

Great Things Happening

Aquaculture

- CAD Design and fabrication of prototype vessels for international seaweed transport to support the evolving bio-fuel industry
- TechExpo in January 2010 to feature “green” projects developed/built by Aquaculture Students:
 - Solar Battery Charging station
 - Electric boat with batteries recharged by “floating” charging station
 - Boat and charging station deployed and in operation at Captain’s Cove
- Aquaculture “Sweep” of awards at the city science fair
- First-place award at the State level of science competition with a project entitled “Passive Brownfield Phytoremediation”
- BioTechnology Expo where students were assigned to:
 - Use BioTech to solve a global issue
 - Each group wrote a proposal, designed a website, created an advisory *
 - Websites created were:
 - <http://spiderloving.yolasite.com/members.php>
 - <http://microbialenergysolutions.weebly.com/index.html>
 - <http://biotechnologyworks.weebly.com/index.html>
 - <http://aquaglobalchallenge.weebly.com/prevention.html>
 - <http://ipest.weebly.com>
 - <http://projectdiabetes.weebly.com/index.html>
- Sikorsky Corporation: 6 Aquaculture students selected by Sikorsky for their summer paid intern program

Bassick

- Kathleen Young was selected as the “High School Educator of the Year, 2010” by the Connecticut Association of Schools.
- Bassick High School won first place in the State Farm “Friday Night Feats” video contest and received a check for \$12,500 for use by the Football Team and the Video Media Program.
- Claudia Kennedy was selected to receive the Bridgeport Rotary Club’s “Service Above Self Award.”
- Senior Alwyain Carter was selected to receive the Bridgeport Rotary Club Scholarship.
- Stephanie Garcon received the Moranski Scholarship from the Rotary Club as a graduate from Longfellow School who has been accepted to college.
- Senior Antonio Lopez was selected as a Football Scholar/Athlete by the National Football Foundation.

- Bassick was the first high school in Connecticut to be featured as an MSG Varsity "Outreach Partner of the Week."
- Senior Rosemary Fuentes was chosen to be a "Future Global Leader" by the World Affairs Forum.
- Junior Sandra Morales won the Comptroller of the State of Connecticut's Black History Month Essay contest.
- Freshman Karim Kharbouch won the First Place Grade 9 Award in the City Science Fair and won the Engineering Award in the State Science Fair.
- Sophomore Stephanie Blake won the First Place Award in Bridge Building in the CPEP Day Contests.

Batalla School

- (Bilingual Talented & Gifted Enrichment Program)
- One of the major accomplishments this year was the reduction of suspensions in our building. This has created a positive environment in our building which has led to many other accomplishments.
- Our students have met our expectations and surpassed them by reading over 62,000 books this year.
- We were also on the list for the Top School in the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth Talent Search for 2009. Participating at high levels in the annual CTY Talent Search reflects upon the school's academic quality, student abilities, and teacher talent.
- Many of our students have made and maintained honors throughout the year as demonstrated by the induction of 35 students in grades 6-7 to Junior Honor Society.
- There was an increase of testing results in our on-line testing. In reading, our 8th grade students scored proficiency above the district with 67% of our students being proficient in the first marking period. In the second marking period 76% of our students in grade 3 were proficient in math. In the third marking period 85% of our seventh graders were proficient in Pre-Algebra and 68% of our third graders were proficient in reading. In the fourth marking period 61% of our third graders were proficient in math and 65% of our eighth graders were proficient in reading.
- We honored over 200 students at our annual "Picnic Honors Breakfast" that was followed by the distribution of awards by teachers in their classrooms in Grades 4-8. Parents were invited to the distribution of awards.
- The Bilingual T.A.G. Program participates in an Art Link Program with a class in Sri Lanka through Creative Connections. The work of one of our eighth graders was chosen as outstanding and was on display at the New Canaan Library.
- Our third grade classes participated in an Inter-District Grant with schools in Fairfield which included visits to the schools in both communities as well as trips outside of the school.
- Outstanding participation by parents in CMT Workshop given by the Numeracy and Literacy Coaches in February. We had 400 parents participate in this workshop.
- Our annual Christmas Angels distributed gifts to more than 150 families in our school. This Inter-district project has been a part of our school for about 15 years in collaboration with the Fairfield community.
- Our school has completed the Home School Compact.

- Total Learning has been a very effective partnership in our lower grades for yet another year.

Central

Freshman Drawing student Lori Pham won an honorable mention in the "Donate Connecticut" Poster Contest.

She received a cash award and certificate for her poster designed to promote awareness of organ and tissue donation. We attended a ceremony at the State Capitol where organ recipients as well as donors were guest speakers.

Sculpture students Raul Infante, Djessica Lima, Shernice Mitchell, Christina Cuevas and Valerie Ocana had their work on display at City Lights Gallery in Bridgeport for an exhibit featuring the works of professional artists. The title of the show was "RECYCLED" and all of the student art was created using found objects and recyclable materials.

For Youth Arts Month (March), my students had work displayed at the CEA headquarters in Hartford. David Enriquez created a triptych of paintings with Peace as the theme. These were framed and on display in the main lobby. Other student work covered the bulletin board outside of the conference room.

Classical Studies

Among the great things that have taken place at our school this year are the following:

- Family welcome back picnic the Sunday before school started
- Kick off rally for PBS
- Back to School Night
- Performance by the Rhinelander String Trio
- Participation at Watermark at 3030 Park for enrichment activities
- Parent Academy monthly meetings throughout the school year with guest speakers
- Three different performances by the Tanglewood Marionettes over the course of the school year
- A school-wide collaborative effort to help a family burnt out of their home
- Grade 5 went to Sturbridge Village
- Annual city-wide Read-Aloud
- A visit by the primary grades to Wells Hollow Farms
- McTeacher's Night at the local McDonald's Restaurant
- Thanksgiving food drive
- Trip for Grades 4, 5 and 6 to the Bridgeport Sound Tigers Hockey game
- RIF
- The Helen Keller International Child Sight Program
- Art students visited the Aldridge Museum in Ridgefield
- Hispanic Heritage Read-Aloud
- Fall Book Fair
- Report card conferences
- Connecticut Smiles Mobile Dentist
- Quarterly Academic Awards Assemblies
- Special Reading to students sponsored by the local McDonald's Restaurant
- Workshops by the Fire Department on fire prevention
- Monthly SLT meetings

- Pictures with Santa Claus
- Annual Holiday Show
- Student holiday dance
- School store (quarterly)
- School wide relief efforts to assist families in Haiti
- Fund raiser for the American Red Cross for Haitian victims
- Grade 3 visited the Old State House in Hartford
- Fisher Musician Foundation came to work with the stringed instrument classes

COLUMBUS SCHOOL

- Instrumental Enrichment classes grades 3 (new students tested) and 4 (continuing from 2009-2010 and grade 5 added this year. Certificates awarded to 3 teachers and 1 former principal.
- University Student Partnership with Sacred Heart University and University of Bridgeport—approximately 30 students helping in classrooms.
- Two parent workshops CMTs
- After school sessions with teacher volunteer mentors for students to use computers with Study Island test prep for CMT
- Safety Program on March 26 for all grades
- Many after school clubs – teachers volunteered their time (drama club, walking club, cheerleaders, girls social club, math club, girl scouts, newspaper club, girls self-defense class, dance team, science club
- Steering Committee Meeting every Friday morning at 7:45 – 8:30 a.m.
- Accelerator Reader Contest
- Staff Breakfasts 3 times a year to promote congeniality
- Evening of the Arts Performance for parents
- Poetry Slam – evening event
- District Math Meet – tied for 1st place
- Monthly Read Alouds
- Science Fair
- Career Day with many guest speakers
- Fall concert and spring concert
- Student of the Month breakfasts – parents invited
- Monthly SLT meetings

- Monthly PAC meetings
- Online testing award ceremonies
- Student Council
- Weekly voluntary PBS meetings
- All day Saturday – DATA Team Seminar
- Y.A.R.C. participation
- Bi-weekly DATA Team meetings
- Peer Mediation
- Black History Month presentation
- Two dances for 7th & 8th gr. students as a reward for positive behavior and passing grades
- S.T.A.R. Booster Days – in conjunction with PBS
- School performance – A Christmas Carol
- Canned Food Drive
- The Nathaniel Cousin's Reading Challenge

Dunbar

- Bluefish Reading Program- students were given a free ticket and dinner to a Bluefish game if they read the minimum number of books assigned by teachers according to grade level.
- B.E.A.R. Party (Be Enthusiastic About Reading). K-3 monthly reading celebrations.
- Buddy Reading Program- Older students read weekly to younger students.
- MOTIVATE- Mentors from Sacred Heart University work with students weekly
- Honor Roll Breakfast- Each marking period has a breakfast for students making honors.
- Pep Rally for CMT's. Pep rally and games to motivate students to do well on the CMT's.
- Numerous Field Trips to Eastern State University, Southern Connecticut State University, Fairfield University, and University of Bridgeport
- Gear Up Program for Grade 8 students.
- Field Day Activities
- Surprise Uniform Dance-Grades 6-8
- Caroling for Seniors

- Dunbar Dollars Program-Students earn Dunbar dollars for positive behaviors. They can be used to purchase items from the school store.
- Student suggestion box started.
- School Safety patrol

Edison

- Developed and cultivated a positive school climate through 'Positive – Behavioral - Support Interventions' which fostered respect, responsibility, and safety among students. As a result, we are proud to announce 'ZERO' suspensions for the 2009-2010 school year.
- Implemented PD 360 Professional Development program: PD 360 On Demand is a professional learning resource for teachers. It consists of a web based library of over 70 research - based professional development programs. The programs are broken into hundreds of searchable segments that empowered teachers to access instant answers and individualized support. This PD was particularly helpful in the area of differentiation and SRBI.
- Provided literacy workshops for parents and their children that enabled them to better support fluency and comprehension strategies in the home.
- Celebrated scholar successes on a monthly basis by recognizing positive academic or behavioral achievements. (Student and Citizen of the Month) Parents/Guardians were invited to all celebrations which resulted in an increase of parental participation within the school.
- Provided teachers the opportunity to meet by grade level with educational consultant monthly. During these meetings, the consultant guided the teams to use relevant data to determine the effectiveness of their actions designed to achieve identified student outcomes. This process contributed to student growth that was evidenced by on line assessment scores in reading.
- Socio-economic relationships between New Canaan High School and Edison School students continue to strengthen through an annual event of well organized physical activities sponsored by New Canaan staff and students on the New Canaan campus.
- Community partnerships offered additional resources to support science and social studies curriculum. Volunteers from community supports provided tutor and mentoring services.

Geraldine Johnson

Johnson School's EXPECT GREAT THINGS:

In the District Science Fair, Johnson School had three winners: 1st and 3rd place in Eighth Grade and 2nd place in Seventh Grade

In the Math Meet, Johnson School was awarded the title, "Most Improved Middle School."

Received a grant from United Way of Coastal Fairfield County in the amount of \$78, 000 to fund an after school tutoring program for students in grades K-3, to enhance the School Volunteer Association daytime tutoring program, to reward students for perfect attendance and to cover the costs of training grandparent volunteers to work in K-3 classrooms.

Received a check from Sikorsky in the amount of \$900 for teacher supplies in grades Pk-2.

Hosted Career Day on May 4th for students in grades PK-8 with 25 presenters from various professions some of whom were parents of our students and staff. At that time, Geraldine W. Johnson was a guest speaker for the 8th grade classes providing encouraging remarks about preparing for professional careers.

Continued for a second year the TEAMS Partnership with Discovery Museum whereby one of our fifth grade classes works on special projects related to science with a class from a neighboring town.

Established a partnership with LINKS, a local organization devoted to community outreach programs, to enhance our reading curriculum with cultural experiences. Geraldine W. Johnson is a member of the LINKS Program.

The installation of the United Way Born Learning Trail was completed in November for all PK-grade 2 students and their parents to utilize during arrival and dismissal times.

General Electric volunteers have created a flower garden, complete with a learning lesson, at the main entrance to Johnson School. A sequence of activity cards and posted signs lead students and guests along a learning trail about insects, flowers, photosynthesis and the rain cycle.

Hallen School 2009-2010

Instructional Strategies to Improve Instruction

Hallen School Makes Safe Harbor

- Learning Walks
- Data Analysis (Forensic Data Analysis to pinpoint individual student needs, identifying 10% of students to move to the next level, displaying student achievement data and explaining it to children)
- Word Wizard
- Tutoring
- SES
- Lighthouse
- SBRR
- On-line Testing
- Differentiated Instruction
- Academically Rigorous Literacy Work Stations
- Accountable Talk
- NUA
- Black History Program and Concert
- Meet the Author in Celebration of Black History Month

Staff Development

- Data Teams
- Data Walls

- Looking at Student work
- Coaches reviewing data walls with teachers and students
- Data Driven Instruction
- Fluency Module

Extra Curricular Activities

- Writer's Club
- Girl's and Boy's Basketball
- Math Enhancement Club
- Co- Ed Drill Team
- Art Club
- Tennis
- Discovery Museum

Community Partnerships

- Connecticut Bar Association
- University Affiliations
- Bd. Of Trustees Bayview

Parent Component

- Student of Month Breakfast
- Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance Celebrations
- Monthly Calendar
- E-Mail Lists
- Craft Night
- Family Literacy Night
- Family Math Night
- Bluefish Literacy Night (over 100 families participated)
- End of Year Program for Year
- Academic Support Meetings for parents based on SAT referrals
- Family CMT Support Night
- Holiday and End of Year Concerts

High Horizons Magnet

2009-2010

Highlights

- High Horizons Magnet School has been recognized as 2009-2010 success story by the Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now (CONNCAN) for outstanding student achievement in the Low-Socioeconomic category.

- Grades 5-8 String Student Collaboration with the Enso Quartet, an international string quartet sponsored by the organization Music for Youth.
- Four Hundred and fifty students in grades K-8 published a book during the 6th annual Young Authors and Read Conference May 2010.

HIGH HORIZONS MAGNET RAISED OVER \$4,000 FOR JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF TWO STUDENTS AT HIGH HORIZONS COURAGEOUSLY MANAGING JUVENILE DIABETES

JOHN WINTHROP SCHOOL

School Talent Show K – 8 “Winthrop’s Got Talent Too”

John Winthrop School wrote and received a cultural enrichment grant tied into our Read 180 Program.

Took 6,7 and 8th grade students to the United Nations with the grant money.

Academic Preview 2010 – 2011 New Grade Level Introduction and Information to Parents

Native American Project for parents

Kindergarten

Young Authors Contest Recognition

Grade 1

Young Authors Contest Recognition

Bi-weekly visits to local library paired with monthly book report ceremonies to stimulate parents reading with their children. We had consistent attendance from parents.

We had 3 – 5 Math Centers daily in addition to Literacy Centers.

Collaboration with Harding High School on Technology

Grade 2

Young Authors Contest Recognition

Chinese New Year Celebration with grade 2 ESL students and parents

Poetry Tea - Presented Poem Books along with Poem Reading

2 Parental Workshops on DRA fluency, comprehension and non-fiction questions

Grade 3

Young Authors Contest Recognition

Grade 4

Young Authors Contest Recognition

Aquarion Essay Contest Grand Prize Winner

Aquarion Essay Contest Runner-Up

Grade 5

Young Authors Contest Recognition

Governor’s Summer Reading Challenge Certificate of Recognition

Guest Author, Catherine Urbain – Manuel and the Lobsterman

Grade 6

Links Art Contest 1st Place
Black History Contest 3rd Place
Young Authors Contest Recognition

Grade 7

Poetry Slam
Poetry Books in collaboration with High Horizons
Guest Author on the Writing Process, Barbara Mariconda

Grade 8

Laws of Life Writing Contest 1st Place
Young Author's Contest Recognition
District Math Meet 4th Place
District Science Fair Honorable Mention
Stock Market Game Winners

Luís Muñoz Marín School

- We had a very successful "Empowering Women" event in March for mothers and daughters. We also had health screeners from Optimus as well as the Census tables to educate and screen parents and students.
- We had a Father /son evening in May, entitled "Boys Night Out," with over 300 participants.
- In November we had the Puerto Rican Heritage celebration.
- In February we had the "Black History Month" celebration
- December our choir gave a concert at Health Net.
- In October we had "Hispanic Heritage" daily readings.
- January, we had daily readings on the accomplishments of Martin Luther King.
- In April we had the Easter egg hunt and photos with the Easter Bunny. June we had our "parent-teacher" appreciation day.
- Mr. Douglas just arrived and reminded me of additional important events I had left out:
- CMT recognition and celebration for children who came everyday prepared and ready to do their best.
- "Math Night Bingo" for the parents.
- Math preparedness workshop for the parents during the day.
- CPR training for parents.
- Young Authors (YAR) celebration for students and parents.
- Monthly "Student of the Month" celebration.
- Honor Roll Breakfast in June
- Awards Assemblies in June.

Madison School

- Cambridge involvement- it has validated our belief that our children can excel and realize their full potential. We are focusing on student learning and all staff have embraced this initiative.
- PBS model- as a result of our positive behavior support system our student have made dramatic growth in mediating disagreements, conflict resolution and using appropriate social skills.

- Our new alliance with Sikorsky Maintenance and all the great activities we've done together- planting & clean up, Earth Day, Read Alouds & mentoring.
- Our new SMART Boards- I was able to access grant money to advance technology at Madison

Make the grade/PCA

- 1) Make the Grade Open House for incoming scholars and parents- 6/10/10
- 2) PBS implemented at PCA – Kick-Off in March 2010
- 3) PCA , 3 winners for 2010 PAC/English Dept Annual Creative Writing Contest
- 4) Make the Grade 1st Annual Athletic Games Staff/Student Celebration at Beardsley Park
- 5) Make the Grade 1st Annual Athletic Games Staff/Student, per marking period
- 6) WiMentoring Yale Peabody Museum Field trip with MTG scholars on 6/3/10
- 7) Drop-Out Prevention MTG High School Visits with MTG scholars during April and May
- 8) PCA/MTG College Fair with Job Corp, Norwalk Community College, Art Institute of Technology, Porter and Chester
- 9) Bullying / Harassment Workshops presented in
- 10) Holiday Door Decoration contest 12/09
- 11) GBAC (Greater Bridgeport Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention) in for MTG/PCA in March 2010
- 12) Ct State Police Drug-Task Force Student Presentation for MTG on January 28,
- 13) Bluefish Tickers distributed to MTG in honor good citizenship
- 14) Workplace Site Visit, 3 PCA scholars
- 15) Staff of PCA and MTG attended Above the Line Training
- 16) PCA/MTG staff participation in Gear-Up Drop-Out Prevention workshop in May at the Holiday Inn
- 17) MTG Honor Award assemblies per marking period
- 18) PCA scholars participated in Bridgeport Public Schools Science Fair, picture in the Connecticut Post
- 19) MTG scholar placed Honorable Mention in District PAC Essay competition, in April
- 20) Hotspot and Bistro weekly social occasions for students earning PBS tickets
- 21) Beacon Mentoring Program, Ongoing 09/09-6/10, MTG and PCA scholars
- 22) MTG Valentine's social in February to support PBS
- 23) MTG Language Arts teacher, Mr. John Kelly was a Donors Choose recipient, " Help Support Positive Behavior"
- 24) Promotional Ceremony Celebration on Wednesday, June 16, 2010
- 25) School Store with PCA/MTG scholars building financial literacy skills
- 26) Chess Club for MTG scholars run by two teachers, ongoing
- 27) Making History Mini-grant, Social Studies advisory board participant, MTG, Mr. Stuart Amdur
- 28) WiMentoring end of the year celebration at Testos for MTG scholars

Multicultural Magnet

October: Picasso birthday party, Grade 3 Multicultural Studies class

November: Annual Chestnut Festival for entire school

Thanksgiving Day dinner for Kindergarten teaching songs in Portuguese

December: Annual Christmas Eve food in grades 1 to 3 Portuguese language classes

April: Stone Soup, Grade 2 Multicultural Studies class

Fashion Show video tape, grade 3 Portuguese Language class
Puppet show video tape, grade 2 Portuguese Language class
May: Bullard Havens Bakery trip, grade 2 Multicultural Studies class
Multicultural Show, committee member
June: Portuguese Language students march in parade in Bridgeport for dia de Portugal event
These are some of the major highlights.
Maria Conroy
Portuguese Language and Multicultural studies teacher

PARK CITY MAGNET SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Current Information on PCM

CMT scores - Met AYP related to NCLB, low summer school numbers, on CONNCAN's listing for top 10 schools in one category

Attendance – highest in district

Lighthouse Program – Active and well run

Differentiation and Leveled Learning

Reading and Language Arts

- Comprehensive Literacy Plan – Explicit Small Group Instruction in Reading – K-6 - District Supported
- Genres – 7/8 16, Book Clubs – Gear-Up support linked to High School
- Governor's Reading Challenge
- Winter, Spring and Summer Packets focused on Reading and Writing – PreK-8
- Writing – 7/8 (GE 49 participated w/ 3 winners to district levels and district writing prompts – process – linked to high school
- Poetry Slam at UB. 16 6th grade students attended with their parents and read their poetry and teacher read his. Link attached:

<http://www.ctpost.com/schools/article/Poetry-slam-releases-inner-thoughts-488050.php>

- Partnership for reading with JP Morgan Chase; Moms' Club of Fairfield, Parent Center
- 7th and 8th Grade Reading Buddies and Volunteers for lower grade classes
- GE Writing Contest winners to be honored at GE Corporate headquarters

Math

- Math Programs, Pacing Guides – Bubble Groups, In Class Coaching, Modeling
 - Soaring to New Heights – 4-6 – Goal and Advanced Students afterschool expanding during day with mentorships
 - Problem of the Week – K-6 facilitated by S.T.N.H.
 - Athena/Archimedes – Mentoring and Single Gender and Field Trips to colleges, high schools
 - Girls in Technology – every two years for 7th and 8th grade girls
 - Girls in Science – Laurelton Hall – 1st year-3 teams. 8th grade team placed 3rd/6th grade team won Math challenge
 - Winter, Spring, Summer Packets focused on Math – PreK-8
 - Census Activities
 - Family Pi Day
 - Partnership with State Farm; Pitney Bowes
 - District Math Meet winners for 7th and 8th grade; District Math Meet winners for 6th grade
- #### Science
- Prek-3- STS small groups; Prek-6-Labs varying in length based on grade level weekly
 - 7-8 Athena/Archimedes – Mentoring and Single Gender and Field trips to colleges, high schools, expanding Science Fair expectations
 - 6th Grade – Principal's Garden maintenance
 - Green Up Week – trees and flowers planted – clean up grounds – whole school
 - Edible Garden Grant for 10-11

- Wheelabrator National Symposium in Florida – students won the recycling award. Won Recycling Award
 - Recycling Program – Green Squad – first student run Recycling Program in city – 13+ tons reclaimed – will expand
 - Family Science Night at Discovery Museum
 - Partnerships with Discovery Museum, Maritime Museum-Touch Tanks/Field Trips, Stepping Stones Museum-Exhibits wk of 5/24
 - BioBus on site
- Social Studies
- Picturing America Grant
 - George Washington Grant - Porthole Print of George Washington to be dedicated in June
 - Working Together Club – 8th Grade (our student council)
 - Civics Club – Flag raising and lowering – mentorships
 - Debates, discussions, projects, website to communicate
 - “Be Our Guest” – day to focus on cultures around the world school wide

Technology

- Web-based programs: Renzulli, Thinking Reading, Study Island
- PreK-6 Computer Literacy – will be doing one technology enrichment session for 7th and 8th grade in 2010-2011
- Upgraded teacher/staff stations – Student stations to be upgraded

Programs

- Renzulli Learning – PreK-8 differentiated – all teachers trained
- Thinking Reader 6th grade – differentiated for level of learner – web-based reading
- Study Island – CMT support – school wide
- Courage to Speak 6th grade – focus on drug use and communication
- Principals’ Roundtable – 2 times year expanding to 3 times – dialogue with students for perspective
- “Three for Me” – parent involvement and monthly academic based parent PAC/SLT meetings
- Pandamonium – supports PBS tenets and behavior matrix of expectations
- Gear Up, Peer Mediation, Mentoring, Buddies
- Back to School Nights – 2 PreK-5 and 6-8 (with High School representation)
- Family Day – Physical Education – Physics and Science
- Musical and Mini Musical in alternating years, Mini Musical every other year, Carnegie Hall, Opera Assembly, Monthly assemblies, All District Chorus/Band

Read

The students at Read School in Bridgeport, Connecticut are “Making a Difference, One Student at a Time!” The 8th grade students and Mrs. Ruggiero’s kindergarten class sponsored a service learning program throughout the school year. “Service Learning is a teaching and learning strategy that integrates meaningful community service with instruction and reflection to enrich the learning experience, teach civic responsibility, and strengthen communities.” (<http://servicelearning.org>) We held numerous projects throughout the school year.

September 2010

Alex’s Lemonade Stand

For our first project we held a lemonade stand to support Alex’s Lemonade Foundation. During our Back to School Night, we spent the evening selling lemonade and chocolate chip cookies by hosting an Alex’s Lemonade Stand to fight childhood cancer. We spent days preparing for this stand, with our lemonade stand, mini stands in the classroom, our online donation page and with the help of local businesses, we were able to raise over \$800 to send to Alex’s Lemonade Stand Foundation. One little girl in the 4th grade donated her entire penny collection! Throughout the

month of September, the students learned the Power of One. The students worked hard in their classes learning about Alex and her story as well as other organizations that students have created across the world. The students received a handout which explained what service learning was and what they would be doing during the school year. The difference between service learning and community service is that the service learning is brought directly back to the classroom. To begin the lesson, the students listened to Michael Jackson's "Man in the Mirror" song. The students had to write their thoughts as they listened to the song about making a change. We then read the story Alex and the Amazing Lemonade Stand. The students then broke up into groups and discussed "The Power of One" and how you can take life situations and "turn lemons into lemonade". They also received a project which was due at the end of our unit. The project allowed for different choices based on the students' preference. The students also explored different organizations created by children. A number of students volunteered their time to help our lemonade stand. They worked hard on getting things ready, making posters, and we also asked the community to get involved. The students are took great pride in their work.

October 2010

Bridgeport Animal Shelter Project

The students participated in National Make a Difference Day by helping the Bridgeport Animal Shelter. They asked all of the students and staff to bring in items for the animal shelter. The students sponsored a contest for National Make a Difference Day. Each homeroom was asked to bring in items for the animal shelter. Each item was assigned a point value. The homeroom who scored the most points won an ice cream party. The 8th graders and Mrs. Ruggiero's kindergarten class had a visit from Officer Jimmy Gonzalez and Melissa Kuian from the Bridgeport Animal Shelter. They taught the students what to do if they came across a stray animal and explained about the shelter. The students wrote creative writing assignments from the point of view of an animal. The students donated 353 cans/bags of dog food, 56 towels, 25 toys, 388 cans/bottles and 55 miscellaneous items as well as almost \$100 for the animal shelter.

November 2010

Thanksgiving Food Drive

This month the students conducted a food drive to assist Bridgeport's Hunger Outreach Program. We chose to help The Daughters of Charity a local food bank in our neighborhood. Our goal was to collect at least 1000 food items. We collected 1035 food items for the local food bank. We also had students, faculty and family members working at the food bank on a Saturday and Sunday preparing food baskets and handing them out to families in need. The students completed an informational writing assignment as they learned about the hunger statistics for their city, state, country and world.

December 2010

Toy Drive

This month the students held a toy drive. We collected new and gently used toys for the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. We collected over 600 toys for the children. The students also read The Giving Tree and learned about the joy of giving and learned that all gifts did not have to be bought from the store. This is what two students wrote "We learned how it felt to give a gift from the heart, which was priceless. Through this process, we made the holidays for some children much better than they would have been. In class we learned that sometimes the best gift you can give someone does not cost you any money. From this experience, we can all say it is truly better to give rather than receive."

January 2010

Family Dinner Night

Jeans for Haiti

This month we worked on two projects. We promoted family dinner night by sending home activities for the families to do at home. This was also the time of the earthquake in Haiti. The benefits of service learning in our school are beginning to show. After the earthquake in Haiti, a number of 8th grade students approached us and asked us what we could do to help the citizens

of Haiti. They came up with a Jeans for Haiti Day. Our Jeans for Haiti Day was extremely successful. Through generous donations we raised \$1800 to send to Help for Haiti, Inc. Our money is directly helping children who are living in Haiti. We have been in contact with the orphanage that we have helped. We have pictures of the children that we helped. We know that our donation is going directly to the needs of children in Haiti. They will continue to stay in contact with us and will continue to let us know what their needs are to see if we can help them further.

April 2010

March of Dimes

Read School Health Fair

Read School Cookbook Sale

This month the students held another dress down day fundraiser to help support the March of Dimes. We raised \$900 to send to the March of Dimes

The students also learned about healthy eating. During the April report card conferences, we held a Read School Health Fair. At the health fair students and parents learned about a healthy breakfast, healthy snacks, the importance of physical activity and the food pyramid. Students could join the Read School Two Bite Club. They were encouraged to try two new foods that they never had before to join the club! We also sold Read School Cookbooks with delicious recipes that were submitted by the students and staff of Read School. We also asked families to support the Vision 5k Run. This run helps organizations who provide assistance for people who are blind or legally blind. One of our 8th grade students will be participating in the run and he sold bracelets to help raise money for his team. Parents could also get information from our corporate sponsor United Health Care of Trumbull and from the Southwest Clinic which is located in Read School.

June 2010

Books of Hope

The students created books for the students in Uganda, Africa. This is the fourth year that the students have completed this project. We work with the School of Ethical Education for this project. The students have taken this project in a whole new direction. They wanted to do more for the students in Uganda. They asked Mrs. McLeod if they could organize a dress down day fundraiser for the students in Uganda. Our dress down day was held on May 21, 2010 for Books of Hope and the students raised over \$1000 to send to our sister school Lungulu School in Uganda along with the books they made and supplies. On June 3, 2010 we held a celebration for the Books of Hope. Dr. Ramos along with parents, staff and students came to celebrate the wonderful accomplishments of our students.

In addition the teachers involved, received several grants to assist with the projects.

Mrs. Patricia Marini and Mrs. Marlo Verrastro-Ruggiero received a grant from the Bridgeport Education Fund for Service Learning

Mrs. Patricia Marini received a grant from United Health Heroes for Healthy Eating

Mrs. Marlo Verrastro-Ruggiero and Mrs. Lisa Farrell received a grant from School of Ethical Education (SEE) for Books of Hope

SKANE SCHOOL

September-

- Circus at Beardsley Zoo

October

- Open House
- Day Event-A visit from Fire Department 15

November

- Family Fun Night-If you Give A Mouse A Cookie

December

- Toys to Tots-Toys to the children
- A visit from St. Nick
- Day Event- School Musical

January

- Family Fun Night-Dance of the Penguin

February

- Sleigh with Tom and Jerry
- Haiti Relief Week- Raised \$483.00 for Red Cross
- St. Judes Bike-a-thon-Raised \$460.00
- Night Event-Kindergarten Awareness
- PAC Meeting-Day-Speaker-Lead Poisoning

March

- Cat in the Hat
- Tom Weber-Sing-a-long day event
- 3. Day Event- Black History Show- with art work
- Pre School Awareness 9-11
- Puzzle Thon for Autism-Saturday Event
- PAC Meeting-Day-Speaker-Child Safety-Police Dept.

April

- Bridgeport Police Department-Spring Bunny with candy bunnies for children
- Family Fun Night-Radio Disney-Nutrition

May

- PAC Meeting-Night time Dinner with Speaker-Lead Poisoning

June

- International Day
- Pre-K Graduation

Thomas Hooker School

- Fall Festival
- Creation of cafeteria mural in collaboration with the Junior League of Eastern Fairfield County
- Connections program- connecting the home and school through cooking
- Breakfast with Santa
- Beautification of the Courtyard in collaboration with the Junior League of Eastern Fairfield County
- PAC writing contest winners
- Holiday Concert
- Multicultural Festival
- Second Induction of the National Junior Honor Society
- Math Meet Winners
- Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- GE writing contest winner
- Honor Roll Breakfast and Perfect Attendance Breakfast
- (end of the year celebration)
- Math Family Night
- Literacy Family Night
- 2 author presentations:
 - Rick Azzurra and Kate Ffeifer
 - CMT workshops for parents

- Grade level meetings for K, 1, 2; Presenters included the school psychologist, guidance counselor and teachers
- Kindergarten awareness program
- Health and Nutrition awareness for families
- Mother's Day celebration
- Star Student monthly meetings
- Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance student recognition
- Nature's Classroom trip for grade 5
- Washington, DC trip for grades 7-8

Waltersville

- Waltersville School's fifth grade math team tied for first place in the district math meet (Cherry Chen, Jose Carvajal, Estefan Morales, Talisha Ortiz and Joseph Bustamante)
- Jose Carvajal in fifth grade won first place in the fire safety contest for the district.
- Diego Elizondo won third place in the 2010 Poster Arts Contest for Fairfield County, The Links Incorporated.
- Justin Velazquez in seventh grade won the General Electric Community Improvement Writing Contest
- Simone Davenport and Michelle Serrano (eighth grade) won a poetry contest which entitled them to CT Writing Project scholarship. They attended with their writing teacher, Carey O'Shea.

Warren Harding High School

- Community Campaign
- Community Forums
- Learning and Teaching Institute
- Principal's Roundtable
- Career Fairs and Academy fairs
- College Summit
- Beautification Projects
- College Tours
- Mentoring
- Community Mental Health Providers Committee
- Medical Magnet Health Careers
- Health Fair
- Student Led Conversations
- Family Training Institute
- Learning Walks
- Habitat for Humanity
- Cheerleading Competition
- Girls' Focus Groups
- Peer Mediation
- We the People
- Grant Funding
- Applied Research Project

- Skills USA
- African American Awareness Celebration
- Cultural Saturdays