the audience. He talked about biotechnology, chemistry, engineering, computational science and Mathematics. The Mathematics program was discussed last.

We were then given a tour by a second-year microbiology student. Interesting, she discussed the importance of Mathematics through out the tour. The most lucrative jobs now and in the future require Math proficiency. Statisticians, accountants, banking and finance require Math proficiency. What can we do as school and community to better prepare our students?

Here are some suggestions:

Intellectual Perseverance: Most learning is difficult. There is no way of getting around it. Brain-based research has proved that a subject can be learned given several factors.. Neuroplasticity, Math pedagogy and other factors are influential in understanding Math.

Freedom from Machines: We are so dependent on machines, from counting money, calculating bills and from telling time. Do you remember when your grandparents had those white or yellow tablets with monthly calculations of bills?

Developing the language of Math in the home and the environment: I found my mother's high school math book from 1948.

Every new mathematical practice had a real word application, from building a house to wiring a doorbell.

Practicing Mathematics: Estimations, calculations, explaining what is needed, problem solving are all practice. If you practice Math, it may not get you to Carnegie Hall stage, but you could buy a front row ticket once you become the CEO of the top Fortune 500 Company!

Let's embark on this changing the Mathematical Mindset (Joan Boaler) so our children will be competitive now and in the near future. Parents, if you have the calling to complete that high school diploma or college degree than do so. What better encouragement for your child is there than having your mom or dad attend school as well!

-Mr. Milteer-

Important Numbers

Main Office:

201-862-6155

Nurse's Number:

201-862-6148

School Counselor:

201-862-6130

New Staff Alert

Let's Give A Warm Welcome To our new Mighty McCloud Staff Member

Sonia Valdez

4th & 5th Grade Bilingual Teacher

Environmental Corner



The Environmental & Gardening Club planted tulips a few weeks ago. Now we wait for them to make their grand entrance this spring!

The members of the club CANNOT WAIT!

We will let you know when they have emerged, so you can see them too!

-Ms. Sloan-

Winter Concert Nurse's Corner



Exercise Of The Month:

Squats: How many squats can you do before you have to stop?

Color Of The Month: Purple! Try a new healthy food, fruit, or vegetable that's purple.

Parents/Guardians:

Please send in updated physical and immunization records for your child(ren).

Please call the main office to update your phone numbers when they change.

All medications must have a doctor's note/prescription before the student may take or be administered the medication in school.

Thank you!

Tech Corner Student's Corner



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The Importance of restarting your device (Phone/Tablet/Laptop/Smartboard):
Restarting your device flushes out the random and unimportant data slowing down your device memory and stops background tasks. Just like a human body, devices will not run optimally without giving it the shutdown it needs. I recommend restarting the device a minimum of once a week.

**-Daichi Kono-
Technology Specialist**



Q. What is your name?

A. Steffon Pressley Jr.

Q. How old are you?

A. I am 8 years old.

Q. What grade are you in?

A. I am in Ms. Cruz & Ms. DeLuca's 3rd grade class

Q. What do you like about your school?

A. I like gym because I get to exercise.

Q. If you could change anything, what would you change?

A. I would change the name of the school to Mr. Steffon Pressley, Jr. Elementary School because I never had anything named after me.

Q. What do you want to be when you grow up?

A. I want to be a paleontologist because I like to dig up dinosaur bones.

Meet Christina
Knapp



Reminders

1/2/23- New Years Day Recognition

1/16/23- Martin Luther King Birthday (School Closed)

1/19/23- 3rd Grade Math Workshop

1/17/23- All staff Professional Develop Day

1/27/23- Dr. Sadler's Birthday Celebration

Counselor's Corner

Advice for parents regarding social media usage

1. Communicate with your children about their social media usage and which sites they are utilizing. Many sites have a minimum age requirement of 13 years old and it is important for children have their profiles private to avoid sharing their personal information. Note: Please try to be aware if your child may have more than one account for a site. Also communicate with their children about their online behavior and their day.
2. Monitor your child's daily interactions with others on their cell phones I.e. contacts, Facebook chats, text messages, facetime.
3. Ensure you communicate with your child that what is published on social media/online can never be deleted; everything should be assumed to be permanent.
4. Limit the time your children spend online and do not let them take their devices to bed with them as recent research has shown this to have a detrimental effect on sleep and performance at school. Insist upon device free time during the day; for example at meal times and when your child is doing their homework.

Helpful app to assist in communication with your children:

<https://store.samhsa.gov/product/knowbullying>

Teachers Corner

Good Morning

Q. What college did you graduate from?

A. I graduated from Iona University and received my masters from Wagner.

Q. Why did you select the Englewood Public Schools to start your teaching career?

A. I chose Englewood to continue my teaching career because during my interview process I was given a tour of the school where I met many of the faculty members. Everyone seemed so welcoming and that convinced me that Englewood was the right choice.

Q. What did you enjoy most about school when you were a child?

A. I loved reading and writing, I would tear through books by Judy Blume.

Q. What do you enjoy most about working at McCloud?

A. The thing I love about working at McCloud is the support system I have with my coworkers.

Q. What would you like the community to know about you?

A. I have two daughters, grew up in The Bronx, I love a good messy cheeseburger and I always wanted to be a teacher :)

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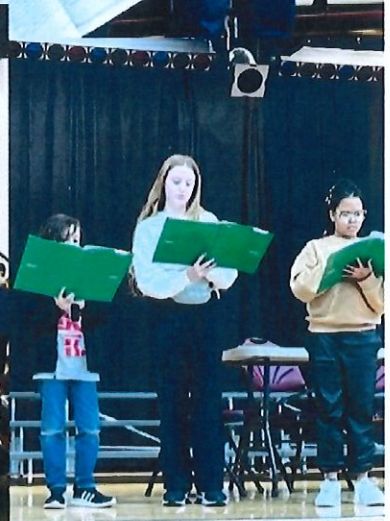
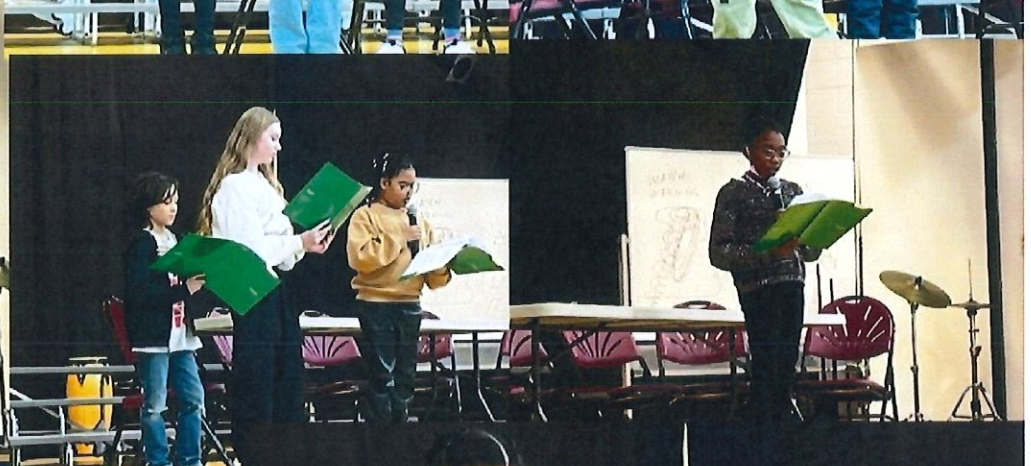
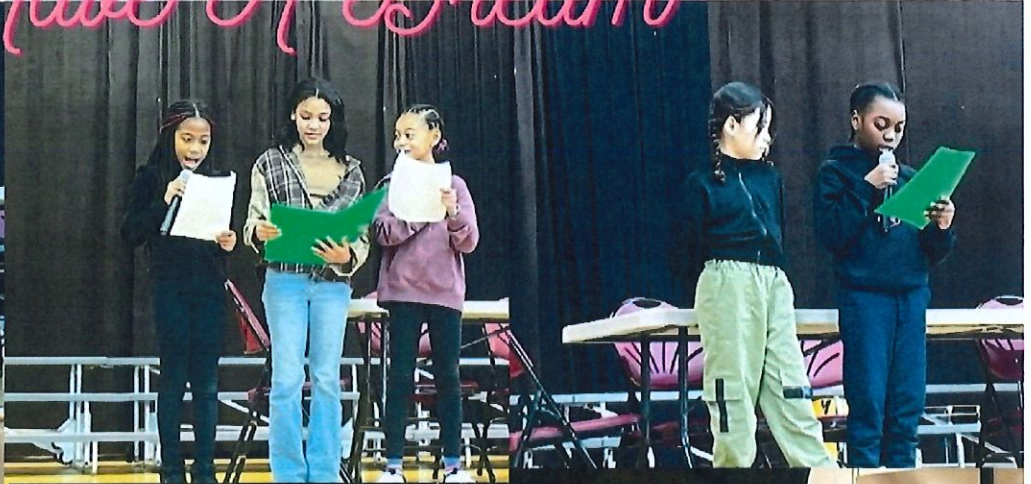
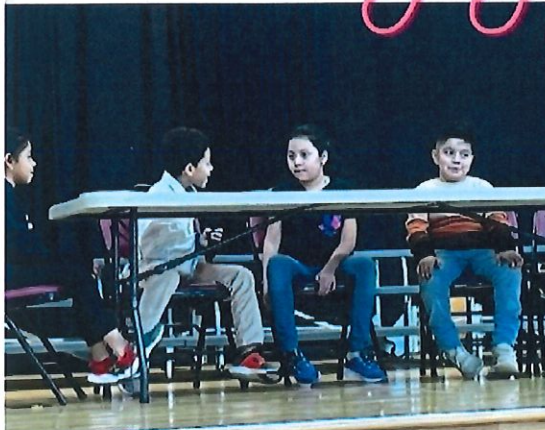


<http://www.instagram.com/DrleroyMcCloud>

Dr. Sadler's Health Barn Celebration



Dr. Martin Luther King Day Assembly *I Have A Dream*



Dr. Leroy McCloud Elementary School

JANUARY 2023

Acts Of Service Month

- District Closed
- New Teachers Only
- Schools Closed/
Offices Open
- Early Dismissal Students/
Staff
- Staff Only in Attendance
- Early Dismissal Students
Only
- Administrative Day/
Offices Open

January 2, 2023- New Years Day
Recognition

January 9, 2023- Staff Meeting

January 16, 2023- MLK Birthday

January 18, 2023- MLK Assembly
(1:00PM)

January 19, 2023- 3rd Grade Math
Workshop

January 17, 2023- All Staff Pre-
fessional Develop day

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 New Year's Day Recog- nition B	3 C	4 D	5 E	6 F	7
8	9 Staff Meeting 3:15 A	10 B	11 C	12 D	13 E	14
15	16 MLK Birthday F	17 All Staff Prof. Devel- op Day	18 MLK Assembly 1:00 PM A	19 3rd Grade Math Workshop B	20 C	21
22	23 E	24 F	25 A	26 MP2 Ends B	27 Dr. Sadler's Birthday Celebration MP3 Begins PBSIS C	28
29	30 D	31 E				