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ELEMENTARY SPELLING BEES

Below are the results from the March 9th 3/4 Spelling Bee!
1st place – Quentin Symington from Minneapolis/West
2nd place – Trudi Walker* from Pascack Valley/East
3rd place – Adela Brothers* from San Francisco/West

Trudi and Adela should be commended! After Quentin was determined the first place winner we continued on between Trudi and Adela for the 2nd place title and in 5 years of leading these bees I have never, EVER, had a regional or final bee go past 20 rounds! These girls were determined not to get back to their regular class time because they took it to 40 rounds and did phenomenal! They are all excellent spellers and were incredibly prepared.

The 5/6 Bee went great and the results are:
1st Place – Declan Marshall from Hamilton/North
2nd Place – Teigan Graham from Mossley/North
3rd Place – Chiara Nunn from Council Bluffs/West

Everyone did a great job!
A big thanks to Meha Patel for helping me facilitate it over VC.  
Ms. April Enochs, Curriculum Team

KUDOS

Thank you to Ms. Marchan, Trinidad Campus, for her hard work during the third quarter for Co-teaching with Ms. Krol in two tenth grade Math classes.
KNOXVILLE ART

Click an image to view more photos!

(To: Mr. J. Borys and Ms. Jackie Ziegler)

Colleen Rochat and I wanted thank you for getting me to Knoxville this week, she has been working towards this AS/A level exam for 4 semesters and I really felt I needed to be here and see face to face all the work and help her get it all organized to send out to Cambridge. It is amazing what this young lady has accomplished, mostly because of her own drive and determination. I have sent you some pictures to give you an idea of the volume of work she has produced.

With gratitude,
Ms. Roach and Miss Rochat

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STERLING HUMANITARIAN TRIP

Sterling Education have partnered with our colleagues at Westmount School in New Zealand to offer staff this opportunity of a lifetime! In July of 2017, Westmount and Sterling will embark on a joint mission to Cambodia to assist with a building project there. We have 14 amazing and eager staff members from all four regions who are looking to raise funds to make this trip possible. Not only will your donation support our staff with covering the costs of the trip, including accommodations and airfare, but it will also support the communities in Cambodia that are on the receiving end of this project. Staff travel in July of 2017 so this campaign is open until May 31, 2017. Your support will go a long way in helping our Sterling staff, as well as an organization, cement our reputation as a well-rounded school while simultaneously supporting those in need in Cambodia. Every little bit helps. We thank you for your support!

Please click here to go to the fundraiser site.

POPSICLE TOWER CHALLENGE

1st Place: Los Angeles with a weight of ~318 pounds (don’t worry, there is a video to prove it!)
2nd Place: Montreal with a weight of ~215 pounds (they ran out of books!)
3rd place: Chicago with 170 pounds!
Honourable (spelled correctly for you Americans) Mention: Hamilton: apparently they don’t have books, so they used Mr. Huynh to stand on them. Can we coin this the Huynh Standard? Calgary + Oxbow: finished 2nd + 3rd respectively on VC with a weight of 135 pounds.

Great fun, everyone! I hope your students enjoyed that. Stay tuned for Calgary’s next challenge in the coming months. We had a ~50% turn out with North/West campuses, but ~75-80% were actual spectators, so I expect an even better turn out next time!

Have a restful + well-earned break!
Mr. Evan Rogers, Edmonton/Calgary District Principal
Smiles were all around as the Pi Day celebration opened up with a, “Happy Pi Day!” and applause at 1:59pm. On March 14th, the official time to celebrate is at 1:59pm because the first six digits of pi are 3.14159.... We then watched a “Pi Day is Crazy” video (featuring all CPs and both EDs making crazy faces) with a rap by Ms. Montello. Next the campuses broke out into teams and went directly to the first activity. Each activity consisted of using an object that was circular or round. All 9 campuses were connected on a conference during each activity. The CP in charge of the activity explained the rules to the teams and waited for Mr. Jarvis to come over the loud speaker to start the time. Each activity was five minutes, and the teams worked to get as many points as they could in that time frame. When the five minutes was up, the teams rotated to a different activity and the process started all over again. When the region rotated through the five activities, all VCs were signed off and everybody cleaned up locally as the staff tallied up the scores. Each local winner received a circular treat from the SLT. This included donuts, candies, and other nice treats. Overall, it was a fantastic Pi Day celebration! Click on the images to view more photos.

Click here to view a video on Pi Day at Pascack Campus created by Nicola Ewing!
WHAT IS FIRST LEGO LEAGUE?

The below video will explain to you the FIRST program which Sterling is embarking on.

Plan for Implementation
Communicate the FLL challenge during morning announcements. We will let the students know that all 4th -8th grade students will have this opportunity to partake if they are committed. The students will need to raise the 900 dollars themselves or get a sponsor to pay for it. The students will need to reach out to a teacher, local community member to get a lead teacher and an assistant teacher. This program is done outside of the school day and the school will take no responsibility for the coordination of the meetings. This coordination will be done by the lead teacher to the local community. This will need to be complete by April 30th to allow for the lead teacher to sign-up for the upcoming event and order the parts. The lead teacher will be fully responsible to follow and meet all guidelines and timelines. This will also be communicated via the staff update, Biweekly journal, and morning announcements. Throughout the season we will give updates on what the students are doing.

Challenges
The students will partake in a Local Sterling wide challenge for all teams that are participating. This will be setup by a board including Mr. Borys, an NLT member, and a representative from each Region. We will follow the guidelines of the FLL. The challenge will take place during the official tournament season at a time where there are no tournaments taking place. The students will also take place in the official FLL Tournament. The official season will end once the team has been eliminated. – regional, national, or global round.
If a team shall win money that team can make a determination on how they want to spend the money. All students that partake in the FLL challenge will get recognized at the Third Quarter Recognition of Excellence Ceremony for their dedication for excellence.

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STERLING HOUSE TEAM SCORES

793
RAIDERS

802
TROOPERS

828
WARRIORS

MARCH 2017

GLOBAL HOUSE TEAM SCORES

918
TROOPERS

937
RAIDERS

954
WARRIORS

AWESOME JOB!
TRAVEL STERLING WITH THE EDS

Click on the photos to view all photos from each Campus!

Teacher Academy

Chicago Campus, March 21
TRAVEL STERLING WITH THE EDS

Click on the photos to view all photos from each Campus!

Hamilton Campus, March 20 & 24

Miscellaneous Campuses
BI-WEEKLY Journal

WE'D LOVE YOUR FEEDBACK ON THIS NEW FORMAT!

Please email your input to Amy.Jakes@sterling.education.

Thank you for reading and look out for the next edition!