



Knights' Pride



On Friday, April 6th, Greater Worcester Opera came to ASA to perform their abridged version of **Hansel and Gretel**. The show featured some of our students and was enjoyed by all



students at the Academy. The kids were telling their teachers that they love it! *"This program is supported by a grant from the Webster Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Mass Cultural Council, a state agency."*

Club News

The Science Club planted seeds and are taking care of their seedlings...hoping they turn into flowers. The third and fourth grade students who participated in the science club are taking turns watering the plants.

Jimmy Fund Club: Thank you for participating in Penny Wars and Red Sox Opening Day! Both events were successful in raising much needed funds for cancer research. Kamryn Fasshauer and Loukas Baraklilis won the Red Sox tickets that were kindly donated by the Bassett Family! The winning classes of Penny Wars are Grade 3 with 10,803 points and Grade 5 with 23,039 points! All classes did an excellent job! Thank you!

Classroom Happenings



Preschool Middle School Campus News Flash: In March, Preschool explored the world of Fine Art. We have been learning about several artists to prepare for Project Night. We have learned about Dale Chihuly, Pablo Picasso, Wassily Kandinsky, Piet Mondrian, Henri Matisse, and Jackson Pollack. We talked about where they were born, their style of Art, and famous pieces of Art they made. We have also recreated our own replicas to display on Project Night. It has been so much fun being Artists. We even tried to be Michelangelo. We laid on our backs and drew under our tables to create masterpieces.

Important Dates

- || **April 11** – Museum Night, Art Show) & Open House
- || **April 16-20** – Spring Vacation
- || **April 21** – Sports Banquet
- || **April 28** – Declamation Contest Grs. 5-8
- || **April 28** – ASA Yard Sale
- || **May 2** – Early Release 11:15 AM – Professional Development
- || **May 18 & 19** – Annie Jr. Production
- || **May 23** – Elementary Grades Music Showcase (PK to Grade 2) – 6:00 PM
- || **May 29** – 8th Grade Retreat
- || **June 1** – Field Day
- || **June 2** – 8th Grade Dance
- || **June 6** – 8th Grade Field Trip to NYC
- || **June 7** – Kindergarten Graduation
- || **June 8** – Preschool Graduation
- || **June 10** – 8th Grade Graduation
- || **June 15** – Last Day of School – Dismissal at 11:15 AM
- || **June 23** – FASA Golf Tournament

Preschool Elementary School Campus: March proved to be an extremely busy month for Preschool. We have been busy trying to finish our Alphabet Books and learning to write, sign and pronounce the sounds of the last few letters of the alphabet. We are so proud of how our friends have mastered their letters and are putting letters together to make phonograms. We have some great readers in our class!! We have been hard at work with our projects and writings for Project Night and we are practicing our songs with Ms. Christine for our upcoming Spring concert. The main focus of our month has been learning about the true meaning of the Easter season and Holy week. Our activities focused around Jesus and why he died and rose for us. We ended our month with an Easter Egg scavenger hunt. Another great month in the books!

Grade 4 Classroom: Fourth grade has spent two months becoming experts on a state of their choice. They have started to present their "state floats" to the class. I am excited to see all their presentations. We will be set up on project night to share with other classes, parents, and guests. Fourth grade is also learning about plants and photosynthesis in Science class.



Mrs. Berthiaume's Classroom: March found Mrs. Berthiaume's 6, 7, & 8th Grade Religion classes praying the Stations of the Cross and listening to Pope Francis' advice on how to fast this Lenten Season. They read and studied about the events of Holy Week. During Holy Week, they found Easter eggs hidden around the classroom. Inside the eggs were items that helped them recall the Easter Story. Mrs. Berthiaume's Liturgy Team was busy preparing Lenten bulletin boards for both campuses and preparing for the Holy Week Mass. At the end of the Holy Week Mass, the team led the Stations of the Cross prayer for the entire school. Due to the Terra Nova testing schedule and the amount of snow days we had in March, Grade 5 did not start a new Reading story. Instead, they did interactive review sheets that helped them recall all of the new things they learned in their last Reading unit. They even got to play the infamous "Trasketball" Game!

Mrs. Heflin's Classroom: Students in Grade 5 are having fun learning about fractions, not only adding and subtracting fractions with like denominators, but practicing their new skill of converting unlike fractions to equal fractions with shared denominators so they can be added and subtracted as well.

Students in Grade 6 are eagerly working with variables and order of operations in preparation for solving algebraic equations. They have also spent considerable time perfecting their ability to find the GCF and/or LCM of various numbers.

7th and 8th graders are both learning how to solve inequalities, with 8th graders going into a lot more depth, including inequalities on the coordinate plane.

All students in Grades 5, 6, 7, and 8 went on a Math Field Trip to the Boston Museum of Science, where they were able to visit the special Math Exhibition entitled "Patterns in Nature". This exhibit also included a fun Mirror Maze made up of triangular mirror pieces, as well as numerous hands-on exhibits demonstrating the various patterns found in nature that mathematicians, engineers and scientists use all the time. Check out the 5th Graders projects on Project Night, where they will be creating their own Patterns in Nature Exhibit so they can share all their new-found knowledge with you!

Ms. Richards' Classroom: 8th grade Social Studies finished their unit on the 1849 Gold Rush and the war



between Mexico and the United States, which included the Battle at the Alamo and how the U.S. gained the land of Texas, "New Mexico" (current day New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, Wyoming), and California. Students studied how the dispute over land in the West unfolded. Students finished the unit by creating their own songs with original lyrics to describe what life was like in the west during this period of time. Students performed their songs in a new and entertaining format. **6th**

Grade Social Studies has traveled back in time to Ancient Egypt where pharaohs ruled the kingdom, and pyramids began dominating the landscape. Students studied how the gods and the polytheistic religion of the Ancient Egyptians influenced Egyptians' lives and how mummifying the dead allowed for the gods and the spirits of the dead to freely travel back to Egypt. The class analyzed how the Catholic faith was both similar and different to the beliefs and practices of the Ancient Egyptians, with Heaven, the Underworld and the gods. Students created their own Sarcophaguses and wrote about why they were important to Egyptian society. **7th Grade Social Studies** studied and created Google Slides on different Mexican holidays that the people of Mexico celebrate today, as part of their unit on Mexico. Students were placed into groups and were given a Mexican holiday to research and present to the class in a power point/Google Slide format. Students were required to explain what the holiday was, what customs and traditions are held on those holidays in Mexico and how those holidays compare to certain holiday in the U.S. Students also has a fiesta to celebrate their projects with food associated with Mexico. Check out Facebook for more pictures.

Sr. Ellen's Classroom: This month, the 6th and 7th grade toured the Buffumville Dam to continue their curriculum of life and nature and to understand the land forms of our area along with the value a dam adds to our environment. Along with touring the dam, the students took part in an environmental program in-which they answered questions and drew pictures of the wildlife found in our area.

The 5th graders have started learning about the water cycle by creating their own mini models, and the 8th grade is now learning about force and Newton's Laws of Motion.

Mrs. Oakley's Classroom: After a month of testing, snow days, and more snow days, we were able to accomplish schoolwork. **Grade 5** English are continuing on their quest to understand and use a variety of verb tenses. **Grade 6** is discovering more about sentences in all of their "infinite variety." **Grade 7** will continue exploring verbals through the study of infinitives, and **Grade 8** will review more complex sentence structure. **Grade 7** Literature is learning more about Greek and Roman mythology, and **Grade 8** is still on a voyage of discovery across the Mediterranean with Odysseus.

The **Quilting Elective** is still working on a New England-style nine-patch piece and will be reading a play whose main character is a patchwork quilt.

Mrs. Crowley's Creativity Corner: What's going on in the Art room and Makes Space for April...The Art show will be held April 11 along with Museum night at both campuses and the preschool at the Middle School campus. Every student will have one piece matted and framed on display. The frames are available for purchase with your child's work in them and we also can have prints made of the work if you would like more than one copy of the piece.

At the elementary school, we just finished the 2-4th grade Art Club and the K-1 group is starting this week. We had a great response to Art Club and the paintings the 2-4th graders created are beautiful. I can't wait to see the K-1 students' creations.

The Art room at the middle school is in full swing painting awesome backdrops for our upcoming musical Annie Jr.! The students have also been working on the creation of games to be on display and played at Museum Night in the Makerspace room. Their imaginations created the games, decorated the boxes, the game board and all game pieces (some created with the 3D printers). Please stop by to play.

The sewing club "SEW GOOD" has just finished up our first community service-sewing project of fabric squares for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at UMass Memorial Hospital. The fabric squares are used to help the babies in the incubators to become familiar with the scent of their parents. We have several other projects planned for the future.

Sports

Congratulations to the Girls Varsity Basketball team on their 2nd place finish in the 395 League Tournament and their 3rd place finish in the 395 League Season. Congratulations also goes out to the 2017-2018 Basketball and Cheering teams for dedicating themselves to becoming a team and working hard to improve their skills.

FASA UPDATES

FASA Monthly Meetings - May 7, June 4 at 6:00PM at Elementary Campus

Watch for emails and notices on these upcoming events

- Someone Special & Me Dance and Game Night- May 4
- Teacher Appreciation Week - May 7-11
- Field Day - June 1
- Golf Tournament - June 23
- Playground Committee will be forming shortly

ASA Golf Tournament



Information and Registration Forms are in the April 11th Family Folder. There are lots of fun ways to get involved in the tournament even if you do not golf!

In the Community - Any Ideas? If you know of events for ASA to attend, please send the information to Ellen Tagg at etagg@allsaintswebster.org.