## CSS CHATTER

A NEWSLETTER PROVIDED TO YOU BY CHARLES STREET SCHOOL

Reminders:
NJSLA Testing for Grades 3-5: May 8th-May 12th
May 24th 12:45 Dismissal
Schools Closed May 26th-29th for
Memorial Day Weekend
Preschoolers are learning to reduce, reuse and recycle. It's so important to care for our environment. We are leaming to sort through everyday items in determining if they can be reused, recycled or placed in the trash. In class we have enjoyed using recycled materials and giving them a new purpose to create beautiful masterpieces. Preschool is so much fun!

Kindergarten has been learning about protecting our environment through stories and projects. We had a visit from Sergeant Leusner who read some safety stories to us. He also taught us what hand signals to use when riding our bikes. We are continuing to grow in our F\&P reading groups. We are practicing some opinion writing. In math we are learning about attributes of 2D shapes. We also had a visit from a Therapy dog.

First Grade has started Unit 10 in Fundations. We are very excited to be learning all the new sounds. In Writing, we have been writing personal narratives. We are getting really good at adding a closing sentence to our writing pieces. In Reading, we are still enjoying the longer stories in Book 5. In Math, we started Chapter 10 where we are learning how to read and make different graphs.

Second Grade is learning about what plants need to grow. Students learned about parts of a seed and their functions. Students dissected and labeled parts of a real lima bean seed. May the $4^{\text {th }}$ Be With You!! Second Grade students participated in some learning fun in a galaxy far, far away with Star War themed math activities and Star Wars Reader's Theater.

Third Graders met with their kindergarten buddies on Friday for a Cinco De Mayo celebration. We celebrated together and $3^{\text {rd }}$ graders read to their buddies about why we celebrate Cinco De Mayo. In social studies, students are learning about how the United States was formed into the country that we live in today. In math we are moving on to geometry and learning about classifying polygons by sides, vertices, and angles.

Fourth Graders Mrs. McCann's class continues to work on multiplication facts and we started our money unit. In Reading and Language Arts, we are mastering contractions, leaming about the history of baseball in our System44 program, and started writing each day in out writing journals. Next week we will focus on our Wax Museum choices and writing.

Fifth Graders had fun doing a simulation of trading in colonial times. Students were placed in groups as either English Fur Trapper or English Trader. The groups had to trade their goods and try to be the first to complete their list of goals. All of the groups practiced their haggling abilities, with certain groups showing how well they can persuade their classmates! We are looking forward to more of these activities as we jump into the American Revolution!

## Who let the dogs out?

On Tuesday April 25th, 2023, Miss Berenato, our school counselor, arranged for our school to have a visit from Virtua Hospital's Visiting Paws Program! Our students loved having the dogs visit! We met Bean, a long silky hair dachshund, Woody, a yellow lab, Cody, a yellow lab and Gracie, a golden retriever! The Visiting Paws program from Virtua is a fully grantfunded program partners with schools in Burlington, Camden, and Gloucester Counties, and offers great therapeutic value for students, staff, and the school community by bringing pet therapy into these schools for free!

Our students loved interacting with the dogs and learning about them! The dogs were able to visit every classroom and each student was able to participate in conversations with their handler and interact with the therapy dog. Our students were able to learn about the training to become a therapy dog, their favorite treats, and different commands that the dogs know! It was an amazing experience for all students and staff. We are excited to continue to work with the Visiting Paws program for another visit to CSS!


## SPEGRLS

## STEAM

Kindergarten and first grade students are learning about butterflies. They have learned about the parts of a butterfly, metamorphosis, symmetry and a variety of fun facts. Students create their own butterflies by drawing half of a butterfly on the right side of a folded paper, trace with paint and close the folded paper to create a print. Students complete their butterfly with watercolor paints following the rules of symmetry.


## MUSIC

This week in music, all students are learning about folk dances from around the world! They learned about the "Tinikling" dance from the Philippines and the "Alunelul" from Romania last week using dance moves and rhythm sticks. This week, students will be learning about a dance called "Chilili" from Bolivia and will be doing dance moves with scarves.


## Mark Your Calendars...



## Cafeteria Challenge Champs!




## Palmyra Preschool is expanding again!

Parents can now register their 3-and 4-year-old children for preschool.
Our program is moving and we anticipate 7 classrooms which will be housed in the Delaware Avenue School Building in September 2023. Applicants will be accepted in the order they apply pending satisfactory completion of registration process.

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