

Primos Press

Monthly Newsletter



Gala Concert

By Venu Dhanbal

January 19, 2019 is a big day for the fifth graders in the Primos Orchestra, Band and Eagle Choir. It is the day of the Upper Darby School District Gala. The gala is a concert/fundraiser. It has students from 3rd grade all the way up to 12th grade participating in the show. But for our 3rd and 4th graders, you need to be really good at playing your instrument to be included.

The gala is a two hours long concert featuring students playing instruments to the district chorus singers singing. It is one of the greatest shows. Kids train really hard for the big day.

I am going to tell you some of the things that we do to get ready. For the gala band we have training from our school music teacher, Mr. Kulp, every Wednesday morning at 8:30. We do not practice our gala music because during the morning rehearsals there are some students who do not even play in the gala.

The band's gala music is called *Armory*. Every Thursday, we have after school rehearsals at Garrettford School with the district band and the Gala orchestra, too. The song we practice together is called *Imagine Dragons* Melody.

Calendar

Jan. 21, 2019

**UDSD District Holiday
Schools Closed**

Jan. 31, 2019

**Elementary Progress
Report Distribution**

H & S Bingo Night -

Jan. 25 at 6:00pm

Good luck to all of our students performing in the Gala Concert

on January 19th @ 3PM.

We are so proud of you and appreciate your hard work and practice.



<https://www.pacareerzone.org/>

By Tvisha Jani and Alexa McCabe

Third Grade

We went on the CareerZone website. We were researching about what we want to be when we grow up. We designed our own ID badges. We explored many jobs. We each picked four jobs to research. Then we got our notebooks out and wrote some facts about that job.

After writing facts about the four careers we got a nice clean paper and chose the two we liked the best. We used the paper as our guide and wrote a paragraph about the two jobs we picked. After we were done writing, we had to type it on the Chromebooks. That way when we open it up again next year, all of our research will be there. All our research will stay until 12th grade. We liked going on CareerZone.

By Natalia Rahatt

Fourth Grade

This year in 4th grade in Career Zone we did things differently than in third grade. It was odd because we did things that were harder. It was fun though. I thought that it would be boring but it was not. We got to learn more things.

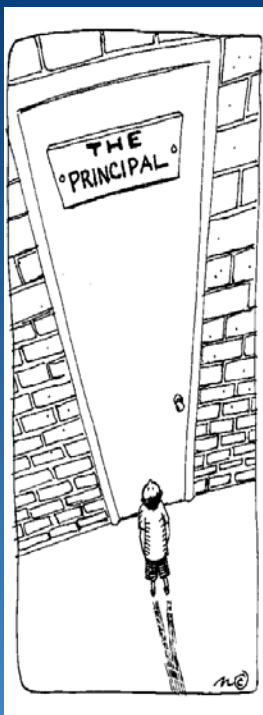
Last year we made a profile that was so fun, but this year we did not. Another thing that was different was that when we got into CareerZone we did not do the activity "Up the Ladder". This year was more about work. When we signed in we used Google. I liked how this year we got to pick a couple of careers every time we went on CareerZone. I think that when I was in third grade, I remember we watched more videos than wrote about what we did on a career. We had to write a paragraph or two about what we picked and how they were different and how they were the same. Last year we did this, too.

By Sinai Leggett

Fifth Grade

Before winter break the 5th grade was on a website called CareerZone. CareerZone is a great way to help us learn about our interests and the employment options that match that interest. So far 5th grade has experienced 2 parts of Career Zone. One of them is Up the Ladder. Up the Ladder displays various fields of work you might want to do, these are called career clusters. Every time you click on a career cluster it shows all of the details for the field of work you chose such as the wages you will receive, tools you will use, and how much education you will need. After you pick a cluster you pick a pathway and an occupation, these are similar to a career cluster but more details are provided. Another part of Career Zone is your journal. The journal lets you write about the career cluster, pathway, and occupation you picked. Overall Career Zone is a great website to help anyone get an idea about what they want to be when they are older.

Principal's Corner



Hello Primos Families,

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Home & School Bingo Night on Friday, January 25th from 6-8 PM in the school cafeteria.

As a school, we are working on class projects for February's Black History month. Our projects will be on display as of February 1st.

I hope all of you are getting my weekly emails. If you are not, please call the main office or email me at brogers@upperdarbysd.org.

Thank you for all that you do!

Mr. Rogers

Celebrating Together

Two former Primos students, Natalie and Angelina Koskinas, just completed their Professional Field Experience course with Ms. Hennessy and Mrs. DiTulio. The twin sisters worked with our students almost every afternoon during the 1st semester. Angelina Koskinas actually returned to her own former third grade classroom!

Both sisters are playing for the UDHS Girls Basketball team. As of this report, the team has a 7-1 winning record. We will continue to follow the team throughout the season and playoffs.



Angelina and Natalie, UDHS Class of '19, meet up again with their third grade teachers.

Another former student, Aubrey Ennis, UDHS Class of '22, also plays on the girls' varsity team.

This is our way of celebrating together as a Primos family. If you would like to share news about a current or former Primos student, we would love to celebrate with you!

Send your news to Mhennessy@upperdarbysd.org

Thank you, Student Council for helping out and encouraging students to join us at The Dance-A-Thon. We have raised close to \$850.00. We helped several Primos families during the holidays.

2019 Primos Gala Performers

Fatima Aframi, Alyvia Berry, Fatu Bility, Dominic Chidoni, Venu Dhanabal, Tyler Dileno, Aidan Evans, Sienna Fetrow, Elijah Foster, Anibal Guachichullana, Shawn Hays, Calista Hoback, Jaeden Inocentes, Salieu Jalloh, Mia Lazur, David Lemmon, Jaionna McDonough, Alani Morrison, Nickhil Nair, Grace Olukanni, Kylie Ostrander, Eriyana Thompson, Alanah Williams, Damian Wodarski

Sumdog.com is up and working!

This is a great way to practice math at home.



Winter Fun Day: December

By Ms. Ceribelli

On Friday, December 14th students at Primos Elementary School entered a Winter Wonderland! As students came to school they went around to the playground as they usually do, however when it came time to enter the building students got a surprise! They walked with their classes around the front of the building where Mr. Rogers was controlling the weather, it was snowing! As students continued inside they walked through bubbles as holiday music played. They entered the lobby where snowmen waited for their arrival. In through an igloo they went, where they walked down a snow-covered path complete with twinkling lights and snowflakes above! And that was just the start; students continued their day with many fun winter wonderland themed activities!

New Primos Monthly Feature Jokes

By Prathyush Karthikeyan

This will be a part of Primos Elementary School's monthly newsletter. Check us out next month!

Mrs. McIntosh and I tell jokes to each other at dismissal time. We both know a lot of jokes. Here is our first sample:

Mrs. McIntosh's best joke is:

What animal should you never play a game with?

Answer A Cheet-ah.

My best joke is:

What did one shark say to the other shark while eating a clownfish?

Answer: This tastes funny.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Friday, January 25th 6-8pm at the Primos School Cafeteria
Supporting the Home and School Association

Autistic Support News: The most recent event that our AS program participated in was the winter concert. More of our students participated this year than last year! One of our third grade students, London Durham, performed as a soloist in the winter concert. In our classrooms we have been focusing on OT skills through creating winter themed crafts. We also have a new member of room 109. He is a Beta Fish named Alpha. A lot of our students like to come down and visit him. Some enjoy feeding him, while it's therapeutic to others just to watch him swim around. We attended a Villanova basketball game on Friday, January 11th. We will continue to go to the high school on a rotating schedule for swimming sessions.

Fourth Grade: Some of Ms. Millett's 4th grade students have been working really hard on their New Year's Resolutions! The students discussed their ideas first with their partner and then wrote their resolutions together! All of the students worked really hard on this project!

Second Grade: Every week in Room 114, Miss Quay's students work towards earning points on Class Dojo. They earn these points by following the 3 B's. On Friday, the top four students join Miss Quay for a lunch bunch in the classroom. On Winter Wonderland Fun Day, Grainne Ennis, Nicholas Diamond, Maymun Mowla, and Khalil Smith-Ward were rewarded for their role-model behavior with a special treat- cookies!"

Second Grade: On Winter Fun Day, Mrs. Mooney's class met with their fourth grade buddies in Mrs. Prestileo's class. The children worked together and built snowmen using the Chromebooks. Each pair used a Google Slide template to choose different looks for their snowman. They were able to choose from a variety of eyes, mouths, arms and feet. There were also extra accessories like hair and brooms. When each snowman was finished, the children were then able to name their snowman and write about him using

Third Grade: Mrs. Worrilow and the students of room 221 worked together to learn how to play Dreidel. We played in small groups of three with our own dreidels. After playing, we ate a chocolate coin as a treat. We also worked together to build a shelf for the elf using a STEM lesson with Mrs. Worrilow. Each group worked to plan and build the highest tower possible for the elf. The winning tower was 10 ½ inched tall.

Primos Grade Updates

Fifth Grade: The 5th Grade students in Mrs. Venit's class met with their K buddies in Mrs. DiTullio's class on fun day. The 5th Graders helped their buddies color, cut and create a snowflake picture and poem.

Mr. Kerry

Our security guard, Mr. Kerry, has been transferred to Beverly Hills Middle School. He started his new position on January 2nd.

Mr. Mike

We welcome our new security guard to Primos School. Mr. Mike has been on duty since January 2nd welcoming all into our building.

Mystery Artist

Not many knew that Mr. Kerry was accepted into the Philadelphia Institute of Art when he was younger. He chose to join the Marines and serve his country. But the kids in room 221 knew! Mr. Kerry would draw a different character on our blackboards every day. We enjoyed Halloween, Thanksgiving, and holiday pictures from him.

Thank you, Mr. Kerry!

Ms. Anna Eisenberger, Autistic Support Teacher

The Primos staff said goodbye to Ms. Eisenberger at a staff breakfast on December 20th. Ms. Eisenberger has left the Upper Darby School District to pursue opportunities with the Melmark School in Berwyn.

She will be one of three classroom teachers. Each teacher focuses on a different skill set such as behavior, functional skills, and curriculum. Ms. Eisenberger will be working as the curriculum teacher. Her students will range in age and grade and are diagnosed with a range of disabilities. She expressed a lot of interest in going back to school for her BCBA while working at Melmark School since her ultimate goal is to work as a behavior specialist.

Her kiddos and colleagues will miss her very much. We wish her much success and invite her to come back and visit.

Saying Farewell