

GARRETTFORD GOOD NEWS

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**FUN AND
GAMES ABOUND
AT 3RD GRADE
FAMILY NIGHT**



Garrettford families had a chance to shake off the winter dulldrums this month at the Third Grade Family Fun Night. Mr. Caldwell organized many challenging and exciting games for the students, staff and families. There was a healthy spirit of competition and a lot of laughter, too! Turnout for this event is always good and we were pleased to

share quality bonding time with the families. Thank you Mr. Caldwell for another GREAT night of fun!



GARRETFORD STUDENT EXCELS MUSICALLY



Congratulations to Brennen Nolan, a 5th grader in Mrs. Udovich's class, for performing in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Grade 5/6 String Fest. Brennen spent January 28th at Unionville High School with select students from 50 other surrounding schools practicing six musical pieces for a concert that evening. The performance was amazing! Mrs. Lesniak's favorite pieces of the concert were *Tango* and *Coco*. We are so proud of Brennen!

CAN YOU USE THAT WORD IN A SENTENCE, PLEASE?

Garrettford 4th Grade held a grade level Spelling Bee on Wednesday, January 8,

2020. Congratulations to Mahin Naaz and Asher Gonsalves who will be going on to represent Garrettford in the National Scripps Regional Spelling Bee on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at DCIU in Morton, PA. All of our representatives handled themselves with great poise and confidence.



FIRST GRADERS CELEBRATE THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL

On our 100th day of school, all first graders came to school decked out in their 100th day t-shirts that they customized all on their own! The day included many fun activities such as

completing 100 piece puzzles, stacking 100 cups, building with 100 popsicle sticks and so much more! We ended the day with a hallway dance party. Students danced their way up and down the first grade hallway until they couldn't dance anymore. We had a wonderful day celebrating all of the amazing things we have learned over the last 100 days!



SECOND GRADERS LEARN HOW TO WRITE THEIR CURSIVE SIGNATURE



Added to the 2nd grade curriculum, as a component of the new HMH Reading Series, is Cursive Handwriting. A skill that has not been introduced to students until 3rd grade in the past. This picture depicts an introduction lesson to see if the students in Mrs. Murray's class could recognize & read their own name when written in cursive, as well as the names of their classmates. From their smiles you can tell that they were all successful!

GALA PERFORMERS SHINE



Elementary Gala band students performed *High Octane* by Chris Berotas and Elementary Gala Orchestra performed *Burst* by Brian Balmages. Garrettford had 12 students perform with Gala Orchestra and 9 students perform with Gala Band. The students who sang in the Gala Honors Chorus sang a piece called *Two Poems* by Rachel Field. One of the poems was entitled *Some People* and the second was *Grandmother's Brook*. The music

was written by Mr. Hyde. The performance was beautiful! A highlight of the Gala was the Finale when every performer went to the stage and sang *Circle of Life* from the *Lion King*. All the hard work paid off for an excellent concert.



GARRETTFORD LIBRARY RECEIVES SUBSTANTIAL DONATION

Thank you to Garrettford Elementary students, Zaine and Jayden Sowell and their family for their generous donations of a variety of new books.

Some titles of their donations range from *I Believe in Me* by Connie Bowen, to *National Geographic Science Encyclopedia*. Some other titles are *How Things Work* by National Geographic, *The Complete Cookbook of Young Chefs*, *What was the Age of the Dinosaurs?*, *Incredible You* by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer, and *The Three Questions*, based on a story by Leo Tolstoy. Biographies, Science, and some fiction series titles from *Captain Underpants* were also among the variety of genres in this generous donation. Our Garrettford students will definitely enjoy reading these titles this year and for years to come!



