

OLD BRIDGE TOWNSHIP



PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Old Bridge Online

★ A Publication of Old Bridge Township Public Schools ★

## Sandburg Basketball Teams Up with Ronald McDonald House



As part of their Community Service Learning Project the Boys and Girls Basketball teams at Sandburg teamed up to collect items of need at the Ronald McDonald House. These items included household items such as paper plates, paper towels, disposable silverware, and laundry and dish detergent. Along with the household items nonperishable food was collected as well. Members of both Girls and Boys teams placed collection boxes at the entrance to their games as well as various locations throughout the school.



At the conclusion of their season, eighth grade members of both teams had the opportunity to deliver these items to the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick. On February 25, these eighth grade teammates accompanied by their coaches were able to tour the Ronald McDonald House of New Brunswick where they learned about the mission of the house and how they are directly assisting the families in need. It was a great experience for both teams especially the ones who got to visit the Ronald McDonald house and see first-hand the importance of giving back.

## April 2019

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 1 — 6</b></p> <p>5—High School End of 3rd Marking Period</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 7—13</b></p> <p>9 —Middle &amp; Elem Schools End of 3rd Marking Period 9— BOE Agenda Session 7:30 BOE Conference Rm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 14—20</b></p> <p>16—BOE Regular Meeting 7:30 OBHS TV Studio 18—Early Dismissal 19—School Closed Spring Recess</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 21—30</b></p> <p>22—School Closed 23—School Closed 24—School Closed 25—School Closed 26—School Closed 28—School Reopens</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
--	---	---	---

## Carpenter's 2nd Annual Cake Decorating Contest



On February 27<sup>th</sup>, Carpenter School hosted its second annual cake-decorating contest. Registered students worked with a family member to decorate and design a pre-made cake. They were in charge of bringing all of the supplies they would need to bring their design to life. Judges were amazed at how prepared each family was and how creative their cakes were; there was a giant ice cream cone, a few Carpenter rocket ships, candy land themed cake and so many more!

This year there were four grand prized winners! Logan Endres in 5<sup>th</sup> grade won for Most Creative Cake. First grader Miles Lahens won for Most Professional Looking Cake. Fifth grader Kaitlyn Janks won the Most Colorful Looking Cake. Avery Owens in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade won for Best School Spirit! All winners went home with a prize winning cake and gift cards to Carvel. All participants received a certificate for their hard work and showing off their cake decorating skills. It was another successful family event at Carpenter School!



## Digital Learning Day at McDivitt



McDivitt second graders celebrate Digital Learning Day by learning about the importance of digital citizenship. Students created their own Digital Citizen Superheroes on the Marvel website.

Students learned that Digital Citizens use the internet safely, respectfully and responsibly. They enjoyed this lesson so much and made their own superheroes at home as well.

As an extension to this lesson, students chose adjectives to describe their superhero and created a word cloud on [abcya.com](http://abcya.com). Fun was had by all!



## Audrey Baker Named Nurse Administrator of the Year



District Nurse Coordinator Audrey Baker was named the School Nurse Administrator of the Year by the New Jersey State School Nurse Association. Baker, who works at Old Bridge High School, was recognized by the Old Bridge Board of Education at its March 19 meeting. *-by: Lori Luicci, District Public Relations Coordinator*



## Play Unified at Sandburg

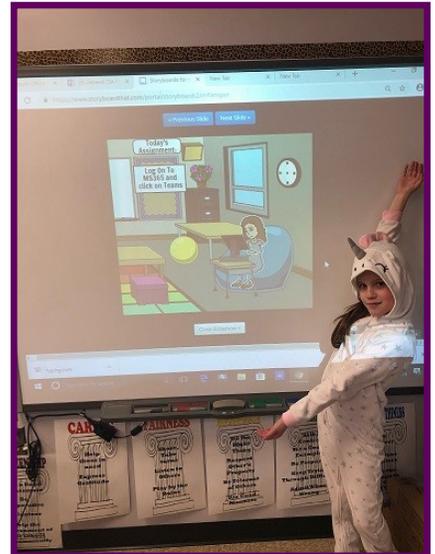
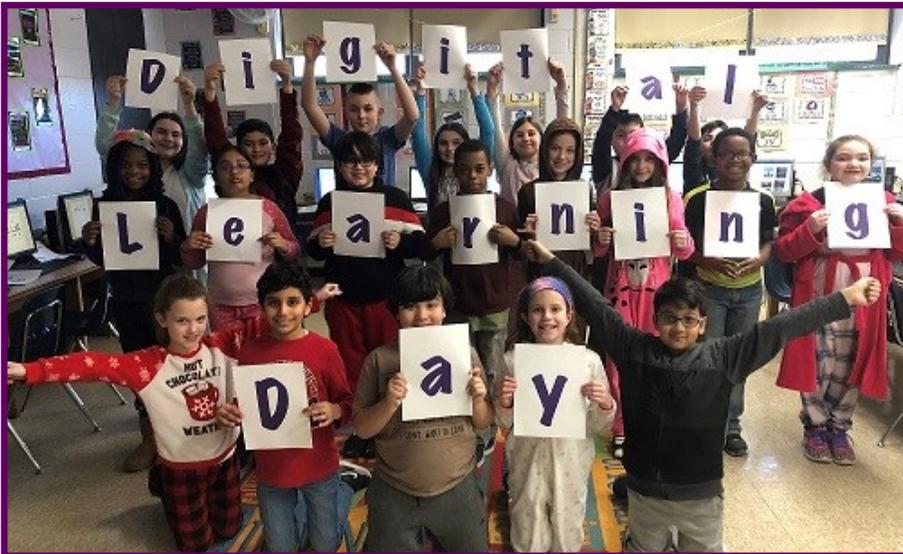


Play Unified started in Old Bridge High School and is now flourishing in our school district from elementary to high school. Although every school has a different approach, we all have one mission which is to create and promote an environment of respect, tolerance and unity school wide, while participating in sports and leisure activities.

At Sandburg, Play Unified is a club that allows general education and special education students to participate together in after-school activities. It is our hope that Play Unified becomes more of a buddy program where relationships grow (It is our hope that Play Unified represents the value of difference and inclusion). Activities include, but are not limited to sports events, team work, social skills and leisure and recreational play.



## Digital Learning Day at Grissom



On February 28th, the Grissom Gators celebrated Digital Learning Day with Ms. Flanigan! In grades 3, 4 and 5 the students used a website called StoryBoardThat.com to create digital images of themselves using their favorite educational applications. We discussed many different uses for technology in the classroom and how it helps us learn. Each class compiled a list of all the resources we have to use in Old Bridge. From different educational websites and MS365, to HP Streams and Kindles, we named it all! Our kids loved Digital Learning Day and can't wait until next year!

## McDivitt Second Grade at the Arts Festival



On February 6, 2019, the wonderful second grade McDivitt students performed at the Arts Festival. McDivitt School music teacher, Mrs. Barbara Shadis, thanks all of the students who signed up and participated and their families who came to cheer them on. Mrs. Shadis also thanks Mrs. George, Mrs. Quarto and Mrs. Camillary for helping with the children.

## ***Jonas Salk Parade Band***

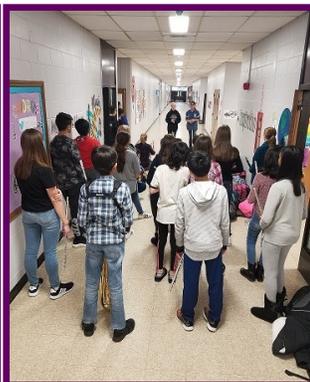


On Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2019, the Jonas Salk Parade Band directed by Mr. Buckle, participated in the South Amboy St. Patrick's Day parade. Jonas Salk Middle School was the only music participant in the parade from Old Bridge, New Jersey. This year, the Jonas Salk music program debuted their new look of district colored performance polo shirts and color guard flags and equipment representing the colors of Old Bridge.

The new equipment and flags were purchased through a fundraiser led by Salk principal, Mr. Bill Rezes. He and the Salk community raised money which has been used to purchase needed materials for the growing band program.

The event was success a due to the hard work of Color Guard instructors Mr. Hickson and Mrs. Arzig, and volunteers such as Salk ELA teacher, Mr. Pandit, who volunteered his time to work with the Salk Drumline in warm ups, sectionals, and repair. Mr. Pandit and Mr. Buckle came in early Saturday morning to set up the new percussion equipment. The OB music department is grateful to Mr. Pandit for his donation of drum sticks, drum heads, and stick tape to support the students in the Salk Drumline and for his weekly sectional rehearsals.

Thank you to Mr Buckle and Mr Rezes for their support and the entire Salk community for supporting the arts at Old Bridge!"



## ***Math and Reading Fun at Southwood***



Calling all math surgeons!!! Mrs. Mariconda's math class performed area surgery on some of the main organs. Surgery was a success!!



Southwood students dress as their favorite storybook character as they celebrate Read Across America Week.

## History Comes Alive at Southwood



The 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Southwood School held their 4th Annual Wax Museum on Monday, March 11. The students selected a famous person to research and write a biography book report about their life. After much hard work and dedication, the students prepared to bring their characters to life! They dressed up, brought in props and shared many facts and information they discovered. The students of Southwood School were able to visit the Wax Museum throughout the course of the day, followed by a parent assembly. Visitors needed to be sure to “PRESS” the character’s button so they would come to life. This year’s Wax Museum was certainly the talk of the building for many days to come. So many of our visitors enjoyed the assembly and could not get enough. We look forward to many more years of celebrating history with our 4th grade students.

## OBHS Presents musical, *Young Frankenstein*, March 28-30

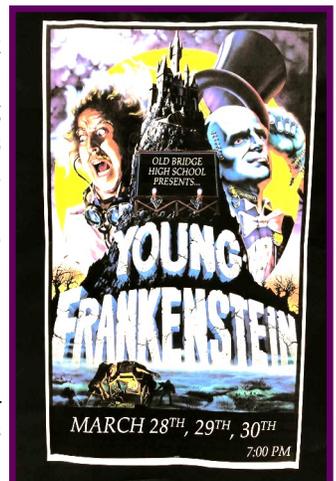


Photo: Colin Hankenson, who portrays Dr. Frederick Frankenstein, and Nick Najarian as Igor

Old Bridge High School will present "Young Frankenstein" at 7 p.m. on March 28, 29, and 30 at the school, located at 4209 Route 516, Matawan. The cost of admission is \$10 and tickets may be purchased at the door.

The musical features: Colin Hankenson as Dr. Frederick Frankenstein; Nick Najarian as Igor; Allie Lockhart as Inga; Hannah Sontag as Frau Blucher; Chris Roddy as Monster; and Madison Steinert as Elizabeth.

The show is under the direction of Jennifer O'Reilly; choreography by Jessica Tosonotti; musical direction by Laura Nee; costume designs by Chris Gonch; and set construction by Steve Gajewski. — by: Lori Luicci, District Public Relations Coordinator



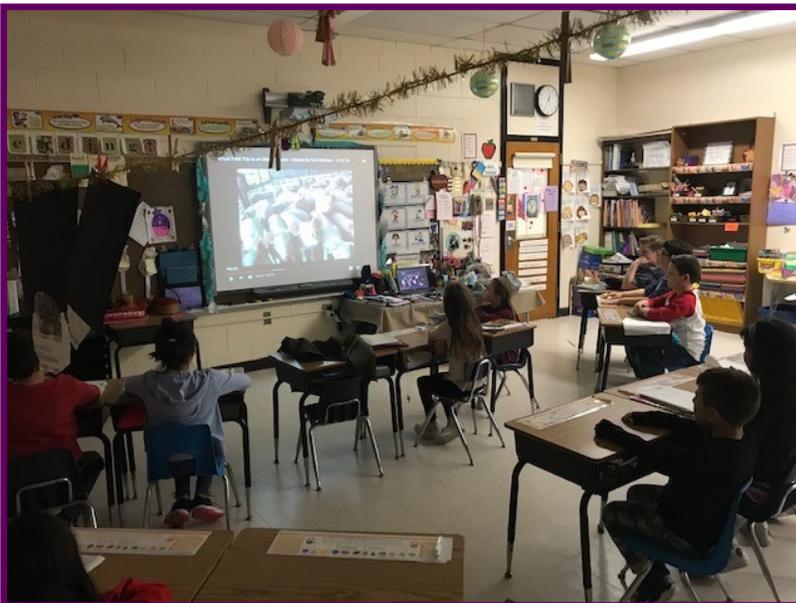
## Hats Off to Southwood's Second Grade



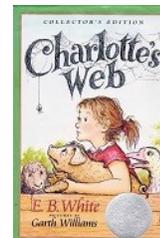
On March 18<sup>th</sup>, the Southwood second grade class performed in HATS!: A Musical That Celebrates What's Underneath. The musical starts at the top of your head and makes its way to the bottom of your heart. The two second grade classes took the stage wearing an assortment of hats ranging from practical hats to silly hats! The second graders learned choreography and lyrics for five songs to accompany the storyline. The students taught the audience that a person can wear many different types of hats, but what matters most is what lies within. The performers were proud to present their play to their parents and the students of Southwood School! Great job, Second Graders!



## McDivitt's Virtual Field Trip



Mrs. Addeo's 2nd grade class took a virtual field trip to an Ohio Pig Farm. McDivitt School is participating in "One School, One Book" for Read Across America. All McDivitt students will be reading *Charlotte's Web*. The second graders will focus on the character, Wilbur. Today we integrate technology by visiting a pig farm for Digital Learning Day 2019!



## Southwood Fifth Graders Build Leprechaun Traps



Fifth grade students at Southwood Elementary School worked together with the preschool students on a great STEM activity – Building Leprechaun Traps! We hope that one of the creative traps was able to catch a leprechaun loose in the preschool classroom!



## “One School, One Book” at Voorhees



This month Voorhees kicked off their "One School, One Book," with dancing and story telling clues. The students had a great time guessing the clues that led them to their returning favorite character Humphrey, in the new book Friendship According to Humphrey. This is Voorhees's 3rd One School, One Book and every year the students, staff, and families look forward to reading a book together. The whole month is filled with activities for all to participate in. The book concludes with a family learning night.



## Miller Students "Get Schooled" on Internet Safety

The Middlesex County Sheriff's office sent several of their finest officers to teach Miller students how to be safe when using the internet. The Officers were here to educate young students about the dangers associated with the internet. They provided K-2 students with knowledge and skills that will help them stay safe when playing games or using social media on the internet.

Using a video with friendly cartoon characters named Clicky, Nettie and Webster, students learned how to search safely on the internet. They learned that usernames may not always be the person they think they are playing with on video games. The officers underscored that children are never to give out their home address, phone number or school location.

The County Sheriffs gave simple rules to the children to help them stay safe. The students made a pledge that they will tell a trusted adult if anything online makes them feel scared, confused or sad. Trusted adults include moms, dads, teachers and people they know, like grandparents or caregivers. Next, students learned that some sites are only for adults, and if they happen to find an adult site, or if it looks like a "bad" site, they are to use the back button or turn off the screen.

They were also advised that they should not fill in sign-up forms on the web. The officers explained the importance of contacting adults before giving out personal information on the web.

Also, being kind and having good manners are important when using the internet. Students were taught about internet etiquette. When they are texting using lower case letters works best. Using emojis with smiley faces shows children that they are just kidding around. However, if someone is mean, they are to tell a trusted adult.

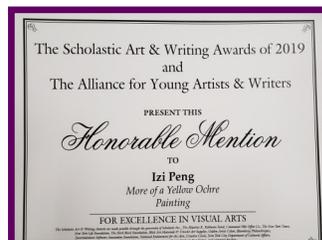
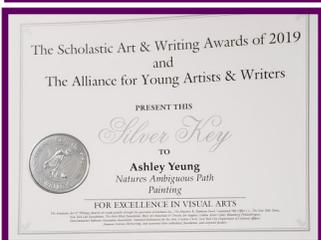
The students learned a lot about technology and how to use it. The officers' motto to Miller students is that when they are on the internet, "Keep it Fun & Safe".

## OBHS Students Receive Scholastic Art & Writing Contest Awards



Since 1923, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized the vision, ingenuity, and talent of our nation's youth, and provided opportunities for creative teens to be celebrated. The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. The mission is to identify students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and present their remarkable work to the world through the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Through the Awards, students receive opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. Students across America submitted nearly 340,000 original works this year in 29 different categories of art and writing.

Two of Old Bridge High School's talented students received awards from the Scholastic Art and Writing Contest. Ashley Young received a Silver Award and Izi Peng - Honorable Mention.



## Read Across America Week at Southwood



Students participated in “special” days to celebrate the event. On Monday, the students wore shirts with words on it and got to buddy read with another grade level. We had “Turn Back the Time Tuesday” where the students got curl to up in their pjs and turn back the time by visiting their previous grade level teacher. Wednesday was “We are Proud to Be an American Wednesday! We had such an exciting day of VIP readers from our Old Bridge Community. Some of which included firefighters, police officers, EMTs, Mayor Henry, Board Member Kelly Ellis-Foster, Mr. Cittadino, Dr. Cascone, and Dr. Hoeker. On Thursday, we dressed as our favorite storybook character and had a visit from a famous Author. Friday – Finale Spirit Day Friday! Our favorite day!  
*(continued on page 12)*



## Miller Students Show Caring the "Sway" Way



Miller School recognized students that exhibited the Character traits of Caring. Staff and students wore red to celebrate the Color for Caring. During the month, students practiced what it means to be a caring student, friend, child, or brother or sister.

At the assembly, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students showed caring by sharing what it means to be a caring person. The students created Sway videos to highlight events in their lives and shared their experiences with students.

Students' Sway presentations expressed that one way to show you are a caring person, is that you can be a loving and supportive friend. Other students stressed that it is important to treat others the way they want to be treated. Sharing with friend is also caring. Another video showed that sharing a pencil with a friend or picking up a friend's book is also a sign of caring. The students were happy to share their caring experiences through Sway. Their messages resonated throughout the assembly. Miller youngsters enjoyed watching Sway and seeing their older classmates being caring in real life settings!

## Pennies for Patients at Schirra



Schirra students participated in a fun and engaging give back event. An afterschool event, Pennies for Patients provided students the opportunity to play bingo with friends while giving back to the community. Students brought in pennies as their game chips to play the game. When done playing, the change was donated to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Schirra's Student Council sponsored the event which was enjoyed by all who came.



# Read Across America Week at Madison Park



Read Across America Week is a National Education Association holiday to celebrate the beloved Dr. Seuss' birthday and to promote the joy of reading to young and old alike and Madison Park did just that! Madison Park's Read Across America Committee planned a "seuss-tacular" week of activities to celebrate Read Across America. Madison Park students and staff participated each day during the week of March 4-8th, with a different theme every day.

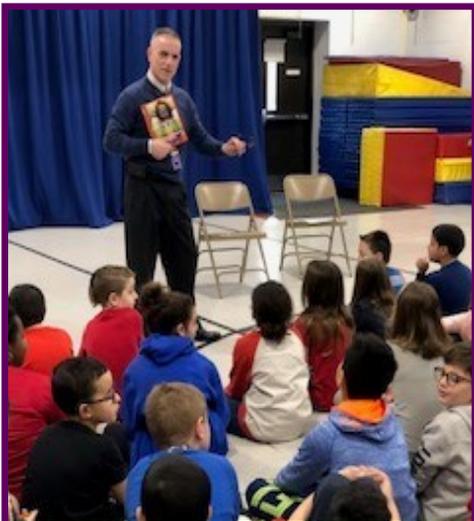
The school celebrated Thing One, Thing Two Twin Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday, Cat in the Hat Day Thursday and Sleep Book Friday. On Tuesday March 5th Madison Park hosted family members of students to read and join in on activities with our students. Guest administrators from the district joined us in the afternoon to judge our door-decorating contest! Congratulations to Mrs. Larsen's class, Mrs. Titmas' class

and Mrs. Lozzi's class! It was a great experience for our students and staff. We hope this will continue and become a Madison Park Tradition!

Our last and final activity to culminate the week, we had a school wide DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) event. Students wore their comfy PJ's and snuggled up with a good book for twenty minutes with new friends from a different grade level. It was a "comfy" way to end an exciting week!



(Continued from page 10)



The "gold medal" winners participated in "the dance off" that made up the principal's challenge. Preschool did the Chicken Dance, Kindergarten did the Macarena, First Grade did the YMCA, Second Grade did Thriller, Third Grade did Vogue, Fourth Grade did Watch Me Whip and Fifth Grade did Gangnam Style.

The top overall reader from each grade level got to silly string Mrs. Foley. We all met our minute reading challenge goal and Mrs. Foley came through in true 80s style!



## Arts and Music Shine Bright at Schirra



Schirra held its second annual Art and Music Festival on Thursday, March 21st. The community came together to celebrate our Band and Orchestra students, led and instructed by Mr. Good, who played a wide variety of music including "We Will Rock You." Mrs. Janks, Schirra's Art Teacher, highlighted different art projects for each grade level showcasing the talent of every Schirra student. Families were able to win collaborative class art projects through a raffle including some photography pieces created with the help of a professional photographer from the Schirra community. Mrs. Janks enlisted students in the 5th Grade Art Show Club to help prepare for the festival including creating posters, labeling art work and hanging art. The celebration of creativity and talent was a wonderful night for all who attended.



## Kind Kids at Madison Park



Madison Park joined thousands of schools across the country to participate in The Great Kindness Challenge, a nationally acclaimed, proactive, and positive bullying prevention initiative. The student council kicked off the week-long celebration with a kindness pep rally assembly, where they handed out “The Challenges” checklists and got everyone excited about all of the upcoming events to promote our culture of kindness at school and in the community. Each day had a designated theme such as Kindness Rocks and Join Team Kindness, as well as morning announcements with the kindness quote of the day. Noon-hour supervisors assisted students with creating “Thank You’s” for peers, and other school community members at kindness stations during recess. Every student learned the songs, “Kindness is a Muscle” and “Try a Little Kindness”, engaged in lessons about tolerance and empathy, and created a reflective “Kindness Chain”. Our Madison Park families spread

kindness to our community by generously donating goods to both the Old Bridge Food Bank and the OBHS Jr ROTC’s Gifts from Home.

## Black History Month Fair at Sandburg



The CSMS Diversity Awareness Team in partnership with the Junior National Honor Society, hosted a Black History Month Fair. Students prepared a variety of displays showcasing the history and influences Black Americans have had on past and current culture. Invited guests included Old Bridge Councilwomen, Edina Brown, who shared experiences and served as a role models for our students.



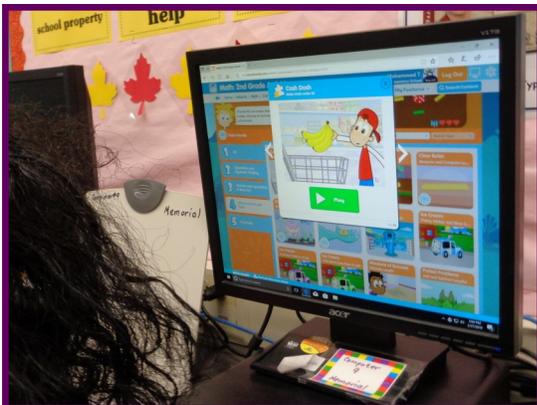
## Memorial Students Visit OBHS Shop Rite



Memorial students from Ms. Hagan’s class and Mrs. Coopersmith’s class participated in a real-world learning experience on February 7, 2019, by visiting the Shop Rite located at the Old Bridge High School. This visit provided Memorial students with the opportunity to utilize and apply the money skills they had been learning in math class, in a real-life work context.

To prepare for this visit, first students worked collaboratively in the classroom to learn how to read a circular, organize a shopping list and figuring out how much money would be needed to purchase the items they had selected from the circular. Then students practiced essential life skills including purchasing items and making change by using the district online program, EducationCity.com in class. Each student worked in their own accounts in the classroom, on activities that simulated purchasing items at a cash register in a grocery store and making correct change. Students were also able to continue practicing their money skills by working at home in their accounts in EducationCity.com. Students then typed up a shopping list using Microsoft Word and printed out copies to bring with them on their shopping trip. Students worked collaboratively with their teammates to utilize the skills in an authentic setting provided at the Shop Rite at the Old Bridge High School. Each team had to navigate through the Shop Rite aisles, find the items that were on their typed list and stay within the budget they were given. Once each team finished shopping for all of their items, then they had to use the money that they were given and purchase all of their items at the cash register, making sure that they counted out the money to buy their items, as well as count the change they received. All of the students were successful and proud of their ability to be able to apply the math skills they learned in class, in a real-world context. They can’t wait to go shopping with their parents and show them what they learned. It was a fabulous day at school.

Each student worked in their own accounts in the classroom, on activities that simulated purchasing items at a cash register in a grocery store and making correct change. Students were also able to continue practicing their money skills by working at home in their accounts in EducationCity.com. Students then typed up a shopping list using Microsoft Word and printed out copies to bring with them on their shopping trip. Students worked collaboratively with their teammates to utilize the skills in an authentic setting provided at the Shop Rite at the Old Bridge High School. Each team had to navigate through the Shop Rite aisles, find the items that were on their typed list and stay within the budget they were given. Once each team finished shopping for all of their items, then they had to use the money that they were given and purchase all of their items at the cash register, making sure that they counted out the money to buy their items, as well as count the change they received. All of the students were successful and proud of their ability to be able to apply the math skills they learned in class, in a real-world context. They can’t wait to go shopping with their parents and show them what they learned. It was a fabulous day at school.



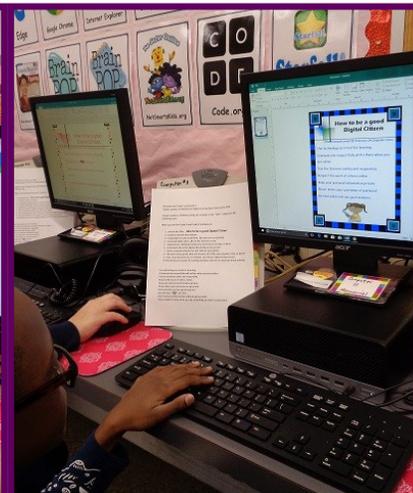
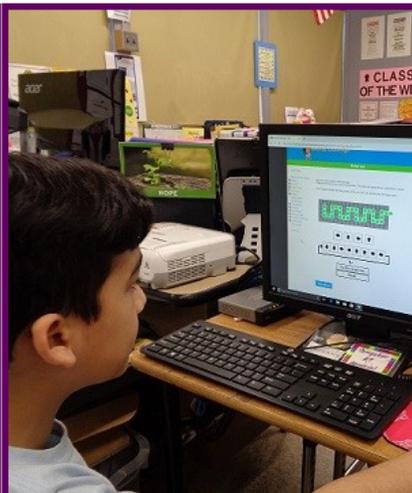
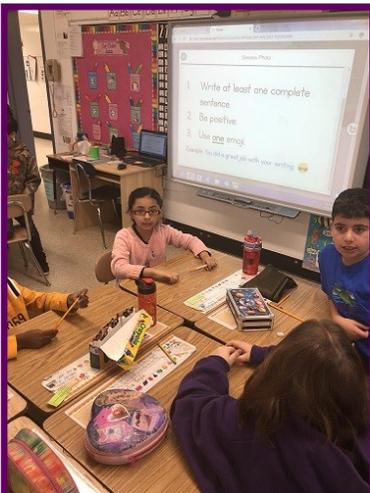
## Digital Learning Day at Memorial

For 2019 Digital Learning Day, grades K-5 celebrated how technology empowers students and transforms learning at Memorial Elementary School by participating in a variety of activities throughout the day. This included digital citizenship projects, coding, Seesaw, BrainPop, and completing Bebras online Computational Thinking Challenges.

In preparation for Digital Learning Day, in order to encourage students to direct their own learning, fifth grade students were given the opportunity to choose a digital software program or a video program in order to demonstrate their mastery of digital citizenship skills. The fifth graders chose to design a poster in Publisher or create a Public Service Announcements in Flipgrid on "How to be a Good Digital Citizen" for kindergarten and first grade students. During the last week of February, fifth graders hung their completed posters in the kindergarten and first grade hallways so their message would be displayed for the younger students on February 28th. On Digital Learning Day, kindergarten and first grade students were invited into the computer lab, where fifth grade students presented their Flipgrid videos on how to be a good digital citizen. In the computer lab, students in grades 3, 4, and 5 completed Bebras online computational thinking challenges, working collaboratively in teams and applying the computational thinking process skills of decomposition, pattern recognition, abstraction and algorithm, which they learned in computer class. Students in grades K, 1 and 2 worked collaboratively in pairs on coding activities in Code.org, in the computer lab.



Every grade completed a lesson for Digital Learning Day, using technology as well as incorporated digital citizenship into their lessons. Teachers shared ideas for technology infused activities and collaborated across grade levels by using Teams. Mrs. Yanuzzelli, a 2nd grade OB Model Technology Classroom teacher, created and turn-keyed a lesson that integrated Read Across America and Seesaw. Students first listened to a read-aloud story, If I Ran the Zoo, by Dr. Seuss, online on Seesaw and then completed a worksheet illustrating a new type of animal they would add to the zoo. Then the students submitted their completed responses to their digital portfolios in Seesaw. After the students had finished their illustrations, then they had a class discussion on how to be a good digital citizen and practiced how to respect the work of others online and make positive comments about their classmate's completed projects. It was an exciting and fun day at Memorial School. Students were excited to "show what they know" and always, be a good Digital Citizen!

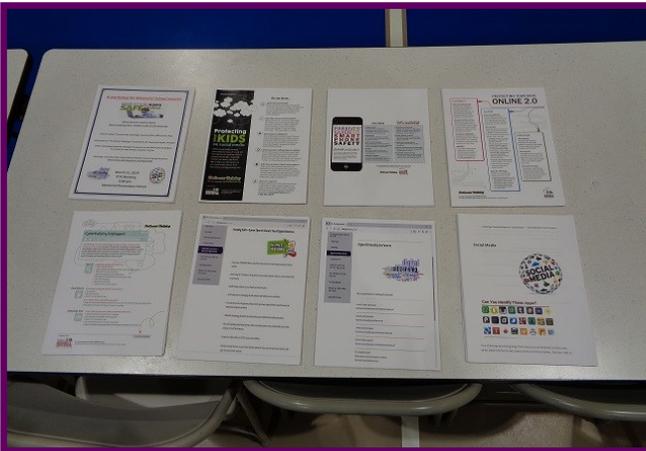


## Internet Safety Workshop for Parents at Memorial



Recognizing that for children, digital learning extends beyond the school walls, a workshop was held for parents on Internet Safety on March 11, 2019 focusing on the importance of safe, respectful and responsible use of the Internet at home. A description was first provided by Ms. Canose, explaining how digital citizenship instruction is included in the computer curriculum as well as embedded into classroom activities in every grade level at Memorial School. Old Bridge Township Police Officer Kevin Reck explained that Internet safety and digital citizenship is also an important component of D.A.R.E., a 5th grade program taught at Memorial School, that empowers students to make good decisions and resist peer pressure. Officer Kevin Reck shared a PowerPoint presentation on Internet safety and identified ways that parents could encourage and support their children in safe, responsible and respectful Internet use at

home. A brief question and answer period allowed parents to ask Officer Kevin Reck and Mr. Raymond Payton, school principal, specific questions about Smartphone safety, protecting kids on social media and cyberbullying. At the end of the workshop, Ms. Canose demonstrated how to navigate to the "Technology Resources For Parents" section on the Old Bridge Township School District website and shared the numerous online resources available to parents that include: Online Safety, Social Media, Digital Citizenship for Parents, Computer Security, Staying Safe, Tips for making sure kids stay safe online, Technology websites, Websites your child can safely visit at home, and Cybersafety Tip Sheets. Paper copies were also made available for parents to take home as handouts. Parents shared that the workshop was very informative and helpful by providing them with suggestions and resources on how to encourage their children to be safe, respectful and responsible online, at home.



## ***OBHS JROTC Brings Home Six Trophies!***

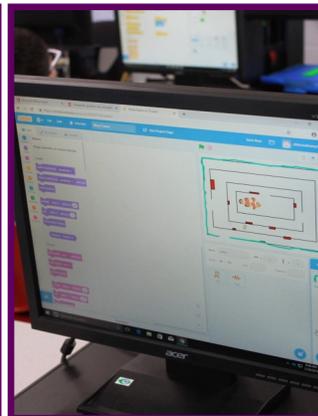
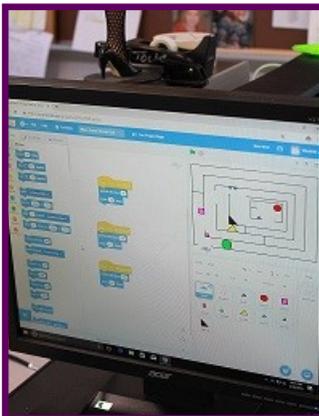


Old Bridge High School NJ-20002nd Air Force JROTC cadets brought home six trophies at the Washington Township All-Services Drill Competition, including 1st place Academics consisting of an academic exam and persuasive presentation. Great job cadets!



## ***Sandburg Celebrates Digital Learning Day***

For Digital Learning Day at Carl Sandburg Middle School, Mr. Towne's sixth graders programmed their own maze games using SCRATCH coding program. Mr. Towne's seventh graders used Minecraft to recreate famous architectural structures around the world. A fun learning day for all!



## OBHS Students Honored at Annual Unsung Heroes Banquet



Two Old Bridge High School students are among the 69 juniors and seniors enrolled in Middlesex County high schools who were honored at the annual Unsung Heroes banquet.

The student recognition program began 34 years ago by Mark Finkelstein, superintendent of the Middlesex County Regional Education Services, and has grown to a dinner, attended by more than 400 educators, school board members, administrators, recipients, and their families and friends.

Louis Cavana and Caitlin Froom, along with their families, were honored at the annual dinner, sponsored by the Middlesex County School Boards Association and the Association of School Administrators, which took place in the cafeteria at Old Bridge High School.

Cavana is a member of Play Unify and has developed into a Youth Ambassador for Special Olympics NJ. According to OBHS Principal Vincent Sasso, the young man's role is to be a voice for students with disabilities; he is an advocate for equal rights, inclusive education, and health care issues. Cavana, he

said, represents OBHS in Unified Basketball and Unified Track and is a true role model for his teammates. "I have come across many students at Old Bridge, but few with the heart of Louis Cavana," wrote Sasso in his letter of recommendation. "His greatest ability is that he is a voice for many who are unable to speak for themselves."

Froom was selected by Sasso for distinguishing herself as a true leader and exceptional student at OBHS. In a letter of nomination, Sasso wrote he selected Froom, whose actions are a model for her peers. Froom is the founder of OB Dines Together and is the state liaison for the global non-profit, We Dine Together. "Through her selfless efforts to promote social inclusion, Caitlin's voice is a catalyst for social change within our community," Sasso wrote. She organized and facilitated an innovative inclusive project, "New Knights" to OBHS. This leadership program brings transfer students together each marking period to assist in their transition to OBHS.

In an address to the recipients, Daniel Sinclair, president of the NJ School Boards Association, said of the thousands of Middlesex County students, we find you – students who have shown strength, met many challenges, and act as role models for their fellow students. —by: Lori Luicci, District Public Relations Coordinator

## HP Teaching Fellows Program

Two of OBTPS' very own, James Yanuzzelli and Chris Burica, have been accepted into the HP Teaching Fellows Program. In collaboration with HP and Microsoft's Reinvent the Classroom initiative, Digital Promise Global is supporting innovative elementary and secondary school teachers across the United States and Canada who demonstrate powerful teaching and learning with technology.

Fellows selected for the program demonstrate the principles of Powerful Learning in their teaching and learning practice. They design learning experiences that are personal and accessible; authentic and challenging; collaborative and connected; and inquisitive and reflective. You can read the press release at <https://tinyurl.com/HPFellows>

Congratulations Chris and Jim!



**Chris Burica**  
Old Bridge Public School District, New Jersey

A lifelong learner with a zest for cinema, literature, and technology, Chris Burica has always enjoyed helping people smile and discover new pursuits. Immersed in books at a young age, Chris found that the power of the written word and its subsequent effect can transform one's entire attitude and overall outlook. Whether it was through designing and directing stop-motion animation videos or immersing himself in the latest movie reviews, Chris' passion for writing and speaking continued to cultivate a veritable treasure trove of opportunity. [Learn more about Chris.](#)

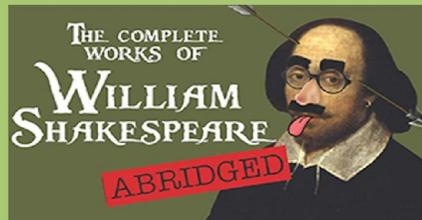


**James Yanuzzelli**  
Old Bridge Township Public Schools, New Jersey

James Yanuzzelli is a technology integration specialist for Old Bridge Township Public Schools in New Jersey. He started his career in 2005 as a middle school social studies teacher. He holds a bachelor's in history and education, a master's in educational technology and online learning, and a master's in educational leadership. He holds a Standard Certificate for Teacher of History, a Standard Certificate for Supervisor, a Certificate of Eligibility for School Leader with Principal Endorsement, and a Certificate of Eligibility for School Administrator. Jim lives in Aberdeen, New Jersey and has two daughters with his wife Lindsay. [Learn more about James.](#)

April 2019

## What's New at the Old Bridge Library



**Saturday, April 6th @2pm**

Love Shakespeare? Hate Shakespeare? Only read Shakespeare in high school? Well, then this live performance is for you! The Hudson Shakespeare Company returns for a hilarious, high-energy romp through the Bard's canon. It features sketch comedy bits of some of Shakespeare's famous (and not so famous) works. Performed by three actors, you won't want to miss this fun, fast 90 minute show.

### College Loans

**Thursday, April 11th @7pm**

### College Prep Workshop

**Wednesday, April 17th @7pm**

Old Bridge-based College GPS will present these information-packed workshops explaining the benefits of early college planning and covering what families need to know about financial aid and borrowing for college. Topics covered in the April 11th session will include private vs federal loans, the different types of financial aid, who can borrow, which lenders are suitable and borrowing limits. The April 17th workshop will explore what you need to know to help your child, including the importance of early college planning, when to get started, how to select colleges and how to increase the chance of acceptance.

### Second Saturday Concert: Linda Ipanena and the Dixie Cats

**Saturday, April 13th @2:30pm**

Join us for a stroll down memory lane with this tribute to 1930s and 40s swing and big band favorites, featuring popular songs from the Andrew Sisters, Sophie Tucker, Fats Waller and Cab Calloway.



*Attendees are asked to bring a non-perishable, unexpired donation for the Old Bridge Food Bank to this free event.*

### Pysanky: The Art of Ukrainian Egg Decorating

**Sunday, April 7th @2pm**

A pysanka is a Ukrainian Easter egg decorated with traditional folk designs using a wax-resistant method. Local artist Olga Kobryn will explain the methods, symbols and colors used in this ancient art. She will also demonstrate the craft and share examples of beautiful pysanky she has created.

Old Bridge Public Library / 1 Old Bridge Plaza  
732-721-5600 x5033