October Good Deed Doers

Kevin Hurst, Gabriel Mensah, Janiyah Allen, Juan David Correa, Jenalys Seda, Barraq Amadou, Wyatt Palmer, Destiny Chisholm, Alex Genego & Aamiyah Pantojas.

This month's art kit was presented to Wyatt Palmer! Congratulations to you all! Keep up the good work and remember YOU can get caught doing the right thing too!

Students of The Month

Kindergarten ~ Andrew Lampkin, Skyla Homar, Julia Jamaitis, & Angelis Morales

1st Grade ~Jo'van Delemos, Evelyn Derosier, John Ortiz,& Julian Rosario

2nd Grade ~ Caleb Hayes-Martinez, Natalie Rodriguez & Antwone Miller

3rd Grade ~Skyla Gabourel, Olivia Aiken, Nevaeh Nieves & Jaylah Robinson

4th Grade ~ Jayden Robles, Na'zariyah DeLemos & Wyatt Palmer

5th Grade ~ Ibrahim Amadou, DeAndre Mahoney & Genesis Nin

Remember, YOU can be Student of The Month in your classroom too! Washington Scholars who are Safe, Smart and Respectful are always eligible to be Student of The Month. Congratulations to all of our October honorees and good luck in November!

Welcome To Our New Staff

Dr. Jim Collin ~ Principal
Jillian Pollock ~ Kindergarten
Brie Hadfield ~ 4th Grade
Kaitlyn Sawyer ~ Speech
Kara Farrugia-Dugan ~ Psychologist
Charity Scaglione ~ Social Worker
Melissa Knight ~ STEM
Mila Zadrozny ~ STEM

Go to: publicschools.manchesterct.gov/ Washington School for a brief bio on our new staff

"Each day we work to grow as learners and friends to make Washington School a great place to learn."

Social Thinking in Kindergarten

Our year is off to a great start! Our students are having fun learning about thoughts and feelings during social thinking. Students have learned that your brain is the thought maker and your heart is the feelings keeper. We learned that our thoughts and feelings go together. We practiced making different faces to show different feelings. We discussed how thinking about something may make you feel. Students will continue to learn about thoughts and feelings and how they affect us throughout the day with our learning and playing.

~Mrs. Blum, Mrs. Sikand, Ms. Montanaro & Mrs. Pollock

STEM NEWS

During the past few weeks, Washington students in grades 3 through 5 communicated their visions of a scientist at work. It was a learning process for all of us, as students shared their visions and discussed the patterns and differences in the drawings. Students determined that a scientist is not always a male who is working alone in a lab, wearing a lab coat, mixing chemicals. Many students drew girl scientists,or groups of scientists working collaboratively. Some students drew scientists writing a plan for completing an experiment, putting on the protective gear, working with computers and analyzing data. There were students who drew scientists helping animals digging for dinosaur bones. Currently, the students are in the process of planning their first STEM challenge. They became familiar with the STEM safetly rules and procedures, discussed expectations for collaborative learning, team work and sharing of ideas. Students learned the meaning of the word "limitations" in STEM. Students also learned that before you start building a structure that solves a problem, it is important to create a realistic plan. Students worked in partners to sketch the marshmallow towers, labeling the available supplies and making sure that the criteria and limitations are matched. Then they built the towers following the "blueprints". Not all towers were immediately successful, and students had the opportunity to improve the towers to allow for better stability or a taller structure. We also worked on observing live creatures - crickets. Students used magnifying glasses to observe for details, read closely to build the background before exploring their cricket,and recorded facts about cricket behavior. The level of excitement in the classrooms is outstanding. Students are disappointed when the lesson is over. They are engaged and learning to present their ideas to the audience in an effective way, using the appropriate terms and tone. Many students have shared that their goal is to become a scientist when they graduate from college!

~Mila Zadrozny - STEM Specialist, Grades 3-5

Important Dates To Remember

October 9 - Morning Assembly- 9:05 (Gym) - Student Recognition All Parents/Guardians Welcome

October 8 - 9:15 Fire Prevention

October 12 - No School - Columbus Day

October 21 - Early Dismissal - 1:17 - Professional Development