

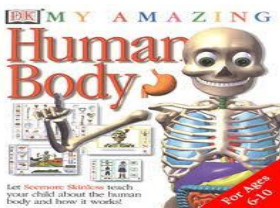
# JOHN HILL SCHOOL

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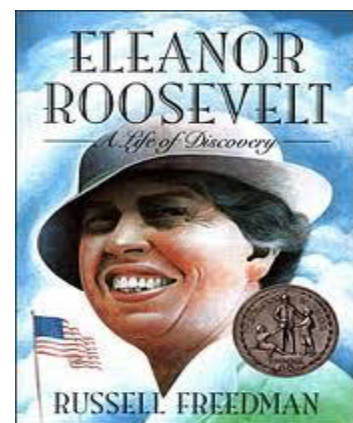
**Mrs. Nguyen's Fifth Grade Classes** - Next week students will be working on a "Stained Art Scenery" piece as a culminating project for "Bud, Not Buddy". Students will sketch a simple scene and then turn it into "stained art" using tissue paper. They will write a short poem to go along with their Artwork. This project will be used as part of the end-of-novel assessment.

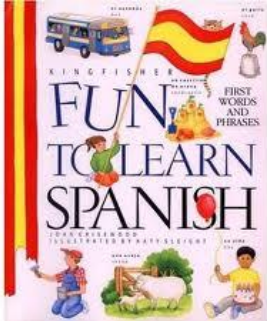
**Mrs. Halliwell's Art Classes** - In addition to regularly scheduled projects, JHS Art students have begun creating Valentine's themed artworks. Mrs. Halliwell is asking students to think outside of the box and to incorporate techniques and skills practiced this year into the themed art. Overlapping, balance, color mixing, and borders are some of the vocabulary covered during completion of this project.



**Mrs. DeHart's Science Classes** - In 4th Grade Science, students are finishing up their studies on the human body. We have just begun learning about the Nervous System. Next, we will be moving on to Earth Science.

**Mrs. Sacco's Writing Classes** - In Room 208, students continue to work hard on their Biographic Sketch. This week students finished peer-editing and started typing their final draft in the library. The drafts will be published by the end of next week. Students are also starting to prepare for the Wax Museum. Tomorrow they will be informed of directions and expectations and will begin working on their posters and speeches early next week. (The Wax Museum date TBD) Keep working hard fifth grade writers!

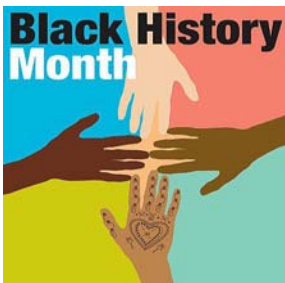




**Senora Hame's Spanish Classes** - This week our fourth graders continued identifying family members by creating a drawing of our own family. They labeled each family member in their family portrait. You will get to view these and take them home during Showcase of Excellence, being held in the Spring. The fifth grade students continued to practice the days of the week and

words related to the calendar. They learned to write Spanish sentences by using prior knowledge of our Spanish vocabulary. The students will be taking a test on writing sentences and words related to the calendar in two weeks. Please make sure that your child is practicing. This week the sixth graders continued to practice writing descriptive sentences. They identified a variety of objects and their colors. The children worked individually to write sentences describing the color of fruit. They also took a class survey of their classmates favorite color. The sixth graders will be taking a test next week.

**Mrs. Brown's Health Classes** - This week in our fourth grade health classes students will be discussing dental hygiene. The students will identify types of teeth and explain the functions of each tooth. They will also demonstrate proper brushing and flossing techniques. This week's project includes making a model of teeth. Everyone loves this project.



**Mrs. Schreiber's Writing Classes** In celebration of Black History Month fourth graders are learning about African American inventors that have impacted our lives today. After reading a short passage, students will write a journal response in the form of a letter to the U.S. Postal Service explaining how the person they learned about made an impact in our lives and why a stamp should be created in their memory. Students will illustrate a stamp depicting the person they learned about.

**Ms. Shaw's Science Classes** - Fifth grade classes learned about mixtures and solutions. We made our own Chex mix to observe the properties of a mixture and lemonade to observe the properties of a solution.





**Helping Hands Club** - Throughout the month of February, Mrs. DeHart and the Helping Hands Club Members will be collecting "Canned Fruits and Vegetables" for our local Food Pantry. Drop off baskets are located near each of the stairwells on the Library side of the building. Donations are greatly appreciated!

**Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- February 15<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Honor Roll Assembly @2:00pm
- February 16<sup>th</sup> - Early dismissal for students @12:40pm
- February 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> - Schools Closed - President's Day Weekend