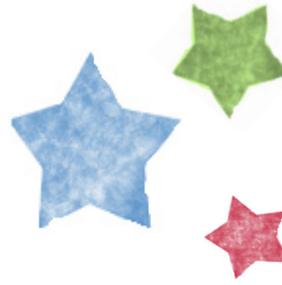




Manchester Public Schools



What's Today's News?

This year marked the 3rd Annual Shoe Tying Olympics at Highland Park School!...



After watching many students come to her gym with their sneakers untied and hearing from many teachers asking about when students should be able to tie their own shoes, Mrs. Larson decided that she would help everyone out.



In an effort to gain back some instructional time lost to the need to tie sneakers for students and to keep students safe while giving them a feeling of independence and success, Mrs. Larson created a little friendly competition. Students were given

plenty of time to practice before the big day. All first and second grade students participated in the event. Any student who could successfully tie his or her sneaker, in less than two minutes, earned a certificate. Any student who was unable to complete the task has until June to show Mrs. Larson they have been successful and can still earn their certificate. Students who wanted to enter the competitive part of the event, partnered up with a classmate to see who was quicker at tying their sneaker. Mr. Pearce, Interim HPS Principal, along with classroom teachers "judged" the event. In the end, two students went head-to-head and one was crowned the Shoe Tying Champion. Hope Nazario was the 2015 First Grade Champion, and TJ O'Brien was the 2015 Second Grade Champion. Congratulations to all of our 1st and 2nd grade students at HPS and a great big "Thank You" to Mrs. Larson for being so creative!

