



GARRETFORD GOOD NEWS

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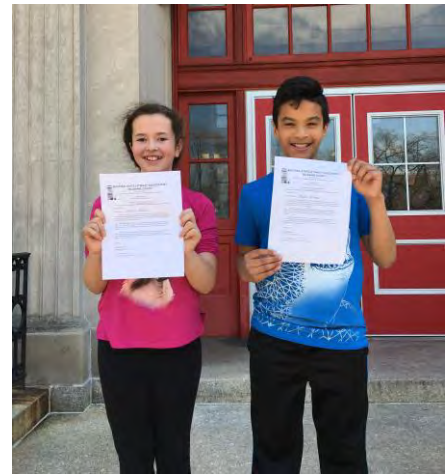
by the DCIU. Congratulations
Allison and Miguel!

GARRETFORD STUDENTS EXCEL ACADEMICALLY

Congratulations to Dawe Sullivan, Grade 5, who finished 16th in the State of Pennsylvania against students in grade 5 through 8 in the National Geographic Geo Bee. Dawe was honored for his achievement at a recent UD School Board meeting.



Two of our students, Allison Marker, Grade 3, and Miguel Buitrago, Grade 5, have been named as County winners for the Young Authors Contest sponsored



Sophia Leposki and Emily Conley, fifth grade students, were selected to play the Star Spangled Banner at the opening ceremony for the DH Little League.



READING OLYMPICS IS A “NOVEL” IDEA

Congratulations to Garrettford’s Reading Olympics Teams. Our fantastic readers worked hard to prepare for the Reading Olympics competition since October, reading novel after novel and waking up early to come to book club every Tuesday morning. Their hard work paid off! The Book Worms came in 2nd place!! The Book Scavengers came in 3rd place!! All students did an excellent job representing Garrettford by demonstrating good sportsmanship, respecting competition rules, and expertly answering questions. Way to go Reading Olympics Team!

If you are an upcoming 4th or 5th grader who loves to read, we are hoping you will join the Garrettford Reading Olympics Team next year. We need super readers who will help propel Garrettford to reading victory once again.



(Top row from left- Mrs. Jesse, Sophia Leposki, Carson Pierce, Oyin Olowu, Nehemiah Liciaga, Makenna Lesky, James Fafiolu, Lizbeth Amaro, Zora Ogunlana, Keira Lewis, Mrs. Melvin
Middle row from left- Julia Brown, Mason Pierce, Jason Clarichi, B.J. Campbell, Julianna Egges, Neena Long
Bottom row from left- Jana McKenna, Martha-Rose Brown, Aubrey Lane, Zayneb Ghorfa)

GARRETTFORD’S MARINE CORPS FITNESS TEAM REPRESENTS AGAIN



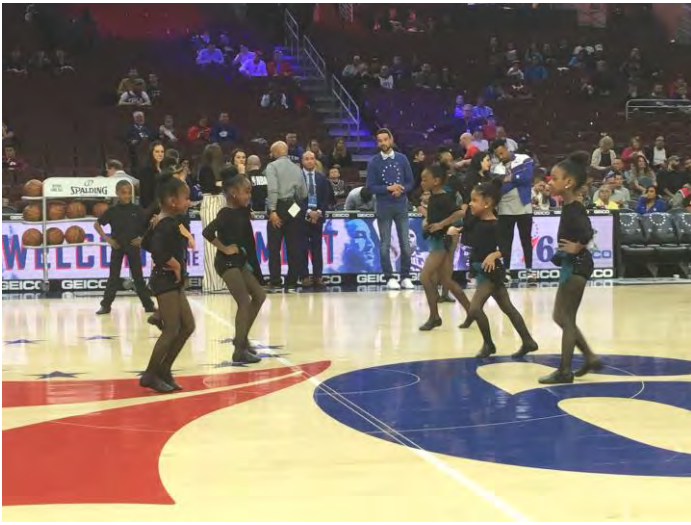
We are proud to announce that once again Mr. Caldwell and the Garrettford Marine Corps Fitness Team excelled at the District-wide

competition. The Girls' team took 1st Place and the Boys' team took 2nd Place. In addition, two of our girls received individual honors. Talia Venuti was the Third Place Overall Girl's Performer and Katia Kara took First Place Overall for the girls. Congratulations to Mr. Caldwell and the entire team. Their work all year has once again paid off!



GARRETTFORD STUDENTS PERFORM BEFORE SIXER'S GAME

Congratulations to Ava Bowser, Makenzie Campbell and Nala Edwards (Grade 2) and Harmony Lee and Corinne Van-Otoo (Grade 1)! These young dancers performed before the start of the Sixers vs. Nets game on March 28th at the Wells Fargo Center. They are all members of the Premiere Dance Academy, located in Lansdowne, where they take ballet, jazz and tap classes.



performing *Dragon Slayer* which used the big Chinese Gong at the high school. The beginning and advanced bands combined to play *Quest of the Black Knight*, *Broken Marionette* and their favorite *Mahna-Mahna*. A highlight of the concert was the schools 4th and 5th grade bucket bands. Buckets combined with boomwhackers created their own mashups. 4th grade combined *Star Wars* with *Boom Bucket Rap* and 5th grade combined *Baby Shark* with *Mondo Mover Maker*. It was an incredible night of music. Mrs. Lesniak was very proud of the students' performance.

SPRING CONCERT WAS A SYMPHONY OF SOUND

On April 10th, Garrettford's Bands, Orchestras, and Bucket Bands performed at their spring concert. The beginning orchestra, made up of mostly 3rd graders, performed *On the Go* and *First Finger Rock*, which highlighted Owen Innis on Drum Set and Brennen Nolan on Electric Bass. It was the students' favorite piece. Advanced Orchestra loved





The Garrettford Chorus and Ukulele Club performed music representative of our school-wide theme CHANGE YOUR WORD AND THEN CHANGE YOUR MIND. It was an outstanding performance!



FIFTH GRADERS BENEFIT FROM GRANT FUNDED FIELD TRIP



Garrettford fifth grade students were fortunate to receive a completely grant-funded field trip to travel to Philadelphia and visit the National Museum of American Jewish History. The Museum's exhibitions and collections are extensive and provide visitors with a variety of immigration stories. The stories recount how the Jews who migrated to America from around the world became today's Jewish Americans. The students learned about the barriers immigrants had to

overcome, the courage they needed to muster and the skills they had to learn to assimilate in this country.

Students were taken on a guided tour to see more than 350 years of American Jewish History. They were visited by an actress portraying Eva Baen who migrated from Russia alone at the age of 18. She shared her life's experiences and what it was like living in Russia and America. The trip was very worthwhile and enjoyed by everyone.



CONGRATULATIONS MRS. LARKIN, RECIPIENT OF THE FMFCU EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD



On Thursday, May 2nd, Mrs. Larkin was honored as the UDSD recipient of the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union Excellence in Teaching Award winner.

Linda takes a leading role on our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) Whole School Committee. She works on tier one rewards and stocks and runs the PBIS store. At the store, students can purchase items as a reward for accumulating “bucks” for their good behavior. She does a lot of this work on her own time, too. We are always excited to see what unique and special things she finds for the children to buy.

Linda is a valuable member of the Parent Advisory Committee, where she serves as a faculty

representative. She is responsible for attending meetings and collaborating with the Principal to bring school initiatives to the parents. Linda has long been recognized as a leader among her peers. She serves on the Faculty Advisory Team which meets monthly with the Principal to help with the culture and climate of the school and to help develop new initiatives. She also serves on the District-wide IPD (Instruction and Professional Development) Team. In this role, Linda serves as a faculty representative who brings curriculum based concerns to the Administration in an effort to better serve our students.

Linda is a nurturer of children, of ideas, and of positive attitudes. At home, Linda nurtures a beautiful garden. She often brings bouquets of colorful flowers in to decorate the school office and to cheer her colleagues. The way she cares for her students and flowers alike brings to mind the saying, "Every child is a different kind of flower and all together make this world a beautiful garden." Garrettford's garden is colorful and growing beautifully because of Linda Larkin's nurturing and this community is lucky to have her.



Mrs. Larkin was Dr. McGarry's 1st Grade Teacher

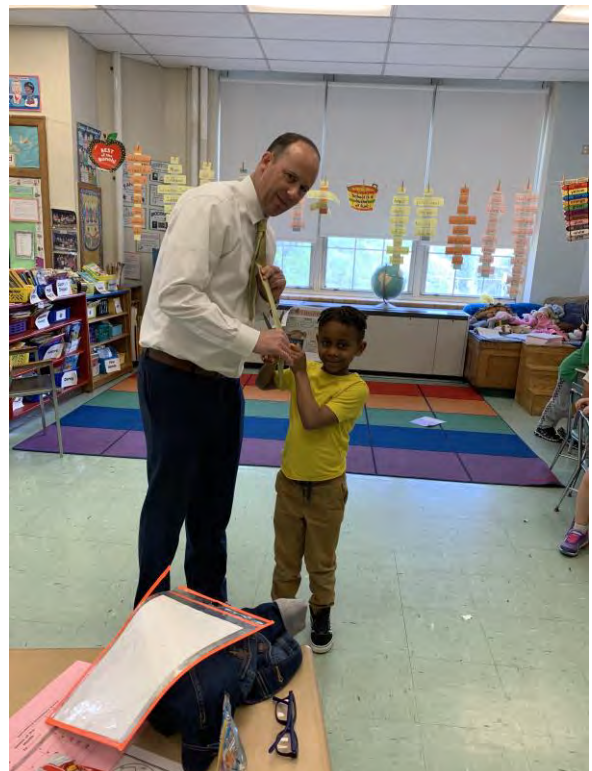


GARRETTFORD FAMILIES ARE UP EARLY FOR UPPER DARBY WEATHER REPORT



PBIS REWARDS ARE SPURRING STUDENTS ON TO FOLLOW THE THREE B'S

When the call went out for Upper Darby volunteers to help report the weather with NBC's anchor Bill Henley, Garrettford's families and staff came out in force. Special thanks goes out to them for representing Garrettford so well! The NBC 10 Bus Stop Block Party was a real success.



THANK YOU TO THE HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FOR PROVIDING THE STAFF A WONDERFUL STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON ON MAY 1ST