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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear PAELC Families—

Welcome to the month of February! As we venture into the second half of the school year, I again want to thank all of our parents for the tremendous amount of support that you have provided this year! I can't stress enough how much we appreciate your support and partnership during this very unusual time for our educational system.

During the last week of January, students and staff discussed and practiced kindness. This specific theme is near and dear to my heart. During times of uncertainty and challenge, it's so important to remember how demonstrating even a small dose of kindness can help to brighten someone's day!

While the learning conditions are very different this year, our goal remains to provide each child with a high quality school experience. Please continue to share your thoughts with us. We truly value your feedback and partnership!

Sincere regards,

Dr. Champagne-Lee

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 10TH: 2 HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 11TH & 12TH: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

FEBRUARY 15TH: NO SCHOOL - PRESIDENT'S DAY

FEBRUARY 16TH: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 16TH: SCHOOL BOARD MEETING @ 7PM

COUNSELORS' CORNER

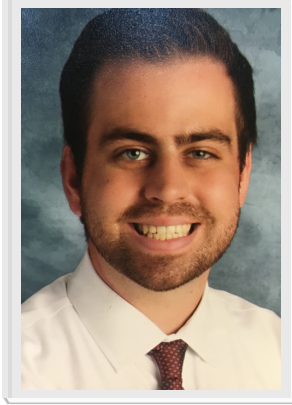
MS. DELLAQUILA AND MR. PARSONS

Click [HERE](#)
to view the Counselors'
Corner newsletter!

TAKE A PEEK INTO SOME OF OUR CLASSROOMS!

KINDERGARTEN

Mr. Diveny



Hello PAELC Community! My name is Mr. Diveny and I am one of the Kindergarten teachers here at PAELC. This is my third year teaching kindergarten. I really love all the fun learning activities that I am able to do with my students during reading and writing workshop this year. They are such a great bunch of learners!

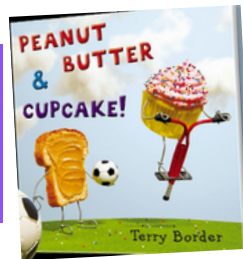
Recently, my students have been exploring the science topic of hibernation, or when some animals rest in the winter until it gets warm again in the springtime. Check out their special art craft to show where bears like to hibernate in the winter.



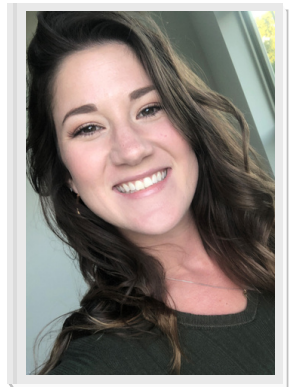
A and B Day Hybrid students showing off their projects!



We listened to the story Peanut Butter and Cupcake to jump start Kindness Week. Reasons we loved this book are "The pictures are colorful", "It is funny", and "Peanut Butter found a friend."



Ms. Lachman



Hello! My name is Ms. Lachman and I am a Kindergarten teacher here at PAELC! This is my second year at PAELC, but Kindergarten has been my special home for 6 years. I love teaching my students how to read. Being greeted by my students' smiling faces each morning shows me just how important my work is!

"I am a good friend when I share my toys."



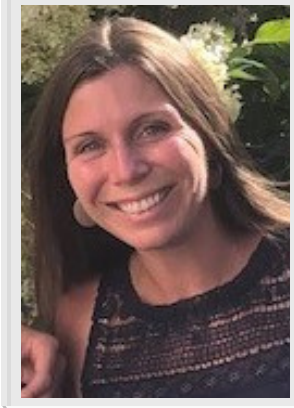
We brainstormed all of the ways we can be a good friend to others. Then, students completed a project by drawing themselves with a friend and writing one way they can be a good friend!



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FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Sturges



Hi there! My name is Mrs. Sturges and this is my 7th year in Phoenixville and my 10th year of teaching! I love teaching 1st Grade because it is an amazing year of growth in reading, writing, and math! I also love teaching 1st Grade because six and seven year olds have the best sense of humor. They bring such a smile to my face. I am so proud of my students for all of their hard work this year!!!



We love to read books in First Grade! The Book with No Pictures is our class favorite!!



We love to play math games to learn our addition facts!

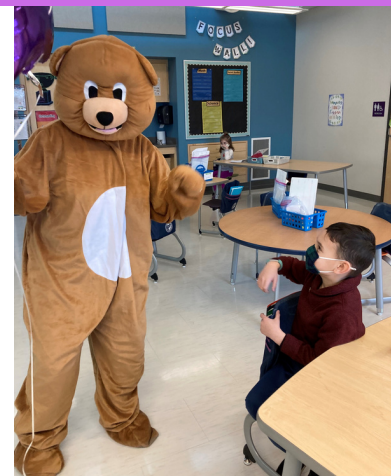
Mrs. Yelk



Reading to our pets and stuffed animals!



Our visit from the CUBS bear!



"Mrs. Yelk's class has been doing some amazing things online and in-person! We have become experts at reading non-fiction books aloud, as you can see in the pictures, and we have also become wonderful writers of non-fiction books! During CUBS week, we had a fun visit from the CUBS bear! This class is AWESOME!"

Relaxed and reading!



MS. SCHULTZ

MS. SCHULTZ MUSIC & MOVEMENT (Kindergarten)

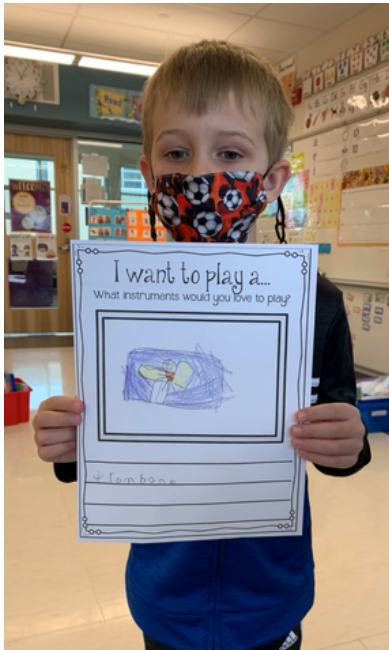


Kindergarten students have done an amazing job becoming musicians in Music & Movement! Students are learning various musical contrasts such as high/low, loud/soft, and up/down. Each week students explore a new place in a World Music lesson; we've learned about Guatemala, Hawaii, and Nigeria. Students also learned about all the instruments of the orchestra!

Ms. Schultz is a long-term substitute for Ms. Lovelidge.



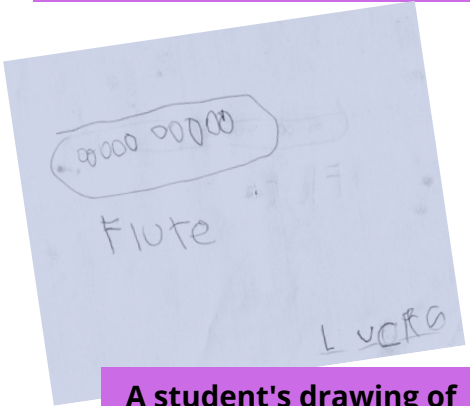
Mr. Holmes's class practicing their "Move It!" dance with their scarves.



Showing off his favorite brass instrument!



Mrs. Nash's class practicing the sign language song "One Small Voice!"



A student's drawing of his favorite woodwind instrument!

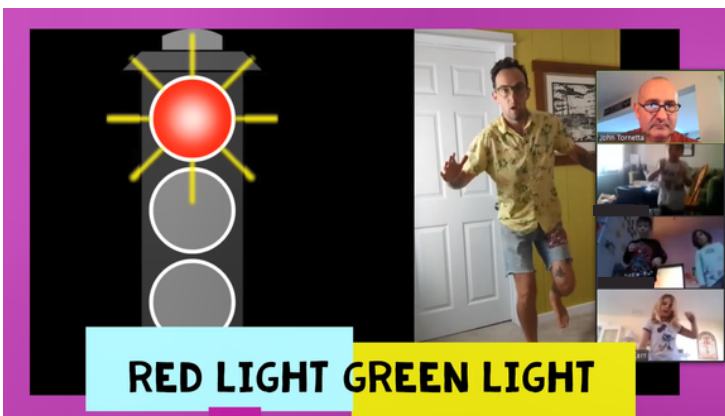
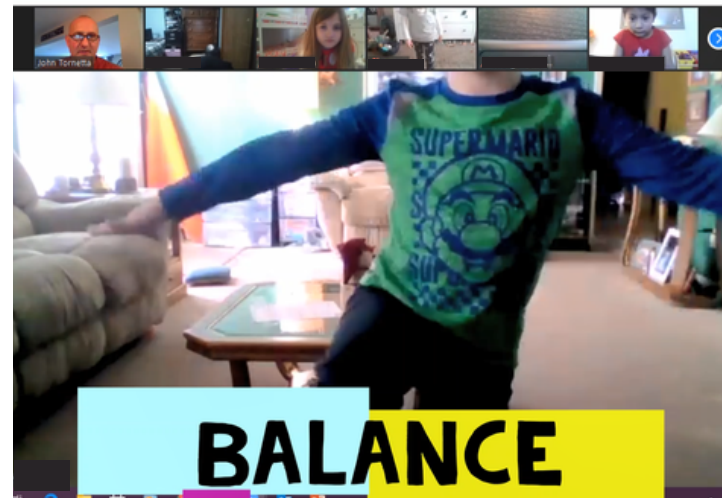
PAELC SPECIAL AREAS SPOTLIGHT

MR. TORNETTA

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Physical Education
(1st Grade)



First Grade has been doing a wonderful job participating in Physical Education! Whether it be Virtual or Hybrid, everyone is doing really well exercising and developing fundamental skills needed for second grade. Each class the students are asked to volunteer to be a leader for warm ups. We are looking forward to when we can get back into the gymnasium and fully participate in class. We miss them all.

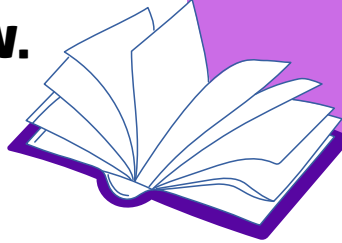


KIDS' QUOTES

"Fancy Nancy books" – Fiona G.

"Piggie and Gerald" – Pella W.

"Yeti Spaghetti" – Julian A.



"What book do you LOVE to read?"

"I love to read Happy Easter, Mouse!" – Mason H.

"I love to read Chicka Chicka Boom Boom." – Sophia D.

"Try a Little Kindness" – Krish P.

I love to read The Mitten. – Ingrid G.

My favorite book to read is called Owl Diaries. – Alex S.

"That book, The Long Dog." – Reagan M.

"The Book with No Pictures!" – James T.

"I love to read my Wild Kratz books." Tripp W.

"My Mr. Wolf books" – Duncan W.

"I really like It Didn't Frighten Me." – Chelsea U.

"Pinkalicious." – Abigail P.

"Star Wars." – Zaiden B.