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PREPARATORY SCHOOL

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



The 2nd Annual Daddy Daughter Dance.

Fantastic turn out. Smiles, laughter
and a great evening for all.

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Preschool - Kindergarten News



Valentine's Day in Preschool

Preschool celebrated Valentine's Day by wearing the color of love and friendship on this special day: red. Everyone brought in valentine cards which were placed in their home made valentine mail bags.

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Dental Health

February is Dental Health month and lucky for us, one of our Pre- K 3 moms is a dentist! Dr. Bordia (Risa's mom) and the Tooth Fairy came to visit the Pre K -3 and Pre- Kindergarten classes.

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Pre Kindergarten Chinese New Year

The Pre Kindergarten classes enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year. Mrs. Chen and Mrs. Elin told us about the holiday and how it is celebrated. Chinese New Year is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays and 2018 is the year of the dog.

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Kindergarten Chinese New Year

The Kindergarten children celebrated Chinese New Year and learned that it is the Year of the Dog!!! The children were read a story, had a discussion and made dragon masks. Dragons are a symbol of strength goodness and luck!

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Valentine's Day

Both Kindergarten classes celebrated Valentine's Day with a special story, activities and a delicious party. The students truly enjoyed spending time together. They learned what it means to be a good friend and that it is important to give from the heart.

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Preschool Children Learn about Black History

Our preschool children celebrated the achievements of African Americans. Each child was assigned a famous person to research with their parents and talk about in class.

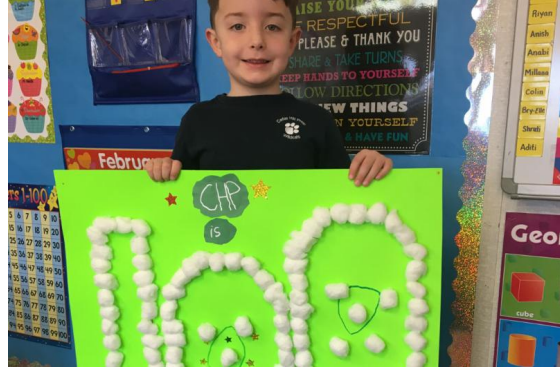
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Black History Month

The Pre-Kindergarten children honored the achievements of African Americans by doing their first research paper. Every child chose an African American person of importance and researched what he or she accomplished.

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100th Day of School

A lot of excitement happened on Tuesday, February 27th when Kindergarten celebrated the 100th Day of School! After counting down the days with tally marks, the children learned place value along the way.

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Elementary News



Grade 2 Visits Franklin Township Library

Grade 2 took a field trip to the Franklin Township Library as a lesson extension of a story we read titled "The Library." The children were met by the children's librarian, Miss Anne, and our first stop was the children's reading room.

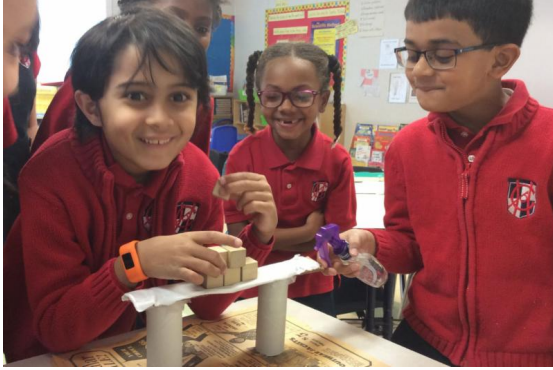
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Addition Fact Face-Off

In an Addition Fact Face-Off, 2nd graders bolstered their fact fluency in preparation for their upcoming study of multiplication. Students, grouped by House, engaged in a spirited competition to earn points for their respective Houses.

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Grade 2 Engineers

2nd graders donned their engineering hats when charged with designing a bridge that could safely transport cars over a river in a rainy area. After brainstorming necessary bridge properties, students tested different materials for strength and absorbency.

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Entrepreneur Projects

Business is on the rise in 3A and 3B Language Arts classes. The third grade students read four stories about young students who successfully developed new products or started their own businesses.

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Third Grade Mystery Reader

Third grade welcomed a very interesting mystery reader to their classroom who has visited 11 countries, none other than Mr. Kyle Tucker, Kayla's Dad! He read a very beautiful book "The One and Only Ivan", by Katherine Applegate and all the students were immersed in his reading.

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Grade 2 Celebrates Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day - a celebration of friendship and goodwill towards others in 2nd grade. This year, as an extension of a lesson on reusing materials, the 2nd graders designed their own mailboxes (reusing materials from home) after considering the purpose of the mailbox and the required properties!

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Map Scavenger Hunt



Mystery Reader

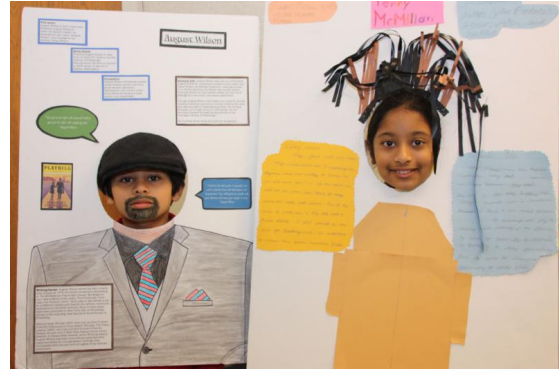
First Graders took a tour of their school on a map scavenger hunt. In class, we have looked at globes, flat physical and political maps, and atlases, and used this knowledge to find various map related things on different maps throughout the school.

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Third graders were extremely excited by the mystery readers Mrs. Bhanu Anand and Mr. Anand Subramanian, Rahul's parents. They took turns reading a fabulous book for the students, The Stranger by Chris Van Allsburg.

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STEAM FUN

On Valentine's Day, First Graders had some STEAM fun with candy hearts. First, students were given a rectangular piece of silver foil to turn into a boat that would float and hold cargo. The second activity was an estimation activity.

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Living History

On February 23rd, the corridor of the 3rd and 4th grade classrooms was bustling with excitement as they were transformed into Living History presentations that celebrated the lives of many Black Americans who have made important contributions to American Society.

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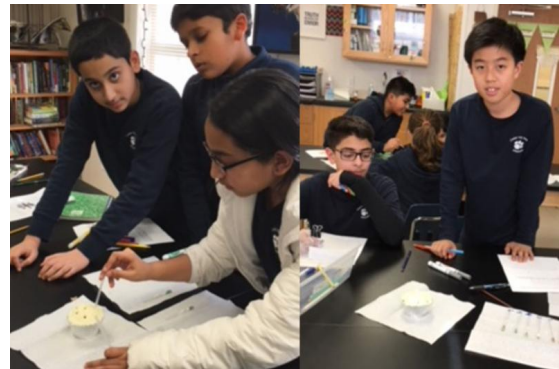
Middle School News



Book Tasting Party

Mrs. Whalen hosted her first Book Tasting Party on Wednesday, February 14. Students in her language arts class, grades 5 and 6, engaged in "tasting" new novels. Each student has the opportunity to read and familiarize themselves with new books across a variety of genres.

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Cupcakes and the Moon

You've heard of the moon being compared to cheese, but to a cupcake? In Mrs. Galiano's and Mr. Mirot's Grade 6 Science class, they just did that! Students who are learning Astronomy at Cedar Hill Prep used frosted cupcakes to symbolize the moon. How?

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MATHCOUNTS

On February 10th, Cedar Hill Prep 7th and 8th grade students participated in the MATHCOUNTS Middle School Chapter Competition at Mercer Community College. Cedar Hill Prep, 8th Grader, Heer Patel, won 1st place in the Individual Rounds.

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Math Mart

7th Grade students brought their knowledge about Percentages, Discounts, Mark-up, and Profit into the real world. For three days, they ran "Math Mart," a marketplace of goods and services, in Mrs. Lekhi's classroom.

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Living History

This term, middle schoolers polished their writing (research projects and fiction from many genres) about Black History and Social Justice issues. Then they worked together to compile those pieces into one large piece of performance art entitled, "A Patchwork Dream."

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Perfectly Imperfect

The goal of the play, *Perfectly Imperfect*, was not just to solve problems, but to foster dialogue between parents and children about the issues in the play. Our production here at CHP was a resounding success, complete with standing ovations and lots of laughter

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Garden State Debate League

Cedar Hill Prep School teams won the top 2 spots and 10 teams from CHP scored in the top 18 teams. Agni Rajnikanth won top speaker for



Cedar Hill Prep School. Cedar Hill Prep School won the top school for points and 2nd for percentage wins. Great job students!

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National Geographic Winner

Vikram Renganathan is named National Geographic State Bee Semifinalist by the National Geographic Society.

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Annual Faculty vs Grade 8 Basketball Game



The Annual Faculty vs Grade 8 basketball game was full of excitement and loads of fun. Faculty won 68-25, so now the students want us to play Dodge Ball. [See More](#)

CHP PTO and CHP Education and Research Foundation News



Wednesday, January 31

CHP students participated in Dress Down for a Cause to support Ozanam Family Shelter of Edison raising \$215.00.

HUMANS OF CEDAR HILL PREP

The CHP Ed Foundatin would like to recognize the following parents as HUMANS OF CEDAR HILL PREP for the month of March. Thank you for your outstanding commitment at the 2nd Annual Father Daughter Dance.

Mrs. Kim Shannon, Alia Parker, Cheryl Hopkins, Annie Raju, Abena Odukoya, Carletta Beckwith, Renee Rott, and Hajar Shirley.

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Welcome to the CHP Family



Jessica Martinez

I am thrilled to be joining the Cedar Hill Prep staff as the 3rd grade teacher for Language Arts and Social Studies. Before Cedar Hill Prep, I taught for 4 1/2 years in Paterson Public Schools and at the Community Charter School of Paterson, teaching 3rd-8th grades. I am a graduate of Kean University with a Bachelors in Elementary Education. I have dual certifications in Elementary Education K-6 and Language Arts Specialty 5-8. I live with my husband and son in Edison!



Michelle Trusiani

I am very happy to be joining the Cedar Hill Prep community! I have my BFA from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. I studied visual arts, with emphasis on painting and graphic design. After school, I spent some time in the design industry where I made and crafted photo-books. I also spent time instructing painting classes. Teaching has been very rewarding for me. I am very excited to be a part of a team of parents, students, teachers, and staff that make up Cedar Hill Prep!

Upcoming Events

March 8
International Day
Preschool - Kindergarten

March 9
Singing and Dancing Competition
12 noon

March 16
Teacher In-service
School Closed

March 17
Debate Meet @CHP

March 19
Report Cards (Grades 1 - 8)

March 19 -23
National Spanish Exam

March 30
Spring Break Starts

Open House Every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday [Click Here to Register](#)

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