



The P.A.C.E. Times

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*A Glimpse into the Woodbridge Township School District
Extended School Year Program*



Week 1- AMERICAN SYMBOLS WEEK

PACE opened with a bang the week of July 5th celebrating American Pride Week. The halls of School 28 were filled with flags, hats and fireworks displaying the patriotism of our students. In culmination of this week's activities, the students attended the American Pride Laser Program on Friday, July 7th that wowed them with traditional, patriotic songs and some of their favorite hits from today's popular radio. It was truly inspirational to hear the students of PACE join in to sing "God Bless America" followed by their excitement as they belted out Katy Perry's "Roar." An amazing display of lights and lasers made it an extraordinary welcome celebration.



Week 2— BRAIN DRAIN WEEK

The excitement of Week 1 carried over to Week 2 of PACE while even more new students joined the program. The theme of the week was "Brain Drain" challenging our students to solve puzzles, games and even learn the parts of their brains and how they work! The week started with the "Brain Show" which mirrored a game show and delighted the two audiences of students that attended the program. The students were called to be "contestants," push real buzzers and gain points while being cheered on by their classmates. The emcee asked them questions in Math, Science and History and truly let them show off their smarts! The CMS Friday's Friends toured the building making "I-Spy" bottles and D's Diner opened for business! Things were truly in full-swing as the Summer days marched on!!



Week 3- WACKY SCIENCE WEEK

The hot summer weather didn't stop the students of PACE during Week 3 as they carried on with swimming lessons, sprinklers and delicious lunches at D's Diner! Wacky Science Week was here and the faculty and staff found a wonderful array of science projects to decorate the classrooms, halls and even show off to their students' parents and families at Open House on Wednesday. Some of the younger classes worked with animals and colors. Mr. Anderson's C-3 class displayed beakers in their hallway! Other classes formed hypotheses, thought up interesting inventions and created lava lamps with the Speech teachers jumping into the frenzy! To beat the scorching summer heat, Ms. Graham's C-8 class made their own ice cream! Adding to the excitement of the week, the week's program assemblies were hosted by a mad scientist who wowed the groups with magical science principles and facts proving that science is not only educational, but a lot of fun!



Week 4- SILLY STORIES WEEK

Things certainly aren't slowing down here at P.A.C.E. even though we are into the second half of the program. Silly Stories Week has been so much fun that our students haven't even noticed how educational it's been! It's been a celebration of the love of READING!! The halls are filled with artwork displaying favorite books, stories and characters from over the years in addition to some highlighted original works created by our students! One of the week's favorites was "The Three Little Pigs Build a Better House" puppet show! The students here at P.A.C.E. squealed with laughter and excitement as the big, bad wolf came to town! In addition to Silly Stories, our younger students enjoyed their sprinkler days while other students enjoyed swimming lessons and a few field trips to the movies and bowling. This year at P.A.C.E. is proving to be more fun than ever!



Week 5- BACK TO THE BEACH WEEK

Well, our final week is upon us as we prepare to go "Back to the Beach"! The teachers are beginning to pack up their things, but not before enjoying some summer fun with their classes. The students are creating some beach themed arts and crafts along with some math and science exercises. "Beth & Scott and Friends" were back with their show singing and dancing with the students as if it was a big beach party! On Wednesday, August 2nd, the P.A.C.E. carnival was awesome! The train was running and the rides were all ready as the students rushed the field for an exciting fun-filled day! Inside, the magic show was mysteriously entertaining! On Thursday, the students and staff once again impressed us all with their extraordinary talents at the Annual Talent Show, followed on Friday by the Awards Ceremony. Another year at P.A.C.E. has come and gone so quickly but so memorably! A special thank you to our students, parents, administration and staff for making it so special!

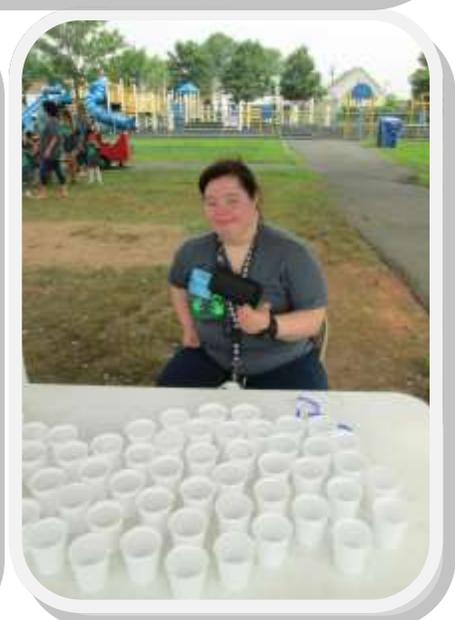


P.A.C.E. Carnival

This year the faculty and staff were eager to bring back the P.A.C.E. Carnival! It was a nice ending to the summer for all! There were so many fun things to do during the Carnival. There were inflatables to bounce around on, **carnival food and we can't forget, games!** What a nice way to enjoy the summer weather. Thank you to everyone who plays a helping hand in setting up and making the P.A.C.E. Carnival a true success. It is a great memory for the students to have to end their summer with P.A.C.E.



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Physical Education

Physical Education students stayed cool and practiced sports skills in the air conditioned all purpose room for the month of July. We had a blast demonstrating our basketball, soccer and volleyball skills. While celebrating a different theme each week the students played several sports and demonstrated good sportsmanship. Students also had a chance to play in our Nintendo Wii Arcade with 8 different interactive games. Fun was had by all and Miss Stephen looks forward to the sing along and seeing everyone moving around while showing off their singing and dance moves.



Technology

Miss Adase and her tech savvy students have been working hard during their technology time. Students have been busy clicking their way around new, exciting educational and interactive websites during the month of July & August.

During American Symbols week, we listened to a super, rocking song about the state capitals then had to complete state capital puzzles online. Our older P.A.C.E. friends got to use NearPod to virtually explore United States symbols around our country.

We drained our brains during Brain Drain week by practicing our typing skills on the QWERTY keyboard. Some of our older P.A.C.E. friends got to use code.org to code Angry Birds! Our younger P.A.C.E. friends worked on identifying shapes.

During Cool Science Week, students learned about the seasons, caves, and dinosaurs. Our younger friends took a trip to the Number Zoo and practiced number formation on the iPad.

Silly Stories week was a real hit! Students used a storymaker on Carnegie Library in order to write and illustrate their own silly stories. It was fun for all!

Our last week of P.A.C.E. was spent going **"Back to the Beach. The children at P.A.C.E. have had the opportunity to practice their language arts, mathematical, and 21st century skills in a virtual environment. They have all truly become 21st century learners! Good luck next year in school and have a fabulous summer!**

Sincerely, Miss Adase



Writing

Writing at P.A.C.E. has been fun and exciting this year! Following the themes of the weeks, Ms. Skiba and her students enjoyed a great variety of stories and writing! During Week 1, students showed their American Pride creating fireworks and writing about how beautiful and magical they are! The younger classes also read about how a mouse family celebrated the 4th of July! Brain Drain Week was a lot of fun as we listened to Grover from Sesame Street tell us a crazy story about a *Monster at the End of This Book*. We listened to crazy poems and solved riddles even writing some crazy ones of our own. During Wacky Science Week, the younger students learned about dinosaurs and practiced tracing and writing sight words, while slightly older students created their own monsters and Acrostic poems. The balance of the older students created their own inventions and some of them were truly unique and amazing. Silly stories week was incredibly fun and adventurous! Our students loved an interactive story called "Giraffes Can't Dance" and practiced their letters using fun pictures! The older students created stories from Story Element Cards and a "Roll the Story" game adding the pieces into their own Silly Stories! Finally, wrapping things up to head "Back to the Beach", my students created stamp pictures of beautiful beach scenes and wrote about how they planned to spend the rest of their summer! No P.A.C.E. year could end properly without a story about Pete the Cat, so we read more of his adventures too! Ms. Skiba would like to thank the students and staff for making her first year teaching at P.A.C.E. so special and memorable.



Nurses



Dear parents,

It's been our pleasure getting to know your children and keeping them safe and well over the last few weeks at PACE. Thank you for entrusting us with their care.

It's been a busy time in the nurse's office. Summertime brings some problems we don't see much of during the school year...heat related ailments, bug bites, sunburn, swimmer's ear...along with the usual bumps, scrapes, allergy symptoms and illnesses. Hopefully, we've helped to maintain your child's health and safety so that they'll be in good shape to start the new school year!

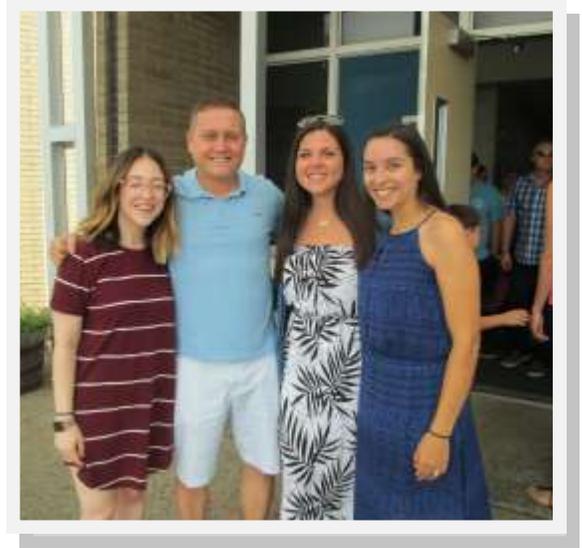
The summer is a great time to introduce healthy habits which you can incorporate into your child's daily life. Enjoy some Jersey fresh fruits and vegetables, get outside for some daily exercise, catch up on doctor and dentist appointments and try to establish a good sleep schedule. Before you know it, September will be here! Enjoy the rest of your summer! Stay well!

As always, please call us with any concerns regarding your child's health.

Your nurses, Denyse Giannone, RN & Phyllis Hammel, RN

Speech

This summer at PACE we are maintaining our speech and language yearly goals by utilizing the weekly themes. **During "Brain Drain" week, the students had to listen to semantic clues to identify vocabulary, problem solve, and work as teams using game show buzzers. For "Wacky Science" week, we followed directions, sequenced steps, made predictions, and took turns to make Lava Lamps. Use vegetable oil, water, food coloring, and Alka-Seltzer to make your own at home! "Silly Stories" week had students pick game pieces and a setting board to create a story that links them all together. The only limit was their IMAGINATION!** In preschool, we used interactive story books incorporating nursery rhymes and language enhancing songs. **Our last week of PACE we are excited for "Back to the Beach". We are making a multi-sensory beach scene for a hands on language enriching activity.**



-Speech

Literacy Coach



This summer Miss Morris's groups worked extremely hard on their phonics skills using the Orton-Gillingham approach. OG can be described as language-based, multi-sensory, structured, sequential, cumulative, cognitive, and flexible. It is an instructional approach that teaches how to decode words into their syllables and phonemes to be able to read and spell the word. OG uses all the learning pathways; seeing, hearing, feeling, and awareness of motion, brought together by the thinking brain. Miss Morris also models how the student, by using these multiple pathways, can engage in multisensory learning. OG is very individualized and can be modified to meet each **student's needs. Every week we based our lesson on a specific type of sound, such as r-blends and magic e words, in which we learned to sound each sound out and to blend all those sounds together to make the words. Each week we also practiced red words, or words that cannot be sounded out using its phonetic sounds. To learn these words we would tap the letters out on our arms or match the letters to a known tune to help make the memorization easier.** This summer we also incorporated technology to enhance all of our lessons. This summer was definitely one for the books.

Counseling

It has been a wonderful summer here at P.A.C.E.! During counseling sessions, the students are working on many different academic and behavioral goals, including: resolving conflicts with their classmates and peers, building social skills, and strengthening their self-esteem and self-image. The students use counseling sessions to learn and practice skills that they are then able to bring back to the classroom and use with their teachers and peers. The P.A.C.E. teachers and staff are also very helpful in allowing students to put these skills into practice and reach goals! Our P.A.C.E. students are always respectful and kind to each other, understanding that the differences among us are what make us all so special! The P.A.C.E. students, along with the P.A.C.E. teachers and staff, have made this summer one of the best yet. We look forward to next year! -Ms. Silva



A-1

We have been busy with fun and educational activities from the minute the children got off the bus. During our **'American Symbol' theme, the children became patriotic while we made American Flags. To honor America for its independence, the children made sparkly pictures of fireworks.** **'Brain Drain' was our second theme at PACE. The children put their thinking caps on as we exercised our brains with a one to one correspondence game.**

Did you know that unicorns sneeze pink goo? It sounds gross but it was fun to make and ever more fun to play. **We mixed a few key elements and then we had pink unicorn snot. That was the way, we concluded our 'Wacky Science' theme.**

For our 'Silly Story' theme the class read the book There Was an Old Lady that Swallowed a Fly and a few other zany stories. After reading Curios George and the Ice-Cream Shop, the students made their own silly but edible ice-cream concoctions.

For the 'Back to the Beach' theme we played preschool beach volleyball. Of course, we made a yummy beach treat.

As a special guest, we had Bruder the therapy dog pay us a visit. The children had a superb time petting, hugging and playing with him.

Without the help and support of the preschool parents from A-1, this summer would not have been the success that it was. - Thank You

Ms. Jenene, Ms. Kate, Ms. Coley, Ms. Aquisto, and Ms. Regina came in smiling everyday excited to work with the children. There are not enough words to express all of the gratitude!

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING!

A-2

The A-2 Fun Fish Preschool group made a splash into school happily greeted by Mrs. Socratous, and Mrs. Baldassare as we all began a swimmingly Great session of PACE! New friends mixed with old friends to bond and have fun and learn together. During Americana Week, we made edible flags using graham crackers, frosting, twizzler stripes and blueberries for the stars! It was sooo tasty and fun to make! We were licking our fingers and smiling when we finished! **Brain Drain week was very exciting, as we played "The Brain Game" at morning meeting each and every day, where the teacher gave us questions to answer and we also did movement to go along with our answers! We loved the activity so much and of course the prizes (stickers) were well deserved and happily received by all! Wacky Science found us making colors from the three primary colors, as we used food coloring, finger painting and magic ways to make new colors appear. We picked two primary colors we liked and mixed them together to make a new color. Can you guess which our fav new color was? We made a graph to count, and hands down, purple was the winner! Green came in second place, and orange was the third place winner! Silly Stories week had us listening to many funny stories, our favorite was "Don't let the Pigeon Drive the Bus" it was super fun and very silly-** we read it over and over, and we loved being the helper to the bus driver! Our last week, back to the Beach was the most Amazing of all! We love the summer and all the fun that goes with it! We got to go to see the Three Bears Program, how exciting and we enjoyed singing along with Beth and Scott, after all, we are Fantastic Singers! The Picnic was like going to Disney! This summer was one we will never forget - now **it's time to swim back home and await our new adventures in September! We hope to be together again next summer!** We also want to thank the PACE Parents for all their support and their time to get us the Pizza, Ice Cream and Pretzels, as well as making the Picnic so Amazing!

Dear parents,

Wow! **A-3 Mrs. Lammers' class had such a wonderful summer.** We had a different theme every week. We had fun with pirates and jungle animals. We read silly stories and saw a show on the three little pigs. We learned about the beach. We did a lot of crafts where we practiced cutting, coloring, painting, and writing our names. Pace was filled with wonderful themes and we all enjoyed every single one of them!

Thank you to all the parents for helping make it a wonderful summer!
Mrs. Lammers, Miss Judy, Miss Cathleen Miss Ann, & Miss Regina





B-1

The B1 Monsters are SCARY SMART! Ms. Lammers, Mrs. Lombardi, and Mrs. Gambetta helped us with games and activities to make sure that we had an educational and fun summer! The first week was American Symbols week. We learned our new favorite song- **"Fireworks, Fireworks"!** **We made firecrackers and colored flags by letter F's - uppercase F's were red and lowercase f's were blue!** For Brain Drain week we played a lot of games! Our favorite game was the alphabet memory game! We sat in a circle and looked to match letters. We had to find the uppercase and lowercase letter match. Once we found a match we practiced the letter sound and said words that started with that letter! For Science Week we dropped gummy bears in water, milk, salt water, and vinegar to see what would happen. The milk made the gummy bears grow really big! We wrote a sentence and drew a picture about our experiment. For Silly Stories week we read The Hungry Caterpillar, Pete the Cat, and Who Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus?. The stories were so silly! We did arts and crafts for each story. For Back to the Beach week we talked about what animals live in the ocean! We made beach balls with paper plates and tissue paper and we practiced our addition and subtraction with Goldfish crackers! B1 had an amazing summer!

B-2

B-2 S'mores!

The B-2 **S'mores led by Mrs. Moretti and assisted by Ms. Frazer, Mrs. Stillwell and Mr Schmalenberger** had a fun filled summer at P.A.C.E. The students were excited with the themed weeks full of fun activities. American Symbols week brought many activities around America. The students put together star sentences and learned about different American Symbols. The students loved the American Pride Laser Spectacular Show!

During Brain Drain week the students played Math Jeopardy on the computer with various math topics. The students enjoyed learning about the different parts of the brain and their functions. The students had a fun time during the Brain Show.

Wacky Science week the students built 2D and 3D shapes out of marshmallows! The students worked on correcting sentences and practiced using correct punctuation. The students enjoyed watching a science experiment in which the **"S" floated off the skittles! The students learned a lot during the Science Show.**

Silly Stories week brought new exciting activities. The B-2 **S'mores worked on rhyming families, word families, and writing sentences using Dr. Seuss Books.** During math this week the students worked on making patterns and skip counting. The students also used colored goldfish to graph the colors and make tally marks. The students even created their own silly sentences!

The B-2 **S'mores during Down by the Beach week enjoyed talking about beach activities and the importance of taking care of the Earth.** Throughout P.A.C.E. the class really had a blast with their Friday's Friends and made many exciting crafts! The B-2 **S'mores had a wonderful time during P.A.C.E. Enjoy the rest of the summer!**

B-3

The B-3 **Suns are off to a bright start at P.A.C.E!** *We've made new friends and practiced our skills that we learned this past year.*

During American Symbols Week we learned all about America. We learned about the American flag, the Bald Eagle, and the Statue of Liberty and why these symbols are so important to us. We enjoyed dancing and singing along to the American Pride Laser Program. We had a blast! We drained our brains during Brain Drain week. We solved tons of puzzles and also played jeopardy. The Brain Show was our favorite part! For Wacky Science Week, we conducted several experiments like the polka dots and color blots and colorizing plants. We took celery, placed them into water, and added food coloring. The next day, we reviewed what happened and noticed the celery was changing the color of the food coloring. We found all of our experiments very interesting. The next week was Silly Stories Week, where we learned about the Three Little Pigs, Dr. Seuss books, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, Rainbow Fish, and much more. We created crafts to go with each story and even saw a Three Little Pigs Puppet show! Our last days at PACE for Back to the Beach week will be filled with excitement. We will be attending The Beth and Scott Back to the Beach Program, we will be going to the PACE Carnival, watching the PACE talent show, and going to the awards ceremony.

Ms. Zeno, Ms. Bridget, and Ms. Linda had a great summer with the B-3 Suns and wish them much success during this upcoming school year!

B-4

Mrs. Casoni's crew in B-4 have been very busy during this fabulous fun filled summer here at P.A.C.E.!

We've made new friends and practiced all the important skills we learned throughout the year.

We started off strong with American Symbols Week! The children took a virtual field trip to the Statue of Liberty and learned about the importance of the Fourth of July and what it means to be free! The laser light show was a sure crowd pleaser!

During Brain Drain Week we put our brains to the test with daily brain games and minute to win it challenges. We explored the **different parts of the brain and why the brain is the "boss' of the body.** We reviewed how the brain assists our five senses and took part in a five senses experiment. We ended the week perfectly with the ever popular Brain Game show.

Wacky Science Week had us making predictions, observations and becoming scientist ourselves as we took part in many science experiments throughout the week. We explored density, chemical reactions, and gravity with daily centers and whole group projects. Our Science show was a BLAST, the students loved Mad Jack and all his wacky science adventures!

During Silly Stories Week the class put their knowledge of story book characters to the test. We improved upon our reading fluency and decoding of words by practicing the Orton Gillingham method daily. We especially loved tapping out red words, printing in the sand, and using bumpy paper. We created our very own silly stories to share with the class.

Back to the Beach Week had us investigating and exploring ocean life. We compared and contrasted ocean animals and pets. The students were able to work cooperatively in groups and choose one ocean animal to learn 5 fun facts about. The students had the opportunity to use Chromebooks to conduct their research online.

Our students had the opportunity to see many amazing shows this summer, observe, hypothesize and conduct experiments, take part in the fun filled picnic, and who can forget the amazing talent show and sing-a-long!! Friendships have been formed and memories have been made, we thank all who help to keep this wonderful program going strong.

Mrs. Casoni, Mrs. Galuppo, and Mrs. Postorino had an amazing summer with the B-4 crew and wish them nothing but the best for the upcoming school year.

B-5

Miss Cardello's B-5 "Clams" were real Superstars at P.A.C.E.! The students participated in many activities, which resulted in a fun-filled and productive summer. We could not have had a successful program without the help of our classroom aides, Miss Leti and Miss G. Our weeks went by quickly. We got to see a spectacular Laser Show for "American Symbols Week", participate in The Brain Show for "Brain Drain Week", and see a cool and totally awesome Science Show for "Wacky Science Week". During "Wacky Science Week" the class got to do several science experiments including a Skittle Experiment as well as a Sink or Float Experiment, which they found to be very interesting. Following "Wacky Science Week" was "Silly Stories Week" where the students got to see a Puppet Show, create a class story, and read a variety of fun and silly stories. Our final week, "Back to the Beach Week" was enjoyable. As a class, we discussed different sea creatures and their lives in the ocean. Each day the students made a different sea creature that was displayed on our class ocean mural in the hallway. We also made a delicious snack called "Ocean in a Cup" which was blue jello for the ocean, crushed graham crackers for the sand, and Swedish fish. The

students also made their own ocean out of water bottles using water and blue food coloring. They added other materials like seashells, sand, and toy fish to make it look more like an ocean. We also discussed the different activities you can do at the beach. The class really enjoyed this week. Our final week also included a carnival, sing-a-long, talent show, and an awards ceremony. During each week at P.A.C.E. the students participated in Wii Bowling, which was always fun for them. B-5 also attended D's Diner where they were served delicious food - spaghetti and meatballs with a side salad as well as a drink and ice cream for dessert. The class loved going to D's Diner! Besides all the fun activities each week, we reviewed topics in Language Arts and Mathematics to help the students maintain their skill level in these subjects. We also did Social Studies, Science, and Health. It was a very rewarding summer for B-5. Miss Cardello, Miss Leti, and Miss G wish all the best to our students for the upcoming school year!

B-6

The B-6 Monkeys have been busy this summer learning and having fun. Ms. McRae, Mrs. Sherry and Mr. Matt have really kept us busy.

During American Symbols week we created fireworks, learned about our American symbols and about our country. During Brain Drain week we went to see the Brain Show and worked on activities where we had to really use our brains. Wacky Science Week was a blast! We made really cool science experiments everyday and even went to see a wacky scientist. Then we heard some silly stories during Silly Stories Week and even made our very own. And finally during Back to the Beach week we learned about the ocean, sea animals, worked on some crafts and made our very own slime.

This summer we had a great time with our friends. We were busy learning but we also played and made it fun. We went out to the playground, played Wii bowling, saw some great shows and enjoyed a great carnival. At the end we also had an amazing Talent Show, a Sing-a-long and Award Show. Everyone did such a great job and really worked hard all summer but now our time at P.A.C.E. has come to an end. Until next summer...

B-7

The B-7 Stars had a shining time with Mrs. Dymond, Mrs. W and Mr. L. Throughout our 5 weeks of camp, we worked on identifying numbers, adding and subtracting, telling time, counting money, reading and writing sentences.

During our American Symbols Week, we learned about some of the important symbols that represent America, made tissue paper flags and made salt fireworks.

The second week of camp was so much fun as we played all kinds of games for Brain Drain Week. We learned how to play Boggle, Scrabble and Find It. Our Friday Friends helped us make our own I Spy bottles.

During Wacky Science Week, we made rubber eggs. We started by putting raw eggs in cups and covering them with white vinegar and food coloring. It was so much fun to discover that our eggs were rubbery and that we could, lightly, bounce them on our desks. Mr. L, also, helped us make our own play doh. We each helped to measure the ingredients and then Mr. L kneaded it all together.

Silly Stories was a great week for us as we wrote our own silly stories and drew illustrations to go along with them. We even made our own puppets!

Our last week of camp was Beach Week. It was such a busy week as we had our awards, sing a long and carnival, but we still had time to read stories about the sea and make our own sea animals.

We finished our final day of camp celebrating all of our birthdays and wishing everyone good luck for September by decorating and eating our very own cupcakes.

B-8

B8 Boogie Boards arrived at P.A.C.E. more than anxious to **begin another fun year. Joined with Ms. Tweedle's B9 class, Ms. Camuso, Ms. Chris, and Ms. Jane's B8 class**

showed patriotism by sharing prior knowledge on the purpose of each American symbol throughout American Symbol Week. In addition, we danced along and enjoyed gazing at the spectacular laser lights. Making our way into Brain Drain week, our class dominated answering challenging questions during the game show and chomped on a delicious brain Rice Krispy treat. B8 had a blast buzzing in trivia questions throughout the week.

With excitement, B8 Boogie Boards became scientists experimenting their way into Wacky Science Week by making putty, predicting what will happen to pepper and

water when dipping detergent into it, and hypothesizing **what will happen to a skittle when in water. Don't let B8**

trick you when poking sharpened colored pencils into a bag filled with water. Will it become a leak proof bag? The Go Noodle Brain break club is back again exercising and dancing their way to the next week. Who will be our best bowler this year?

During Silly Stories Week, the students created their own stories and enjoyed using their creative skills to make their characters come alive. B8 dived into this summer during Back to the Beach Week by creating themselves as snorkelers writing about their summer.

B8 loves to learn all the day at P-A-C-E PACE! Go PACE HOORAH!

B-9

The B9 Boogie Boards are riding the waves into another wonderful summer at P.A.C.E. We toured the all of **America's symbols during American Symbols week. An American Eagle craft showed off our patriotism. Brain Drain week our class dominated The Brain Show, created paper brains and even ate rice crispy brains!** Giving our scientific sides a try with Wacky Science week brought beekers with puffy paint, gooey slime, skittles tie dye, magic fingers and a leak proof bag. Bringing out our silly side, B9 created and acted out their own personal stories during silly story week. As we say our final goodbye to P.A.C.E. for the summer our last week is bringing us back to the beach! Learning and doing projects about all the fascinating things about the beach and sea life. On top of all our fun we still have time for our academics. In Math we are working on computation, word problems, fractions and graphing techniques. Comprehension with fiction and nonfiction books keep us entertained in the afternoon during Reading time. Arts and crafts allow us to show off our talents. Hope everyone had a wonderful time at P.A.C.E.

B-10 & B-11

Mr. Cilento/Mr. Bernstein Mrs. LaRocque Mrs. McCabe Mr. Micak Ms. Murphy

The Beavers and the Superstars had an awesome summer at The P.A.C.E. Program this year. The students of B-10 and B-11 enjoyed learning about everything from the life that lives in the ocean to important heroes from American History. One lesson the students really enjoyed was about the Solar System, each student was able to make their very own model of the Solar System. Our students even made a movie about sportsmanship that they were able to **share with the entire P.A.C.E. Program! The Beavers and The Superstars can't wait to come back to P.A.C.E. next year.** We hope everyone from P.A.C.E. enjoys the rest of their summer!

B-13 & B-15

B13 and B15 kicked off P.A.C.E by learning about American Symbols. Students created their own American Flags out of tissue paper which are proudly displayed in our classroom. B13 and B15 loved the laser show; B13 student Jason Harrell said, **"The laser show finale made him a party person"**. During the second week of P.A.C.E B13 and B15 **"drained" their brains. To reinforce math, language arts, and history students read and discussed the origin of board games, participated in math bingo, and created their own board games. B13 and B15 participated in "The Brain Show" and several of our students went home with "Brain Show" medals. Students' reinforced their Science skills during "Wacky Science" week by creating a solar system and participating in the "Wacky Science" assembly. B15 student Eric McGrath thought, "The nitrogen gas and test lab were very interesting". We also employed real world skills by selling and distributing ice cream and pretzels throughout the school and visiting "D's Diner". B13 and B15 will end P.A.C.E with a visit from the Port Reading Fire Department, the Woodbridge First Aid Squad, a trip to the Woodbridge Police Department, the P.A.C.E talent show and carnival. This exciting and successful summer would not be possible without Mr. Patten, Mr. Scarano, Mr. Rich, our wonderful P.T.O President Michelle Parinello, our school nurses, and B13 and B15's paraprofessionals; Ms. Maglione, Ms. Burns, Ms. Vilichka, and Ms. Lyczkowski.**

This year, Mr. Evangelista and Ms. Davison had a terrific group of smart, eager, and hard-working students. Our tag team teaching with Mrs. Mahmood and Mr. Delgandio allowed us to work in groups to individualize our instruction. The themes for summer camp were American Symbols, Brain Drain, Wacky Science, Silly Stories, and Back to the Beach.

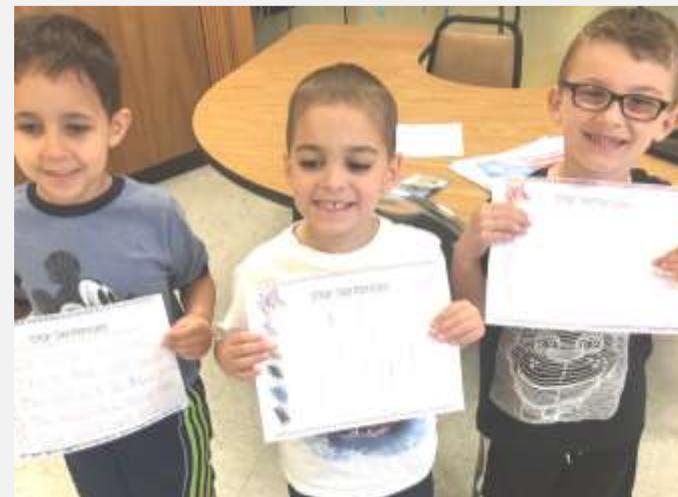
We kicked off the program with American Symbols Week. Our students got to know one another by creating a firework and telling their classmates about their interests. They customized their fireworks with a craft of all shapes and sizes! Mr. Evangelista taught them the history of each symbol and Ms. Davison helped them write about what they learned. During reading, we discussed the scientific components and process of creating fireworks.

Brain Drain week was a blast with our program at Matthew Jago School. Many of our students won a medal for answering questions correctly. Mr. Evangelista and Ms. Davison were quickly defeated by our esteemed colleagues! Womp. Womp. Back at the RI SE building, we continued the program by creating questions of our own. Students practiced math drills to review addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and fractions. Finally, Mr. Evangelista reviewed how the brain produces activity and students wrote about the brain. They revised their prompts with Ms. Davison to become better writers.

Wacky Science Week was full of slime, eggs, and vinegar! Students learned about chemical reactions and reviewed some history about the green Statue of Liberty. Nicholas led the class by explaining how our scientific experiment of changing pennies green, was similar to the effects on the Statue of Liberty. Our class observed the pennies change color and also expanded an egg with vinegar in a jar. We worked with controls and variables by soaking an egg in water and another in vinegar. Students made predictions and observed the experiments. We ended the week in an ooey, gooey mess! Students created slime with Tide detergent, shaving cream, food coloring, glitter, and glue.

The silly side of our class was shown during Silly Stories Week. We recounted fairytales and watched different variations of "The Three Little Pigs". **Students created their own silly story and they also wrote an original silly story.** We clapped and laughed as we read the creative stories aloud. Our movie day included Shrek and students enjoyed seeing different fairytales and characters come to life. As the summer comes to an end, we do not want to leave "by the hair of our chinny chin chin"!









C-1

The preschoolers in Ms. Bernardo's C-1 Minions had a great summer at P.A.C.E. We started off with American symbols week, talking about and creating the American Flag, and the statue of liberty. We even colored some well-known American landmarks, such as the Liberty Bell, Mount Rushmore, the Washington Monument, etc.. During Brain Drain week the students created their own game board, played a roll and color game and learned how to take turns while playing Candyland Castle. We even made a yummy Candyland themed snack! During Wacky Science week we learned about mixing colors. We mixed shaving cream and finger paint to see what colors mixed together make new colors. We also made our very own anti-gravity sensory bottles and did an experiment to see what objects sink and float. We cannot wait to see The Three Little Pigs show during Silly Stories week! We will be reading **There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly, The Three Little Pigs, Don't, Let The Pigeon Drive the Bus** and some other silly stories. For beach week we will talk about and make different sea animals and even make our very own ocean scene. We loved playing in the water during sprinkler days and had so much fun. We even got to eat at **D's diner; it was so delicious! WE loved getting to play with Bailey the therapy dog too! We are thankful for all of** the help from Ms. Sarah, Ms. Elizabeth, Ms. Donna, Ms. Kristen, and Ms. Megan throughout the summer!

C-2

The C - 2 Owls had an amazing summer at P.A.C.E.! We had water sprinkler fun every week with our friends. We were also very **lucky to have visits from "Friday's Friends" every week on Thursday's and got to visit with** a therapy dog each week. We started the summer off with American Symbols Week. During the week, we did a lot of activities with American Flags, The Statue of Liberty and we even made fireworks using our hands and paint! Next, we had Brain Drain Week. We learned how to do many different things this week while using our brain. We did lots of sorting and matching and we practiced tracing our letters. Then, we had Wacky Science Week. We did a really cool experiment using shaving cream and finger paint to create colors. We also talked about the butterfly life cycle and

colored beautiful pictures of caterpillars and butterflies. Then, we had Silly Stories Week. We read so many different silly stories, but **our favorite was "The Three Little Pigs". We** colored our three little pigs pink and used sponges and brown paint to show them playing in the mud. Lastly, we had Back to the Beach Week. We made lots of fun beachy crafts like paper plate crabs and a puffer fish using a spikey ball and paint! We had the best Carnival accompanied by Blow Up Inflatables and yummy food. It was a great time for the students as well as the teachers and staff. We had an awesome, fun-**filled summer and we can't wait** for next year!

C-3

In C-3 learning is fun! The children have been participating in a variety of activities and learning experiences that focus on development in the areas of social-emotional, cognitive, physical, language, mathematical, literacy, and life skills. Your children have participated daily in their individual Rethink programs, language activities, fine motor sessions and gross motor opportunities. Learning did not only take **place within the classroom with your child's classmates**, but also in conjunction with other preschool and special education classes. We participated in our sprinkler sessions where your child had opportunities to explore within a new school sensory experience.



C-4

The C-4 wonderful whales kicked off PACE with an amazing puffed-paint firework display for our American Symbols Week. We also made some really neat American flags and bald eagle crafts. For Brain Drain Week we discussed the parts of the brain and learned how the brain is the boss of our bodies. We also simulated brain surgery by digging into Jell-O with fruit inside. Yum! During Wacky Science Week we created a puffed-paint project of the sun and talked about how important the sun is for flowers to grow. We also tasted the rainbow with a skittles color project. The best part was making gooey slime from scratch. We got super silly during week four of PACE to jump-start our Silly Stories Week. We made Emoji coffee filter crafts and read a lot of silly stories while making a lot of silly faces!! Finally, we were ready for our last theme, Back to the Beach Week! We blew up beach balls and wrote questions that our kids could answer on them. We had a sensory table filled with soapy water and toys. Throughout the weeks, we worked very hard to continue to work on language development and skills such as, colors, numbers, shapes, counting, letters, prompting independence, and rule following. We LOVED each and every day at PACE and hope your children did as well.

It has been an honor having your precious children with us the summer!

Cindy Fitzpatrick, Sandra Halladay, and Jessica Medina

C-5

C-5 is having a great summer at P.A.C.E this year! Ms Toth's preschoolers were very busy this summer with tons of different events! We loved being able to go into the sprinklers and go to the Three Little Pigs show! It was great seeing one of our favorite stories come to puppet life! One of our highlights of our summer was being able to work with the therapy dog, which we loved! Students enjoy their time with

OT/PT, speech, playing on the playground and having gym class! We worked on fundamental preschool skills throughout the summer including making eye contact, social skills, matching objects, counting skills, attending to our tasks and tracing our letters, shapes, lines, and numbers!

C-6

Ms. McFadden's C-6 group had a fantastic summer learning and maintaining all of the skills we worked so hard to accomplish during the school year! We participated in weekly themes, and enjoyed tapping into our creative sides by creating many art projects! We made great friends with our C-7 team and especially loved participating in clubs. Slime was by far our favorite experiment! The programs that were set up for us were a huge hit, including the Laser Show and Mad Science show. A special thank you to Mrs. Palmisano and Mrs. Seepersad for supporting us and helping make this an incredibly successful summer! We had so much fun- the pictures speak for themselves!



C-7

The C-7 Busy Bees, Daniel, Nicholas, Aleigha, Sarayu, & Ana blended right back into another fun-filled year at PACE! We kept busy by filling our days with our friends from C-6 as well as keeping up with our academics! We **started the first week of PACE with "American Symbols"** theme. We created abstract art of flags, fireworks, & lady liberty! We also made America Flag Pretzels during our cooking class! The Busy Bees did not stop there and went **into our second week of PACE with the theme "The Brain Drain Week"**! The C-7 & C-6 friends collaborated together to make art projects of our own brains as well as **continuing learning about our shapes & alphabet!** During "Science Week", we became scientists and created our own gooey slime with the help of all of our teachers! The "Busy Bees" were excited for "Silly Stories" week at PACE. We read books such as "Pete the Cat, Dr. Seuss & Chica Chica Boom Boom!

We drew pictures of ourselves as these characters & answer some questions about what happened within the story! **During the last week of PACE, we went "Down by the Beach" and began building sandcastles in our sand buckets!**

Along with all these great activities we participated in clubs, Wii Bowling, assemblies! We had such a adventurous summer! The C-7 Busy Bees would like to thank Miss Dora, Miss Dotty & our C-6 friends & teachers Miss Brittany, Miss S, Miss Barbara for helping us make this summer be so memorable!!!



C-8

This summer in C-8 we had a BLAST!! Marco, Karthi, Joel, Dhruv, and De' Andre had so much fun learning with Miss Graham, Miss Michele, and Miss Ana. We learned about the American flag and used our counting skills to make our own, we learned about bald eagles and that they represent freedom and wrote sentences and paragraphs about them! The best was the laser show!

During Brain Drain week we had super big 100's charts and had to sequence, add, and figure out numbers to color based on place value to find secret summer pictures! We played a ton of board games but our favorite was Super Why ABC game where we got to use our word families to rhyme, spelling skills to find missing letters, and reading skills to identify sight words. But the best was definitely making a jello brain during clubs,

Wacky science week was our favorite! We did so many fun experiments! We learned about objects that would sink or float, seasons of the year cycle and sort-

ed what objects belonged in each season, and our five senses. We made our own play dough out of flour, water and oil and got super messy mixing it all together. We learned that oil and water do NOT mix together but form super cool bubbles with lots of different colors. We saw how cool salt painting was and even made our own Cookie Monster ice cream!

Silly stories week consisted of making our own piles of strawberries, blueberries, mud, and water with Pete the Cat, making chicka chicka boom boom trees, and going to see the Three Little Pigs show! Back to the beach week made us want to spend every day in the sand and water so we used glue and sand, and water color paint to make our own beach.

Summer 2018 at Camp P.A.C.E. was a ton of fun!

C-9

We are the Mighty Monsters aka C-9!

The day after Independence Day, we began learning about American symbols. We enjoyed making American flags, bald eagles, and the Liberty Bell with a crack. While we watched the American Pride Laser show, we danced to patriotic songs!

During the week of July 10, 2017, we sung the Brain song while we created a brain using elbow noodles and a nylon stocking. After we created an adult-size Candyland game board, we played Candyland with our friends. In addition, we used jello to make an edible brain. We shared our edible brain and smarties with our friends from C-8 and C-10. **We displayed our "smarties"** when we answered trivia questions at our Brain Show.

Wacky Science Week was wonderful! We conducted several science experiments. We learned about our five senses, the weather and the water cycle. We enjoyed eating coconut trees and popcorn! We had fun making a weather book, a tornado in a bottle, and a shaving cream painting. We loved our Mad Science show.

We look forward to engaging in Silly Stories and Back on the Beach activities!

C-10

C-10 Crayola is very excited for another year at P.A.C.E with Ms. Brittany, Ms. Cathy, and Ms. Maureen. C-10 started off this summer with American Symbols week! We learned about what happens on the Fourth of July and how America uses fireworks to celebrate freedom. We even made our own paper fireworks!

With excitement, C-10 jumped into Brain Drain week. We played different games to test our knowledge! We're AWESOME at finding our sight words! We also had lots of fun playing Bingo with our speech teachers. We also teamed up with our friends from other classes and made a brain out of Jell-O!

C-10 loved watching the Wacky Science Program for Wacky Science week. We also made homemade slime! It was a mess, but we sure had a lot of fun making it! We also learned about life cycles of caterpillars and butterflies! Our Friday's Friends came for a visit and taught us how to build things! Thanks, friends!

C-10 has also been taking swimming lessons at the Woodbridge Community Center! We would like to thank

our instructors for teaching us how to swim while having fun!

In the upcoming weeks, C-10 will read silly stories, learn things about the beach, compete in bowling competitions, interact with peers during clubs, as well as maintain skills learned throughout the school year. C-10 Crayola is very excited to see what else is in store at P.A.C.E this summer!



C-11 & C-12

C11 and C12 have done lots of great things to celebrate the themes at PACE this year. During American Symbols week, we celebrated by creating fireworks out of salt and food coloring. We also created our own fireworks on the IPAD and learned about the bald eagle by creating some of our very own. Our tissue paper American flag art has also lined our hallway here at PACE.

The second week of PACE, we incorporated the theme of Brain Drain into our sensory play, writing, and math lessons. One of our theme projects for the week was to create outdoor scenes using Play Doh Mats to shape and create sandcastles, picnics, and animal features. Our group also used tangrams to make summer shapes like sailboats and ducks. We also played Number Bingo, and had lots of fun reviewing our colors and numbers by playing Candyland!

Wacky Science week was really fun too. We experimented with shaving cream and food coloring to make our very own rain cloud. We also watched our homemade lava lamps by recycling water bottles, and watching fizzy tablets make colorful bubbles. C11 and C12 learned about chromatography, and watched as their markers separated into bright colors onto coffee filters. We turned this science project into art by taking these coffee filters and creating them into beautiful butterflies. This was an exciting week!

Our group also spent a really fun day at the movies this summer. We couldn't stop laughing during Despicable Me 3, enjoyed our popcorn and snacks, and left with big smiles on our faces.

C11 and C12 has had a wonderful time learning, while having some fun with our weekly themes at PACE!

C-13

The C-13 Superstars were quite the patriots for American Symbols Week. We made the coolest firework paintings and thoroughly enjoyed the laser light program. As we moved into Brain Drain Week, we crafted some neon neurons to show how what we learn travels through the parts of the brain. Then we decided to put our brains together to answer some really tough questions during the Brain Show. We were out of this world for Wacky Science Week, making super galactic solar systems to learn about the planets. Then we tossed a few ingredients together to make the best slime ever. Silly Stories Week was really fun during clubs. We worked on fairytale mad libs and then enjoyed some fairytale fruit snacks. The 3 Little Pigs Puppet Show also kept us laughing like crazy. For the last week of P.A.C.E., we decided to sit back and relax to our **Back to the Beach theme. Beth and Scott's show was awesome** and we tipped it all off with our annual P.A.C.E. picnic.

Thank you to all the staff at P.A.C.E for making this another successful summer. Also a special thanks to the C-13 crew for your expert knowledge and hard work, Debbie Minervini, Angela Majd, and Angela Dipetta.



C-14

The C - 14 Unicorns had a fantastic summer at P.A.C.E.! We had Swim Lessons every Monday and Thursday at the Woodbridge Community Center. We started the summer off with American Symbols Week. During the week, we learned a lot about American Symbols such as: The Statue of Liberty, The Bald Eagle, The White House and the Liberty Bell, just to name a few. Next, we had Brain Drain Week. We learned how to play many different games in the classroom and learned how to share and take turns! We also had the Brain Show, which is one of our favorite shows that comes to P.A.C.E and we get to be in the Game Show too! We also went on a trip to the movies to see Despicable Me 3 during this week. Then, we had Wacky Science Week. We did a ton of cool experiments. We made a rainbow with Skittles and Water and we dyed flowers different colors. But, the coolest thing we did was make Tie Dye T-shirts with our Friday Friends! We had a great Wacky Science Program too! **Then, we had Silly Stories Week. We read five different stories during the week: "Jack and the Beanstalk", "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", "Peter Pan", "The Three Little Pigs" and "The Cat in the Hat". We did activities based on each story. Lastly, we had Back to the Beach Week. We made a lot of fun beachy crafts. Our group had a Club this week. We made "Sand" out of Vanilla Pudding and crushed up vanilla wafers to put on top to make it look like sand. We had a Carnival complete with Blow Up Inflatables and food. It was a great time for everyone! As you can see, we had a fun-filled summer at P.A.C.E.!**

C-15

The C-15 Chipmunks, Peter, Frank, Gregory, Anthony, Quideer and Jason blended right back into another year at PACE! We kept busy by filling our days with fun with our friends as well as keeping up with **our academics. We started our first week learning about "Symbols of America" such as the Statue of Liberty, bald eagle, American Flag, White House and Liberty Bell. We made a mini book of symbols as well as stars and flags. Week two had us using our brain during "Brain Drain!" We went to the Brain Show and answered trivia questions, we played games and we even created our own C-15 Scrabble board! "Wacky Science Week" is always our favorite! We got to do a lot of fun experiments! We experimented with our five senses tasting foods, listening for certain sounds and smelling different smells. We made electric eels using gummy worms, and homemade slime! In our science club we learned how to blow up balloons using a plastic bottle, baking soda and vinegar and we also made erupting ice chalk. During "Silly Stories Week" we read the *Three Little Pigs* book and recreated their houses using various objects. We also went to a puppet show about *The Three Little Pigs!* The last week of PACE we went "Back to the Beach!" This was a busy week for us! We watched a Beth and Scott program about the beach, and enjoyed a beautiful day at the carnival! Our favorite part of this week was watching the talented PACE students perform in the talent show! Throughout the month at PACE, we enjoyed clubs, assemblies, and Wii bowling! We had a blast going to the movies to see Despicable Me 3 and on those hot summer days we went swimming at the pool and also to the spray park! We had a fun-filled summer! We would like to also thank Miss Laura, Miss Rose and Miss Danielle for helping us make this a fantastic summer!**

C-16 & C-17

The C-16 cookies and C-17 milk had a great year at PACE. Ms. Abadir and Ms. Arocho had lots of fun with this group! We continued working on the programs they were working on during the school year. We enjoyed playing fun game like freeze dance, musical chairs, and hot potato all while learning as we were doing it! **P.A.C.E started off with "American Pride Week."** We learned about our patriot symbols, talked about what we did on the Fourth of July, and made glitter fireworks. For Brain Drain week, we had such a fun time playing trivia games such as Jeopardy, Spot I t, and name that tune. For science week, we turned into magicians and made Magic Balloons and Magic Gummy bears. We learned how volcanoes work and got to make our own lava. We also learned about the states of matter. During Silly Stories week, we loved reading Pete the Cat stories. We made our own groovy buttons and did groovy math with it. During back to the beach, we made stories about the beach, made beach balls, and made **our own ice cream to cool off during this hot and fun summer!** We also loved playing with our Friday's friends, going to the programs, purchasing our own snacks at the classroom shop and loved playing the Wii. **We can't wait to come again next year!**









D-1 & D-2

The D1 and D2 frogs had an amazing time at P.A.C.E.! D1 and D2 were instructed by Ms. Hershey, Mr. Dubay, Mrs. Rovinski, Mrs. Karlin, Mrs. Agosta, Ms. Santos and Mr. Skolar. For "American Symbols" week, we created American flags out of tissue paper and constructed Liberty bells. During our second week, we created our own ABC Bingo game for "Brain Drain" week. Our little scientists created their own rainbows for "Wacky Science" week, learning about water transpiration. By week four, we became super silly writers and readers, creating our own take on the Three Little Pigs story. Our class trip was an amazing time at Kidz Village! The students really loved the arcade games and enjoyed all the exciting activities. In our final week we enjoyed partying and playing at the carnival. The awards and talent show were unforgettable, seeing all of our friends here together one final time. D1 and D2 would like to thank everyone for a great summer here at P.A.C.E. We would like to give a special thank you to Mr. Patten, the Matthew Jago PTO and staff in the office. We can't wait to see everyone again next year!



D-3

The Busy Bees buzzed into summer with Ms. Kenney, Mrs. Davison, and Mrs. Blash. First there was "American Symbols" week, and we spent our days reading, writing, practicing math, and making flags. During "Brain Drain" week, the students completed puzzles that were academic and fun. Next, we flew into "Wacky Science" week. Students practiced measuring while making an apple crisp, we discussed plants, and the solar system. Then we droned into "Silly Stories" week, students focused on letter recognition or reading. Students enjoyed Mother Goose Fairy tales, as well as classics like Green Eggs and Ham. Students took a trip to the Majestic Lanes Bowling Alley where they could develop gross motor skills, engage in age appropriate social behavior and good sportsmanship, while having fun with their friends. Finally we tasted the sweet nectar of "Back to the Beach" week. Students ended the summer by showing off their skills at the Talent Show, snacking on Smoothies, and enjoying the P.A.C.E carnival.

D-4

D's Diner had a great summer season at P.A.C.E! The diner kicked off the first week with good old American hotdogs and ice cold milkshakes for American Symbols Week. The diner continued to serve P.A.C.E. students for the following weeks. Quesadillas were a big hit along with spaghetti and meatballs. Homemade pizza and ice cream sundaes with sprinkles and fudge syrup were loved by all. The diner workers learned how to really work in a restaurant in various positions such as hosts, servers, bussers, greeters, and kitchen helpers to aid in clean up. What a great summer here at P.A.C.E! The diner crew is looking forward to P.A.C.E 2018!

D-5

D-5, who was instructed by Mr. Grasso, Mrs. Stepnowski, Mrs. DeCeglia, and Mr. Phells had yet another fun summer at P.A.C.E.. The class learned a lot and reinforced many academic and social skills. We kicked off the summer with American Symbols Week and Brain Drain Week. During this time we sang and learned about different symbols for our country. In week three, Wacky Science Week, the class enjoyed the doing fun experiments. Week four was Silly Stories Week where we enjoyed making stories with our friends and really used our imaginations. Week five was Back to the Beach Week, we had a great time talking about what we like to do on the beach. Our class had a great time watching all of the talent at P.A.C.E. at the annual Talent Show. D-5 thoroughly enjoyed the annual PACE Carnival. It was a great way to celebrate another awesome summer! The staff and students of D-5 would like to thank everyone who had a part in making this a fun and memorable summer.

D-6

This summer has been flying by for the students in the RI SE program. The veteran students have been very busy heading off to work at Marshalls at least 3 mornings a week, while the students coming from the high school have been learning what it is like to be in the program full time! They have all learned to vacuum, wash dishes, do laundry and prep and cook food that they purchased on our weekly Shop Rite grocery runs..

During Brain Drain week we held a jigsaw puzzle contest with the winners receiving an ice cream treat!! Wacky Science week saw us doing experiments with our friends in B12 and B14. We dissolved an eggshell using vinegar, changed pennies from brown to green and popped corn, learning about chemical and physical changes along the way.

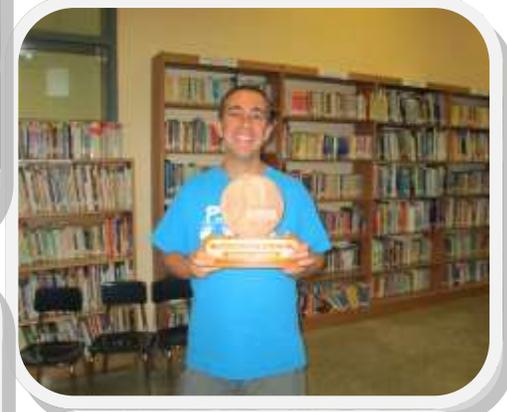
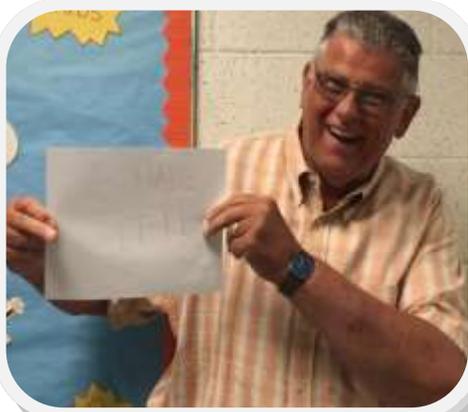
We have gone to Shop Rite, Woodbridge Center, Menlo Park Mall and Marshalls. While at Marshalls the returning students explained to the new students what they do when they work there, and we took a quick tour of the store. We also went to Giamarese Farms in East Brunswick to learn how peaches grow and actually got to pick some ourselves! We will be learning to make peach pie with the fruit that we picked. On many of our trips the students bring money and can purchase items or snacks; we assist (if necessary) while they practice their money skills, giving the correct amount of cash and getting the proper change.

The RI SE students spend a great deal of time out in the community, learning how to be productive, self-sufficient adults We are looking forward to the next few weeks and hoping to have many more adventures - a trip to Wegmans to learn about career possibilities, a free movie at the State Theatre, another mall trip, and of course the Talent Show and PACE Carnival.





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P.A.C.E. PARENTS' ORGANIZATION - 2017

Last year, we celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the P.A.C.E. program. As **discussed in our article in last year's journal, "back in the day" there were only 25** -50 students who attended P.A.C.E. This year, over 450 students benefitted from this wonderful program! These students received instruction in an environment designed to meet all of their needs - academic, social, speech, physical, and emotional.

The P.A.C.E. Parents' Organization was officially founded in 2004. We began with 4 moms who met on a monthly basis, just to talk about their kids. From that we have grown to an organization that:

- 1) raises enough money to provide an "end-of-PACE" carnival for the kids;**
- 2) sponsors parent-training sessions with free childcare;
- 3) has a membership of over 125 families;
- 4) conducts activities year-round;
- 5) works to SUPPORT and HELP our families..

This past year has seen some of our "older" P.A.C.E. families "retire". We have been fortunate that some of our "younger" parents have stepped into executive board and committee head positions. So we are entering the 2nd half of our first century with new energy and enthusiasm!

Parents need to be their child's advocate. They need to understand what their child's needs are, and how to get those needs fulfilled. Parents need to know what's going on, and how to rectify the situation if their attempts at getting information are not answered. Parents need to know that their child's classroom is working for them, and how to best communicate with their child's teacher in order for their child to learn.

We hope that you will be an active member of the P.A.C.E. Parents' Organization, to help our children be the *BEST THAT THEY CAN BE!*

Co-Presidents: Mary Karafa (732)750-9172, Bob Paul (908)565-4002. Contact us on FaceBook at paceparentsorganization or thru email @ paceparentsorganization@yahoo.com

HERE COME THE P.A.L.s!

This year, we welcomed the P.A.L.s to our program. Our P.A.C.E. Alumni are young men and women who attended P.A.C.E. when they were younger. They have since graduated, and while they have jobs or participate in other programs, they volunteered their spare time to help us **out! They copied flyers, delivered ice cream, made "Hands", and brought a smile to many** P.A.C.E. staff members who were happy to see them again. Our P.A.L.s this year were Jernee Aleszczyk, Robert Davidson, Vinnie Delibero, Amanda Jean-Pierre, Alex Wright, and Alison Wong. Thank you, P.A.L.s!

P.A.C.E Parent's Organization Summer 2017

P.A.C.E. PARENTS' ORGANIZATION CALENDAR: JULY 2017 – JUNE 2018

DATE	DAY	TIME	PURPOSE
<u>July 5, 2017</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>9:00am - 2:45pm</u>	<u>First Day of P.A.C.E.</u>
<u>July 19, 2017</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>10:00am - 2:15pm</u>	<u>Open House</u>
<u>July 13, 2017</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>6:30pm - 8:30pm</u>	<u>P.A.C.E. Parents' Meeting/Support Group</u>
<u>Aug 2, 2017</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>9:30am – 2:00pm</u>	<u>Carnival!</u>
<u>Aug 7, 2017</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>9:00am - 2:45pm</u>	<u>Last day of P.A.C.E. Program</u>
<u>Aug 28, 2017</u>	<u>Monday</u>	<u>6:30pm - 9:30pm</u>	<u>Mayors Concert Series, P.A.C.E. 50/50</u>
<u>Sept 28, 2017</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>7:00pm - 9:00pm</u>	<u>P.A.C.E. Parents' Meeting/Support Group</u>
<u>Sept 10, 2017</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>8:00am -11:00am</u>	<u>ELKS Breakfast – P.A.C.E. Fundraiser</u>
<u>Oct 20, 2017</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>6:30pm - 9:00pm</u>	<u>P.A.C.E. Fall Activity Night/Meeting</u>
<u>Nov 16, 2017</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>7:00pm - 9:00pm</u>	<u>P.A.C.E. Parents' Meeting/Support Group</u>
	<u>Nov/Dec</u>	<u>2017 TBD</u>	<u>Holiday Bazaar (location TBD)</u>
<u>Dec 8, 2017</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>6:30pm -9:00pm</u>	<u>P.A.C.E. Winter Activity Night</u>
<u>Jan 11, 2018</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>7:00pm - 9:00pm</u>	<u>PA.C.E. Parents' Meeting/Support Group</u>
<u>Feb 8, 2018</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>7:00pm - 9:00pm</u>	<u>P.A.C.E. Parents' Meeting/Support Group</u>
<u>Mar 8, 2018</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>7:00pm - 9:00pm</u>	<u>P.A.C.E. Parents' Meeting/Support Group</u>
<u>April , 2018</u>	<u>TBD</u>		<u>Annual Autism Flag Raising @ Town Hall</u>
<u>April 12, 2018</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>7:00pm - 9:00pm</u>	<u>P.A.C.E. Parents' Meeting/Support Group</u>
<u>April/May ,2018</u>	<u>TBD</u>		<u>POAC Middlesex County Walk for Autism</u>
<u>May 10, 2018</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>7:00pm - 9:00pm</u>	<u>P.A.C.E. Parents' Meeting/Support Group</u>
<u>June14, 2018</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>7:00pm - 9:00pm</u>	<u>P.A.C.E. Parents' Meeting/Support Group</u>

****All dates and times are subject to change****

PARENT TRAINING SEMINARS TO BE ADDED

All evening events and meetings, unless otherwise noted, are at Matthew Jago School #28 Cafeteria/All-Purpose Room,

99 Glen Cove Ave., Sewaren, NJ ~ Enter Rear Door #9

Co-Presidents: Mary Karafa (732)750-9172, Bob Paul (908)565-4002

FREE CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED AT P.A.C.E. MEETINGS & TRAININGS FOR WOODBRIDGE TWP RESIDENTS ONLY, ages 3 & up

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PACE 2017

We have just completed our 51st summer here at the P.A.C.E. Program! Throughout the summer, our staff has worked with your children to strengthen and reinforce the academic skills that are identified in their individual education plans. The staff has also provided them with many activities that have helped them to further develop their social and emotional growth.

Our P.A.C.E. Parents' Group has continued to grow and we are very grateful for all that they do for us. They continue to be successful in securing the funding for our annual events and for our P.A.C.E. shirts and for the P.A.C.E. carnival. The group meets during the course of the school year and provides our students with several activity nights during the fall and spring months in addition to offering child **care during their meetings. After each meeting, they conduct the Parents' Support Group to discuss** some of the issues that parents of special education students must deal with on a day to day basis. **Please check the district's website for some of the group's upcoming events. You will also be able to locate the P.A.C.E. Parents' Website as it will appear as a link to the Board of Education's home page.**

As P.A.C.E. continues to grow, we have housed some of our older students in the RI SE building along with the students of the RI SE Program. All of our students, no matter what building that they are housed in, have enjoyed all of programs and activities conducted during the program.

On behalf of all of our students and our staff, we'd like to thank you for sharing your child's summer with us. Personally, I am extremely honored to have been part of the PACE Program for the last 43 years, sixteen of them in the classroom and twenty- **seven years as the program's director. I have** learned firsthand that we are extremely fortunate in Woodbridge Township to work with a Superintendent and School Administration that collaborates with the Board of Education in order to provide continued support for the Woodbridge Township Extended School Year Program. Their vision and their commitment to the P.A.C.E. Program have created many worthwhile experiences for our kids.

Best wishes for a safe and happy rest of the summer.

Robert F. Patten
Director: PACE
The Woodbridge Township Extended School Year Program

Good-bye Summer 2017, See you in 2018!



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