

# MUSTANG MEMO

## QUARTER 3 EDITION

### A MESSAGE FROM DR. GEDEON MOTT SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Greetings Mustangs Parents and Community Members!

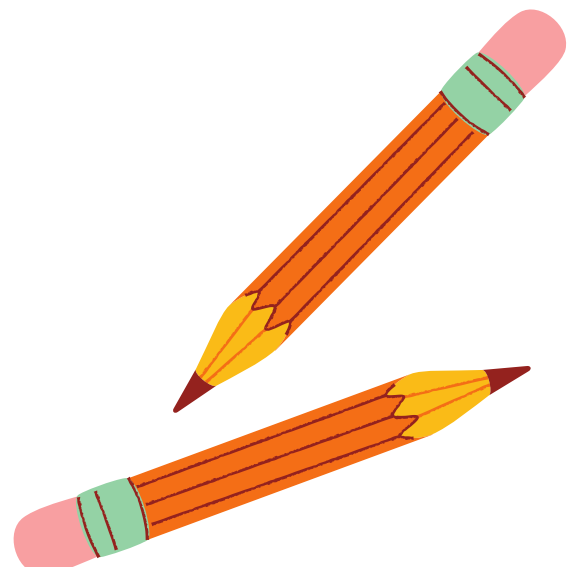
I trust that everyone had a relaxing, refreshing, and rejuvenating Mother's Day Month! While the countdown is on, there is still so much to discuss, so much information to share and so much news to celebrate within our Mustangs community! Our students in grades 3 have been absolutely fantastic during the first wave of Milestone of the NJSLA testing. What impresses me the most is how mentally prepared our students are! There have been little to no absences, students are coming to school on time, and the testing sessions have been pretty much flawless with little to no technology issues or other factors that can affect the testing window. While that's happening at the Mustangs house with the upper grade students, our primary grades students are busy continuing with learning and instruction!

As I think about the week since we last spoke, I'm reflective of the great work that we've accomplished this year and the work we continue to improve on as we make our way to the summer months. I have witnessed immense growth and our students, teachers and parents should be proud!

Dr. Wadner Gedeon, Principal

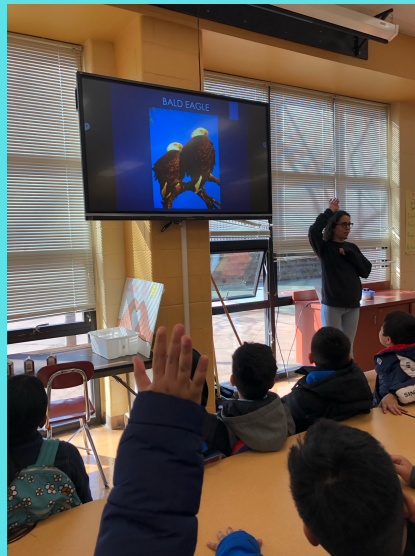
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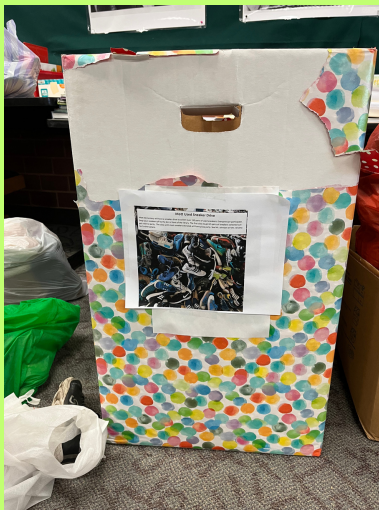
# FLY EAGLES, FLY!

Each year, Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey offers schools across Mercer County educational programs about bald eagles. Educators from Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey teach students about bald eagle identification, life cycles and adaptations. Additionally, students explore how bald eagles became endangered, and how we have seen their populations begin to bounce back to a sustainable number.



## SHOE DRIVE

Mr. Johnson, Mott School's librarian put together a shoe drive. All students and staff were able to donate old shoes and sneakers to raise money for our school. Students and staff donated over 300 pairs of shoes and earned a donut party!





# WE HAVE SPIRIT, YES WE DO...

Spirit Week took place to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday. We also celebrated the week before spring break with fun spirit wear!



## ...WE HAVE SPIRIT, LIGHT IT UP BLUE!

Staff wore matching shirts to raise awareness for autism. Students were encouraged to "light it up blue" too!





# LEARNING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Third grade students were able to travel through an interactive LEGO world full of imagination and color. Wave a magic wand to collect points as you go and see how your skills match up with the other passengers at the end. They were also able to explore and interact with the City of Brotherly Love at the spectacular miniature LEGO replica of the city's most loved landmarks built from more than a million LEGO bricks!



Third grade also was able to connect with wildlife and habitats and be inspired to conservation action in their own backyard and around the world at the Philadelphia Zoo.





# LEARNING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

Kindergarten and second grade staff and students learned about over 15,000 aquatic animals at the Adventure Aquarium.





# SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING COMES IN DIFFERENT FORMS

A number of assemblies took place to teach students about different social emotional concepts. This included, having a positive mindset with "Ned's Mindset Mission," finding the magic in you and being respectful with Joe Romano's "Magic in You," and learning how to be a great friend with David Gonzalez's "Aesop's Bops."





# CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month at Mott School started out strong with morning announcements. Students in Mrs. Robinson's class recited one quote a day about a famous African American in history. We also played the Black National Anthem each morning. There was a program held for parents that included singing, dancing, and celebrating black culture by our students!





# 100 DAYS SMARTER!

100 days of school later, our Mott Mustangs are 100 days smarter! Check out our "100 year old" students!

