

# THE CUBS COMMUNICATOR

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Dear Families,

**We have reached the close of the 2020–2021 school year. I am so pleased with the tremendous efforts of our staff, students, and families. This has been a year in which ongoing collaboration and perseverance have allowed us to successfully reach the end.**

**To my dear students—Please continue to read over the summer; reading throughout the summer months will help to keep your skills sharp. Enjoy!**

**I hope that the summer months provide each student and family with an opportunity for relaxation and fun. Whether you are a fan of the beach, swimming pool, sports, or simply lounging around your home, I wish you a peaceful and enjoyable summer break.**

**On behalf of the PAELC staff, we wish you a glorious summer vacation. We wish our first graders all the best during elementary school. We look forward to the upcoming new year of learning and excitement with our rising kindergarten and first grade students.**

**Educationally yours,  
Keya Champagne-Lee, Ed.D.  
Elementary Principal**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 4: Farewell to First Grade**

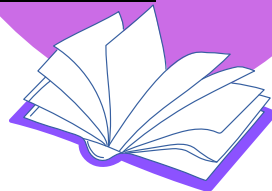
**June 9: Last student day (early dismissal for students)**

TAKE A PEEK INTO SOME OF OUR CLASSROOMS!

## KINDERGARTEN



Mrs. Hyland's class had a favorite book this year! Dragons Love Tacos is the best.



**Mrs. Hyland**



Hello! My name is Mrs. Hyland. I have been teaching here at PAELC for four years! I have wanted to be a teacher since I was a little girl. My favorite part about teaching Kindergarten is helping students learn how to read!

Our Kindergarten class has worked so hard all year long! We love listening to Mrs. Hyland read stories, playing on the playground, and science class. This class is **READY** to take on first grade!



Students in Mrs. Hyland's class had a blast painting Kindness Rocks for our community!

We created our own binoculars to use on a Safari animal hunt!



# CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

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## FIRST GRADE



**Mrs. Kryder**



Mrs. Kryder's class celebrated Kindness Day on Friday, May 21. They painted rocks and did classroom activities to celebrate Kindness Day, also known as 1-4-3 day.

I have been teaching in the Phoenixville Area School District for 20 years. I enjoy going to the beach, riding my bike, and spending time with my husband and 2 daughters.



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## FIRST GRADE



Students outside enjoying the beautiful weather at recess. Mrs. West's class loves to use sidewalk chalk, play tag, and have races during recess!



Students painting Kindness Rocks. They are looking forward to finding their rocks out in the community.



We have learned so much in 1st grade this year! In **Math**, we learned how to add and subtract to 120, tell time to the hour and half hour, identify solid and plane shapes, identify coins and their values, graphing, and more. In **Reading**, we learned comprehension and reading strategies to help us become better readers. The students also enjoyed writing a variety of stories and books. They have really rocked this school year!

### Mrs. West



Hi! My name is Mrs. West. I am in my 17th year of teaching in Phoenixville. I have taught 3rd and 4th Grade as well as 1st. I have taught 1st Grade for the past 11 years and have loved every minute of it! My favorite part of this school year has been having our whole class back in the classroom with me.



Mrs. West's students have been working hard in Math learning Addition and Subtraction with and without Regrouping within 120.

# STAFF SPOTLIGHT: NURSE'S OFFICE AND CUSTODIAL STAFF

THANK YOU TO OUR HARD WORKING STAFF! WE APPRECIATE YOU.



**Back row, from left to right: Anthony Johnson, Kevin Adie, Michelle Pantone, Trish Kinzel, Bob Raimondo**  
**Front row, from left to right: De'Andre Pearson, Margie Koch**



## MRS. JASTREM Certified School Nurse

**Years in PASD: 23**

**I have been working in the district since 1996!** Initially, I worked as a part-time health room nurse for East Pikeland Elementary while working full time in a hospital setting. I enjoyed working in the school so much that it prompted me to enroll in a School Nurse Program at Immaculata University, which changed the course of my nursing career.

**I love teaching and working with children, especially K-5!**



## MRS. FERRERA Health Room Nurse

**Years in PASD:** I've been working at PAELC and Manavon since the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. I love being there for students, parents and staff that need assistance. I also enjoy helping the younger kids feel more comfortable coming to the nurse's office when they need help.



## MRS. MOSCIA Health Room Nurse

**Years in PASD: 2**  
I love my job because the kids are so much fun to work with!

# PAELC SPECIAL AREAS SPOTLIGHT

**MR. COCCIA**

In Innovations and Explorations, students explored the world of STEM and digital citizenship. Students learned about the 4Cs of STEM (creativity, collaboration, communication, and critical thinking) through a variety of engaging activities.

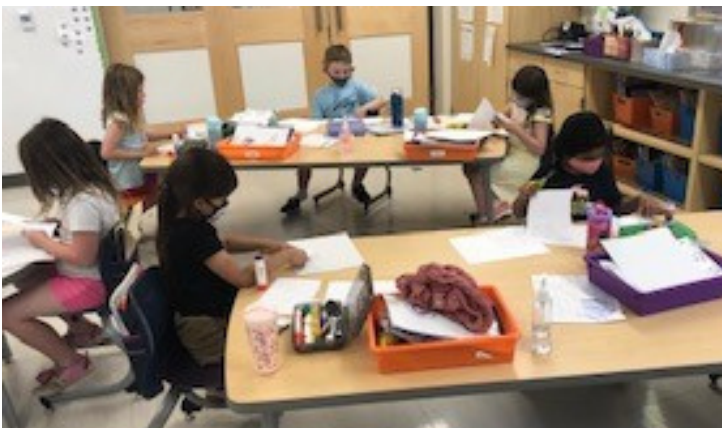


This is "Sparky the Robot"! Sparky follows all the CUBS Rules and listens and watches the students work during Innovations and Explorations class. Sparky sometimes likes to hold Mr. Coccia's water bottle... and hopefully he does not drink it, because Mr. Coccia loves to stay hydrated!

## MR. COCCIA INNOVATION & EXPLORATION (Kindergarten)

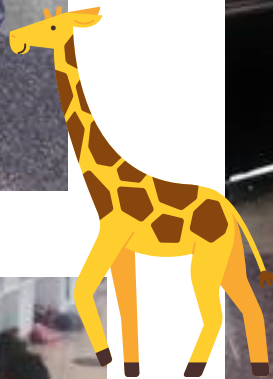
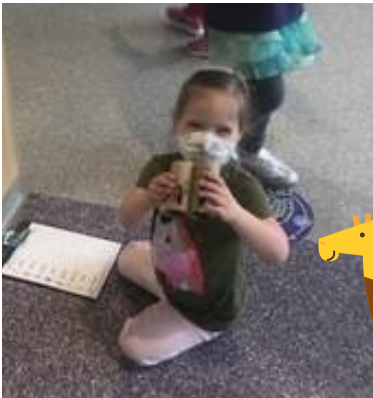


In these photos, students are designing their own houses made of paper! They planned, cut, and glued together shapes to create a structure.





**KINDNESS DAY**  
On May 21st, we celebrated a school-wide Kindness Day. Students decorated "Kindness Rocks", which will be placed around the district and in the local community.



Students in Mrs. Frack's class went on an indoor safari hunt! They made binoculars and then had fun searching for animals all throughout the halls. Students kept track of how many of each animal they found and graphed them. What a fun Zoo Day!



Mrs. Gutierrez's class has been learning about plant parts. They went on a seed hunt and found lots of seeds!



Mrs. Gutierrez's class also had a GLOW day! They played Jenga, ring toss, connect four, and bowled while adding and subtracting.



KIDS' QUOTES

"What was something you loved learning about this year?"

"I loved learning about writing." –Matthew P.

"I loved learning how to read." –Maddie S.

"How moths and butterflies are different." –Michael M.

"I liked learning about subtraction." –Adam E.

"My favorite thing is science." –Ryder S.

"I liked learning about math!" –Alex S.

"Learning about living things and nonliving things." –Finn M.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

MS. DELLAQUILA AND MR. PARSONS



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