

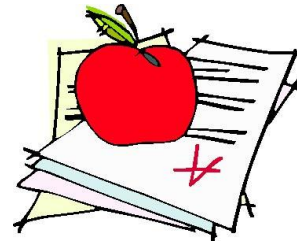
JOHN HILL SCHOOL

December 16, 2011



JHS Movie & Game Night - Our first Movie and Game Night was a big success! We had approximately 40 students attend the event. Some students played board games, one or two even challenged Dr. Sutter to a few games of Connect 4. Other students were busy in the gym playing volleyball with Ms. Kiernan, Ms. Sudak, Mrs. Lowe and Mrs. Bridi. There was a game of two square taking place while more students were shooting hoops with Mr. Stripp. Several students were having a catch with the football. After a snack, we all headed to the auditorium to watch Happy Feet. The students ended the evening by returning to the gym to continue their games. It was a great night and all the staff and students had a wonderful time. Our next Movie and Game Night is scheduled for Friday, January 13th. We hope to see you there! A special thank you to Mrs. Barrientos for organizing these events.

Mrs. Schreiber's Writing Classes - Fourth graders are busy writing action filled Adventure Stories. Students are including dialogue and vivid verbs to make their stories exciting. Students will continue to practice and improve their self-editing skills. After editing their essays students will illustrate the rising action, climax, falling action, and solutions of their Adventure Stories creating comic strips.



Mrs. Bridi 4th Grade Resource Room - In math class, the students reviewed how to find the mean, median, and range of a given set of numbers. The class reviewed multiplying and dividing a 3 or 4 digit number by 1 digit. They also reviewed how to check their division using multiplication. The students continue to take weekly fluency quizzes on math facts to improve speed and

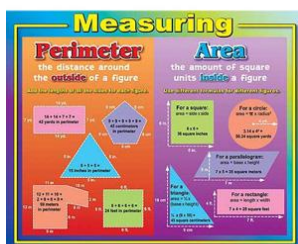
continue to work on word problem strategies. In Reading, the class has begun reading non-fictional and biographical selections. The class has just completed a biography selection about Lou Gehrig and learned all about his amazing records. In Language Arts, the students have been busy reviewing nouns, verbs, subjects and predicates.

Mr. Bouroult's Physical Education Classes - The physical education classes at JHS are now finishing up a Flag/Ultimate Football Unit. Ultimate Football is a test of hand/eye coordination and reaction time. In order to be successful students must throw short and quick passes to other team members and score by successfully catching a pass inside of their end zone. When the weather permits us to, Flag Football is played outside on the field. When classes are outside more traditional football rules are in effect. Students are grasping the concepts of the line of scrimmage, completions, receptions, offense, defense, and special teams.



The students here at John Hill are still learning the proper way to stretch and warm up before each class activity. Some new warm ups incorporated this month were Wall Chairs, Brupees, Arm Circles, Leg Raises, Flamingos, and Planks. In order to keep students' endurance at a high level they are still asked to perform a running activity after each warm up.

The Walk/Run club continued this month and many students in fifth and sixth grade have completed multiple miles for the Turkey Trot. In order to receive a Turkey for their necklace, students must walk or run 16 laps around the field which is equivalent to walking or running four miles. I am proud to announce the winners for the 5th and 6th grade Turkey Trot. In 5th grade the winners were Lillian Lin and Sena Atadja. The 6th grade winners were Bobby Ezzi and Xe Zin Lin. Great Job! That's all for P.E! Make sure your child is ready for our next unit which is Speedball.



Mr. Smulewicz's math classes - Sixth grade students have been working hard the past few weeks mastering perimeter and area of squares and rectangles, learning to calculate the area of triangles, acquiring comfort with scale drawings, and refocusing on mean/median/mode/range activities. They have discovered that the measures of central tendency do not always turn out to be

whole numbers, and that mean and median can sometimes be decimals or mixed numbers. In addition, students have learned two new conversions - fractions with denominators of six and twenty. Sixth-graders now know all of their conversions for halves, thirds, quarters, fifths, sixths, eighths, tenths, and twentieths!

Ms. Pesceovich's Music News - The Winter Concert was huge success thanks to the staff, parents, administration, and students that participated. Each grade sang two songs and they were very prepared to sing for the audience. The band played a total of four songs and each one was better than the next.



Ms. Pesceovich is anxiously awaiting the chorus performance at Victoria Mews next week on December, 20th. The JHS Chorus will be performing four songs and our piano player, Emily, will be closing the performance at the senior home. Thank you to all the performers in the concert! Great job!



JHS Student Council - Thank you to everyone for the generous contributions for our JHS Student Council Annual Toy Drive. It was a huge success! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- December 16th - 2nd Marking Period Progress Reports go home in Friday Folders
- December 23rd - Early dismissal @ 12:40pm
- December 26th - 30th - Schools Closed - Winter Recess

Happy Holidays!

