

PEACCE NEWSLETTER

Providing an Education for Autistic and Communication Impaired Children Effectively



The Most Wonderful Time...

It's a wonderful time of the year! The students are excited about the holidays and the activities that accompany them.

Classes have been enjoying joint activities with each other and many are preparing for their Holiday show performances.

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Last quarter we studied explorers, fall, harvest and colonial times.

Just a reminder that we are approaching the bad weather season that will result in school delays and closings. We encourage you to listen to the radio and television stations for announcements.

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This quarter, we are studying many things from cultures to space, and the students are enjoying these units.

We hope that this letter finds you and yours well and that you enjoy this month's news!

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Students and teachers have been utilizing Smart Boards. The Smart Boards are a great teaching tool that help bring the lessons to life for the students.

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Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Annual Holiday Show at Salt Point Center December 18 @ 1pm
- ✓ Winter break is December 24th-January 3rd
- ✓ Offices closed 12/24-25 and 12/31-1/1/10
- ✓ School reopens January 4th .



The Home Depot Visits

Miss Tracey's class was visited by The Home Depot in November. The Home Depot provided kits to make trivets for the students' Thanksgiving celebrations.

After the trivets were nailed together, the students stamped the heat proof tile with acrylic paint. They then used an old fashioned tea stain to stain their projects and polished them with vegetable oil. All the projects were finished and ready to go home in time for Thanksgiving.

The students are looking forward to the return of The Home Depot in December. We can't wait to see what we will be making next. Thank you to The Home Depot and Mrs. Merritt for making this happen!

Our teacher's spotlight this month is on Daniele Rimaldi. Daniele attended Western Connecticut State University for his undergraduate studies and then Mount Saint Mary College for his Masters. He has a Masters degree in Childhood Education 1-6 and Students with Disabilities 1-6.

One thing that is unique about him is that he is currently the only male Peacce teacher. His hobbies are watching football and exercise.

A Trip to the Maritime Aquarium

On Thursday, November 19, the PEACCE class at Linden Ave. Middle School in Red Hook went on a field trip to the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk, Connecticut. We enjoyed many exhibits- most notably, the penguins, sharks and seals. It was great fun watching the seals eat their lunch. We all enjoyed the

touch exhibits, where we felt rays, horseshoe crabs, spider crabs and other creatures. We went on a ride that simulates swimming with dolphins! It was thrilling! We also watched an lmax movie called The Deep Sea.

Believe it or not, there was even an arctic wolf on exhibit visiting the aquarium that day.

We all saw things that we had never seen before. We had a great time!

Harvest Learning

At Nassau, Ms. Manteria's class has just finished up their study of the Colonial Times. The students did a compare and contrast of schools then and now and also enjoyed some of the foods from the Harvest Feast. In music class, some of our students learned Thanksgiving songs and

participated with the rest of the students in their grade performing the songs on stage and in costume. We were very proud!

This month we are studying the celebrations and traditions of many cultures and look forward to trying new foods and games.



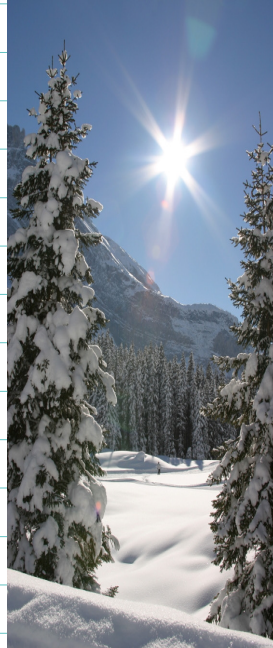
Ryan on stage singing with the class for their Harvest Performance

Miss Herlihy's Class is Studying Many Topics!

Miss. Herlihy's class is continuing to work hard & really enjoyed some of the fall/Thanksgiving activities they did before the break. The students loved learning about all of the different foods people eat around the holidays. They are starting a new unit on weather and the seasons. They are learning how to identify types of weather and the seasons. They are also learning about different things we can do both inside & outside depending on the weather, and the way we dress for different kinds of weather. They are also rehearsing and looking forward to the upcoming Christmas show & holiday festival!

Changing Seasons in Mr. Rimaldi's Room

In our room we have been studying the changing of the season and hibernation. We also studied the pilgrims and the story of Thanksgiving. We had a Thanksgiving pizza party that was a blast, and we are hard at work planning and preparing for our holiday show in December. We are looking forward to learning about winter and the holidays that are upcoming.



Ms. Leah's Class learns about the Mohawk Indians

In November Ms. Leah's class studied the Mohawk Indians. The students put together some very nice reports that demonstrated their knowledge about Mohawk Indian life. We're beginning to learn about different holidays that people celebrate in December.

Happy Holidays!!
From, Mrs. Sita's Class

Our class is getting ready for the holiday season. We will be participating in the Salt Point Center Holiday Show on December 18th. We are performing a routine to the song, "December" with Mr. Rimaldi's class. We also have a lot of fun projects planned for this month that are all about the holidays.

Blasting Off in Ms. Frankovich's Class!

3...2...1...BLAST OFF! Ms. Frankovich's boys at Nassau Elementary proved they had the "Right Stuff". They made their own space helmets and took off towards the stars. We discovered why we could live on the planet Earth and why we could not live on the other planets (too hot...too cold...no water...no air). The boys' favorite space story was the book Poor Pluto. We learned that while Pluto may no longer be a planet, it still belongs in space with the stars, planets, meteors and comets. They are, after all, Pluto's family.





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If you'd like to make a contribution, you may send it to your student's teacher!

The PEACCE program at Dutchess County BOCES began in September of 1997. The main goal of the program is to prepare people with autism, and other communication impairments, to live and work more effectively at home, at school and in the community. This program seeks to help students understand their environment while helping them to acquire communication skills that will enable them to relate to other people. In addition we work with students and their families to improve coping skills and provide the necessary competencies to make decisions which affect their lives.

Ms. Laurie's and Ms. Trish's Class Come Together to do Fun Activities

At the Salt Point Center, Ms. Laurie and Ms. Trish often do fun activities together during the school year. In November, they joined the SPC ADT classes and did Thanksgiving projects together. Girls from Mrs. Fitzmaurice's class and boys from Mr. Rivera's class created turkey projects to do with Ms. Trish's and Ms. Laurie's students. Their students really enjoy having older students come in to work with them. Along with this craft, ADT students come in during the school day to work with students during group activities, such as circle time and to help with crafts.

Coming into these classrooms gives the ADT students a chance to work with younger students and

be good role models for them.

Ms. Laurie's class has been working with Ms. Judy's therapy dog for their skit for the upcoming Salt Point Center Holiday Show. The therapy dog will be a part of their skit. To make her students feel comfortable with the dog, Ms. Laurie and Ms. Judy have the dog come into their classroom to become familiar with him, and it has become a fun time for all of her students to see and experience how fun a dog is!



Students sit with Ms. Judy's Therapy Dog!