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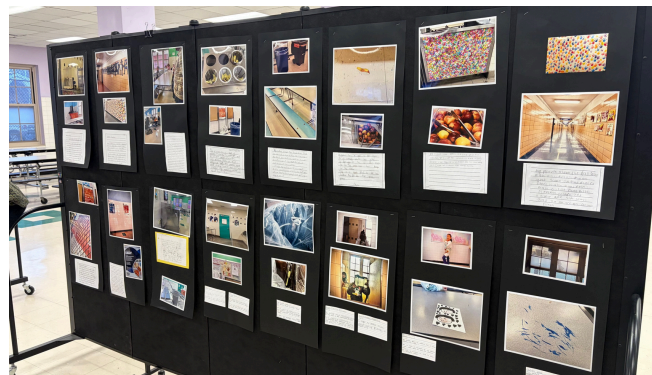
April 2026 Edition

Capturing Change: Third Grade Photojournalism Residency

Third grade students recently engaged in a powerful photojournalism residency in partnership with Magic Box Studio and resident artist Mr. K. As part of their PBL unit, Creating Change, students explored how images can communicate meaningful messages and inspire action.

Throughout the residency, students took photographs around the school, focusing on real issues within their community. Using their lenses, they captured moments that highlighted issues such as school cleanliness, lunchroom maintenance, and food waste. Each photograph was paired with student writing, allowing them to deepen their message and clearly express the story behind their work.

This hands-on experience not only strengthened students' photography and writing skills, but also empowered them to become thoughtful observers and changemakers. By combining visual storytelling with written reflection, students learned that their voices and their perspectives have the power to create meaningful change



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Student Government members continue to make a meaningful impact across the school community through their leadership, initiative, and commitment to service. With the support of Ms. Jones and Ms. Bonnadonna, students have taken on important projects that promote both school spirit and social responsibility.

One of their recent initiatives focused on heart health awareness, where students organized efforts to raise funds and spread awareness about the importance of maintaining a healthy heart. Their work not only supported a meaningful cause but also helped educate their peers.

Student Government members also partnered with second grade to support their PBL unit on leadership. Through this collaboration, they modeled what it means to be leaders within the school community, helping younger students understand the qualities of leadership and the importance of making a positive impact.

In addition, students created gratitude jars that will be distributed to classrooms, encouraging a culture of appreciation and kindness throughout the school. This initiative supports social-emotional learning by giving students and staff an opportunity to recognize and celebrate one another.

Through each of these efforts, Student Government continues to demonstrate that leadership is about action, empathy, and making a difference in the community.



Art That Speaks: Smartworks Residency with Mr. Gustavo

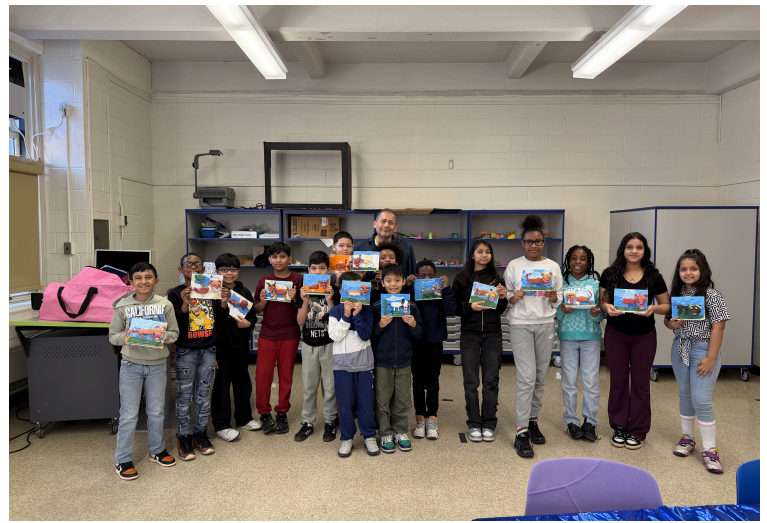
Students across multiple grade levels participated in a dynamic residency with Smartworks and resident artist Mr. Gustavo, where art became a powerful tool for expression and connection. This experience was designed to support and engage a group of students through meaningful, hands-on learning.

In grades K–1, students created Harvest Heroes, transforming fruits and vegetables into imaginative clay superheroes with creative names and bold personalities.

Students in grades 2–3 explored the Pop-Up Card Rigging Academy, designing interactive cards that spring to life, showing how art can be used to communicate and connect with others.

In grades 4–5, students worked on Endangered Species Relief Sculptures, crafting detailed clay pieces that highlighted endangered animals and raised awareness about environmental conservation.

With support from Ms. Thompson, students were able to fully engage in the creative process. This residency not only built artistic skills, but also empowered students to use their voices through art.



Important dates this month:

- No School: April 2nd– April 10th (SPRING BREAK)
- 3rd and 4th grade ELA State Test: April 14th and 15th
- 5th grade ELA State Test: April 21st and 22nd
- STEAM Ahead Night: April 21st
- 3rd and 4th grade Math State Test: April 28th and 29th

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