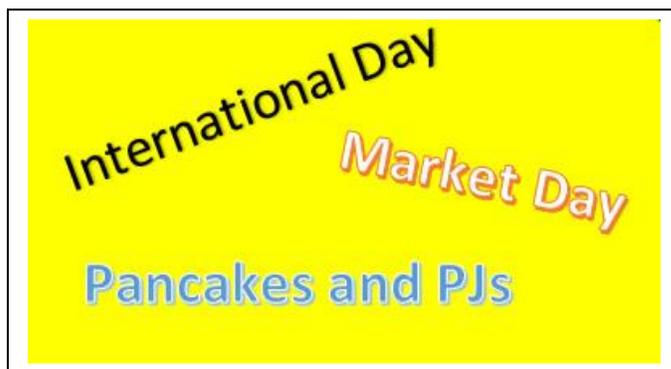


Dear Center School Parents/Guardians:

Sometimes January can be seen as long, cold, and dull after the excitement of the holidays in December. But not here at The Center School.

Next week is a short week, but busy. In addition to trips, clubs, and basketball games, on Tuesday High School students will enjoy International Day as they travel class to class experiencing various cultures and traditions. Wednesday we would like to invite Elementary School parents to The Center School's Annual Elementary School Market Day. Elementary students will be displaying their "small business owner" skills as they open the studio to customers looking to purchase their wares. Capping the week, on Friday, all students and staff will enjoy a Pancake's and PJs breakfast to celebrate the half-year mark and the great job that all are doing.



FROM THE CLASSROOMS:

High School

On Tuesday, January 21st, the High School will be participating in their "International Day". Each High School classroom will be designated as a specific country and students will be traveling to each of the seven homeroom classrooms throughout the morning. Students will have the opportunity to discuss and experience cultural activities associated with each country, as well as try some ethnic cuisine from each country. International Day will be taking place during High School periods 1-5. Students will also be carrying a world map with them on their travels throughout the morning and will be asked to shade in each country that they visit on their map. The following countries/regions will be showcased on International Day: Ireland, Romania, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Latin America, Japan, and The Lenni Lenape Tribe from New Jersey.



Middle School

This week the Middle School students discussed Martin Luther King Jr. and his influence and impact on the civil rights movement. Students also analyzed his “I Have a Dream” speech and elaborated on the ramifications of the speech. They participated in various activities which included making a poster and biography brochure. They reflected on how their lives would be different today without the work of Dr. King. Students also



completed readings and answered questions about Dr. King’s life. On Friday, students watched the video “Our Friend, Martin.” Students were encouraged to carry Dr. King’s messages and work into their lives through treating others equally and placing love and kindness at the forefront of all interactions.

Students in Ms. Harrison’s Math class are creating their own restaurant and menu. Students used real grocery store flyers to understand the prices of items that they will need at their restaurant. Students used their math skills to see how much of each item will need to be sold in order to make a profit. In addition, when creating their menu, students had to decide who is going to be their target customers, adjust prices accordingly, and choose a proper location. Tips, tax, and salaries are other areas where students are applying their math skills in the cross-curricular activity. There are several unique, one of a kind, meals that we just may see on a menu on day.

Elementary School

In the Elementary School finishing touches were put on our Market Day products. Students also completed a Science activity in which they explored how people can change organisms to have the traits they want through selection. In the visual activity, Designer Dogs, students analyzed the traits of parent dogs to determine which puppy they could have. Students were shown pairs of adult dogs and three potential puppies. Working in pairs, they studied the physical traits of the dogs and looked for the puppy that shared these traits. It was fun to see what students would then name these new puppy breeds. In Language Arts, students continued to study fables. Students in Ms. Bailey’s class finished their research on Aesop and are now preparing to write their own fables. In Mrs. Sheeley’s class students created stick puppets to retell “The Grasshopper and the Ant”. Students also used a venn diagram to compare the character traits of the grasshopper and the ant.



Music

Students had so much fun in music this week. In Elementary class it was Karaoke Day. Students showed off their singing skills. Other Elementary students completed their Families of Instruments and were able to label instruments into their respective categories.

Middle School students are working on Music of Italy, creating a poster board which includes a map of Italy, the flag of Italy and famous composers of Italy.

High school students continue work on their instruments and PowerPoint projects. They also had a great play practice this week incorporating dialogue and dance moves.



Transition Program

Thanks to our transition students, Joelle and Nick, The Center School Store will be opening for business shortly for our students to enjoy. Transition students went shopping for items, which would be popular for our student “customers”, to stock in the store. Next comes organizing, logging, pricing, and setting hours of operation. We can not wait for the Grand Opening!



Art

This week in Art Elementary School students finished work on tissue paper trees. The High School and Middle School students completed artwork in honor of Martin Luther King and assisted on scenery for “The Lion King” as well as individual projects.



Woodshop

Approaching the end of the marking period, with one more week to go, students are working to finish up their current projects by next week. Elementary students are working on either a wooden snowman or toolbox. The Middle and High School students are continuing work on individual projects. Some projects made this marking period are: bookcases, benches, blanket holders, corner shelves, toolboxes, and a spice box. It has been a productive and enjoyable marking period.

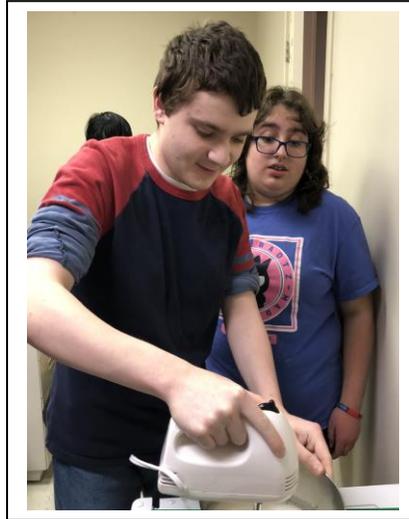


OT Dept.

We have some new staff in the OT department this month! We would like to welcome a new staff member, Nicole Dehrone, COTA, as well as Danielle and Veena, our two Occupational Therapy interns who will be with us for 12 weeks. We are so happy to have them!

Cooking Club

Students spent time in cooking club this past week learning valuable skills...while making and eating Chocolate Mousse and Chicken Quesadillas.



Therapeutic Dept.

This week each of the High School groups discussed what they did not like about their peers. In a supportive environment, they expressed comments students made to them, why friendships ended, and how certain remarks said by peers upset them. The students then weighed in on what they heard and offered insights on how they could begin moving past their differences and work on understanding one another better.

Mrs. Gorski has also been working behind the scenes with several interested students in the Middle School. We have started a Kindness Committee. Students are working with Mrs. Gorski to come up with subtle ideas to help maintain a kind and inclusive Middle School environment. Some great ideas such as playing an inspirational song each morning during homeroom and creating a kindness tree where students will add leaves to it that state different ways that they can contribute to a positive school climate will be subtle reminders to the students as to their worth, uniqueness, and how much they are appreciated and cared for by their peers and staff.

Mrs. Gorski and Mr. Coronado's Middle School groups presented a special talent, a like, hobby, special item, or spoke about something or someone that is important to them. This was a lesson in

gratitude and for students to show appreciation for, acceptance towards and share more about themselves so they can learn more about and show respect for one another.

On Thursday, The Center School Peer Mentors and Mentees attended a team building activity at the Branchburg Sports Complex. Students played laser tag, had fun in the arcade, and ate lunch together.



School News

Fundraiser

On February 6, eat at Zinburgers and help fundraise -- all proceeds benefit the Drama Club.



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IMPORTANT DATES:

Mon. Jan 20	Martin Luther King Day- School Closed
Tue. Jan. 21	High School International Day
Wed. Jan 22	Elementary School Market Day- 1:30 pm
Thu. Jan. 24	Pancakes & P.J.'s Recognition Breakfast
Fri. Jan. 25	End of Marking Period 2
Thu. Feb. 6	Fundraiser – Zinburgers, Somerset Corporate Center
Fri. Feb 14-Tues Feb 18	President's Weekend- closed
Wed. Feb. 19	100 th day Celebrations
Sat. Feb. 22	Polar Bear Plunge- Seaside Heights

Clubs and Events January 2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1 School Closed Happy New Year	2	3
6 Intramurals ES/MS/HS D&D / Adventurer's Guild	7 Spanish Culture MS/HS	8	9 Pride Club	10
13 Intramurals MS/HS	14 Cooking Club	15 Early Dismissal	16 E Sports Club	17
20 School Closed	21 Spanish ES/MS History Club	22	23 Newspaper Club	24
27 Intramurals MS/HS D&D / Adventurer's Guild	28 Music Club	29	30 Art Club Craft Club	31

EVENTS

Happy New Year

We will see you back all rested and rejuvenated on Thursday, January 2nd.

Spanish Culture Club

The Spanish Culture Club will be taking a trip to a Costa Rican restaurant after learning about the country. Contact Ms. Gonzalez.

Early Dismissal

We will have an early dismissal on Wednesday, January 15th. Students will be dismissed at 1:05

Sincerely,



Dr. Ronald P. Rinaldi
Principal