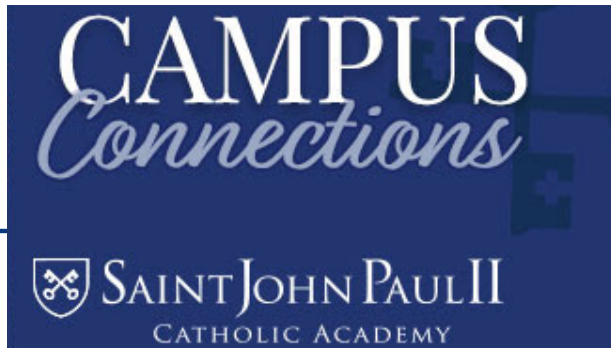


MAY 2022



A Message From The Regional Director

Dear Parents,

Happy Spring!! It's amazing to think that we are in the final stretch of the school year. Where did the year go? When we began in the fall, we had no idea how this year would unfold. We were excited to be back together, but anxious as well. We would not have been as successful without your support, help, and trust. Our families have been fantastic! Our leaders, teachers and staff have worn multiple hats, been flexible, and remained joyful in the midst of challenges! This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week! Please join me in thanking all teachers, leaders and staff this week! Our teachers continually call our students to be known, loved and called to excellence!

We are excited to report that over 83% of students have reenrolled for the 2022-2023 school year and that number continues to grow. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your campus principal or our business office if you need financial help with re-registration or tuition. Our staff will also help you fill out forms and apply for aid. We have staff that can translate. Reminder: Re-registration is due: pay the deposit to hold a seat in September. Invite other students to enroll and earn \$100 credit towards your tuition balance.

Our final round of MAP testing for K2-8 began last week. Please make sure your children are in school and on time. We have seen great growth this year, and in the past five years, and are excited to see the academic growth of our students!

We will be offering our Summer Program at our Lower Mills campus again this summer. Please return your applications as soon as possible so we can plan for staffing.

Blessings to you and your family,

Kate Brandley, Regional Director

Where students are known, loved and called to excellence.

Where students become leaders with faith and values.

Where students succeed with outstanding academics

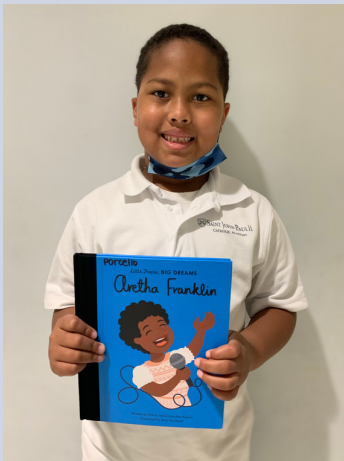
Where students thrive in a safe and diverse community.



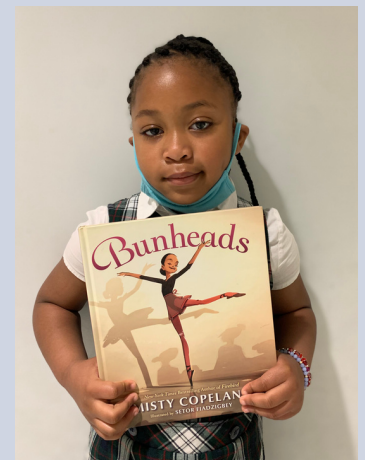
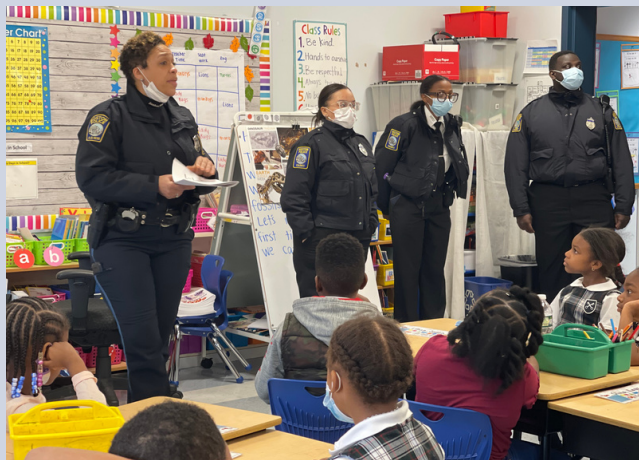
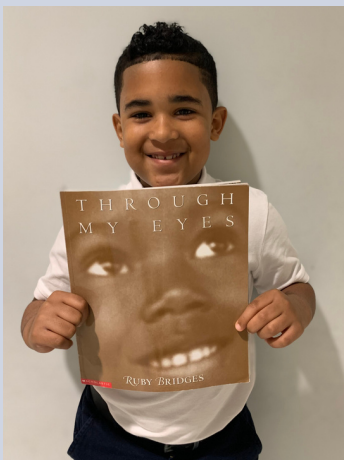
Lower Mills News



STEM is such an important part of the curriculum for #LowerMillsLEADERS! In K1B, we have been doing lots of exploring! We learned about the north and south poles of magnets, and how they work. We had fun mixing colors, and did a cool experiment and even made water walk! K1B students learned all about how our bodies work, and how to keep them healthy- we had lots of fun, and even listened to our heartbeats! We loved using the special Body Vest to learn where the organs are located. I know we have some future scientists and doctors for sure here at Lower Mills!

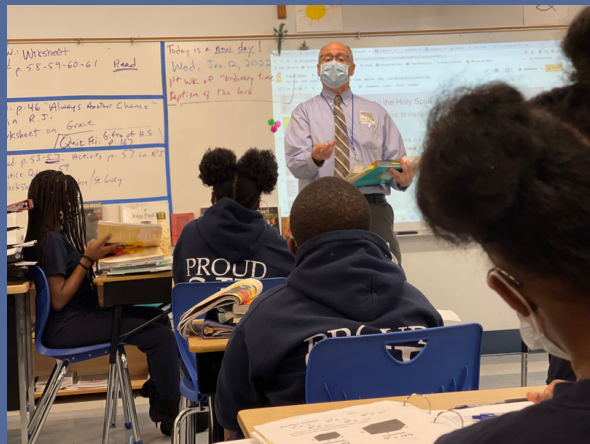
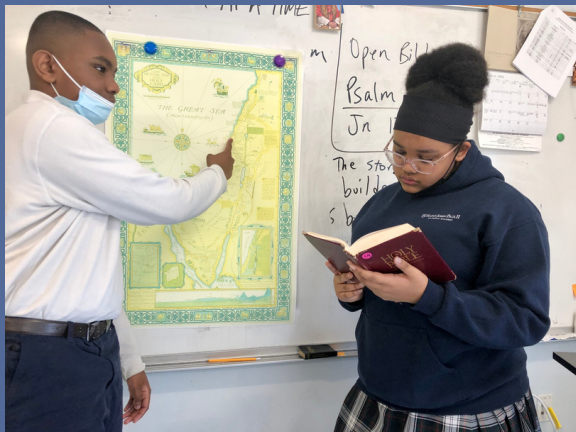


We are proud to celebrate Women's History Month at Lower Mills! First graders celebrated Women's History Month in a variety of ways. Each morning we listened to a read-aloud which highlighted a diverse and remarkable woman. After we listened to the read-alouds, we discussed what we learned about these women as a class. In addition, we also talked about important women in our own lives! First graders learned about influential women from all over the world. Some of these women included Beyonce, Michelle Obama, Susan B. Anthony, Frida Kahlo, Patsy Mink, Madam C. J. Walker and many more. We all enjoyed learning about so many special women in history! #LowerMillsLEADERS have been visited each week by some of our female Community Policing Champions from Boston Police Department- we love learning about their experiences and leadership both on and off the job. The female officers who join our classroom teach us lots of things about safety in our community, friendship, and making positive choices- we are learning so much from them and each other!



Lower Mills News

#LowerMillsLEADERS in 7B Religion entered into the liturgical season of Lent, as did our other Middle School grades, with a renewal of the three-fold commitment to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that prepares our hearts and minds for the Paschal Mystery and the joy of Easter. Students' commitment to prayer is evident from their efforts in class and with the daily Angelus; and from our rewarding visit to St. Gregory Church where students led the traditional Catholic devotion of the Stations of the Cross. As part of the Archdiocesan "Made in His Image" Program, students heard Lenten messages of hope from the Sisters of Life, who exhorted students to remember that God loves us all, wants all of us to be close to Him, and restores us when we fall short; and from Jason Evert (chastity.com) who spoke frankly reminding students that the virtue of chastity puts us on the path God has created for us -- a path of true, authentic, God-like love. Preparation for Holy Week involved regular use of the Bible and discussion of special liturgical events, culminating in a shared reading of the Passion of our Lord from the Gospel of St. John. Lower Mills students participated in the school-wide almsgiving effort in concert with St. Gregory Parish and kept up their own private Lenten disciplines of fasting and/or abstinence (giving up candy or bad habits were the most popular) and journaled about their efforts, mindful of Jesus' words that we must take up our cross and follow Him.





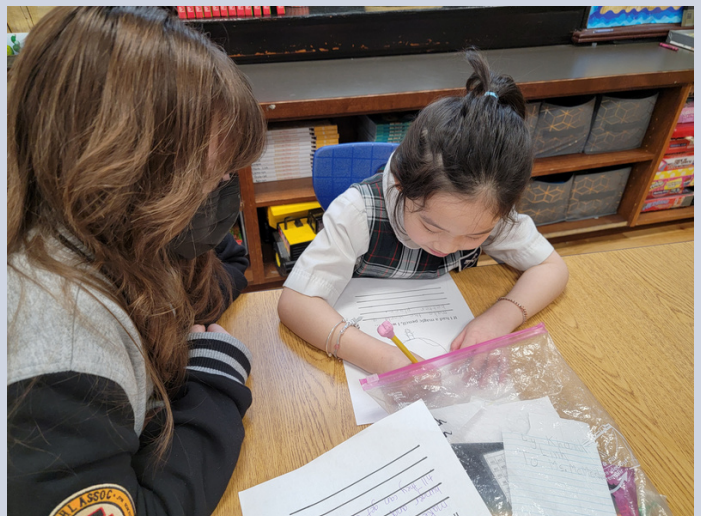
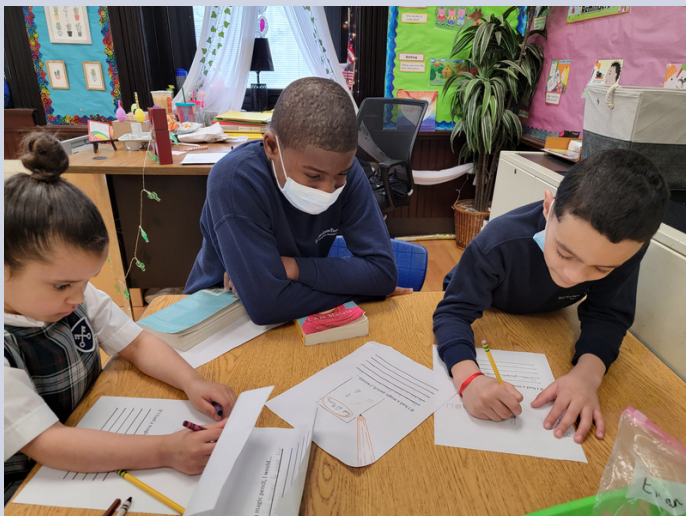
This month in the toddler classroom, we have been working on planting and gardening. The children planted green beans in plastic bags. Each morning, they watered their seeds in the bags. The seeds grew very quickly within a week. We read "Vegetable Garden" and "The Tiny Seed" during circle time. The children had fun watching their seeds grow over the weeks. On Friday, they each got to take their plants home.

In February, grade five students at the Columbia campus partnered with a local nonprofit organization called Annie's Kindness Blankets. The mission of Annie's Kindness Blankets is to send warm no-sew blankets to anyone who may be struggling or experiencing a difficult time. They rely on volunteers like the fifth graders here at Columbia. As a class, our fifth graders were able to make 8 blankets which will be given out to people in need. They will be given to St. Mary's Center for Women and Children in Dorchester. Through this experience, grade five learned more about the importance of kindness, giving back, and taking the time to act selflessly for others. It was also a fun and relaxing activity to celebrate the hard work of our amazing students before February vacation!



Columbia News

Grade 6 recently visited 1st grade to teach them about Malala Yousafzai, the author and education activist. Although grade 6 students are reading Malala's memoir, *I Am Malala*, with 1st grade students they read Malala's picture book called *Malala's Magic Pencil*. Grade 6 discussed the book in small groups with the 1st graders after the reading, and helped them complete a writing and drawing activity based on the book. Together they came up with ways they would positively change the world with a magic pencil.

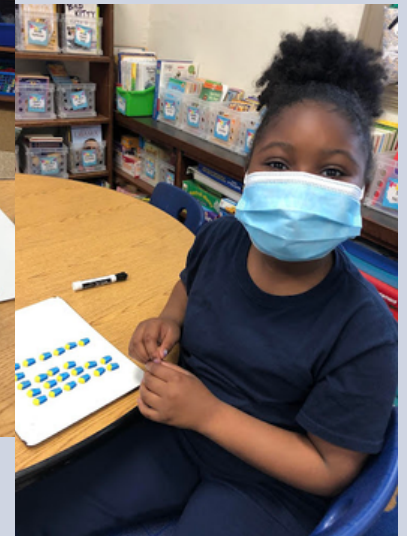
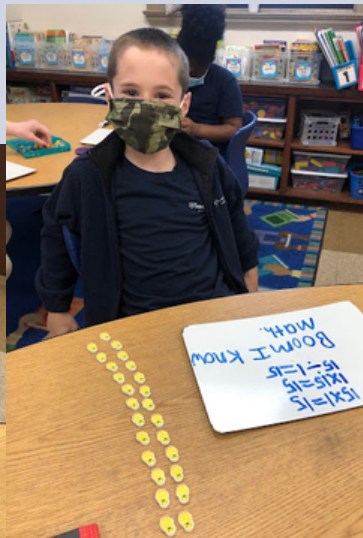


Neponset News

Our kindergarten students love to spend time with their seventh grade buddies! Recently, the buddy pairs enjoyed a visit from Barn Babies. Students were able to hold kittens and bunnies, pet puppies, and brush a baby goat! Seventh grade students helped their buddies to interact with the baby animals and a great time was had by all. After the visit, kindergarten students enhanced their literacy and early writing skills by drawing and reflecting on their favorite animals. Seventh grade students spent time in their class journaling about their experience and how their buddy's excitement made them feel. Spending time with buddies continues to strengthen cross-school peer relationships at Neponset and enhances students' sense of self, responsibility, and belonging!

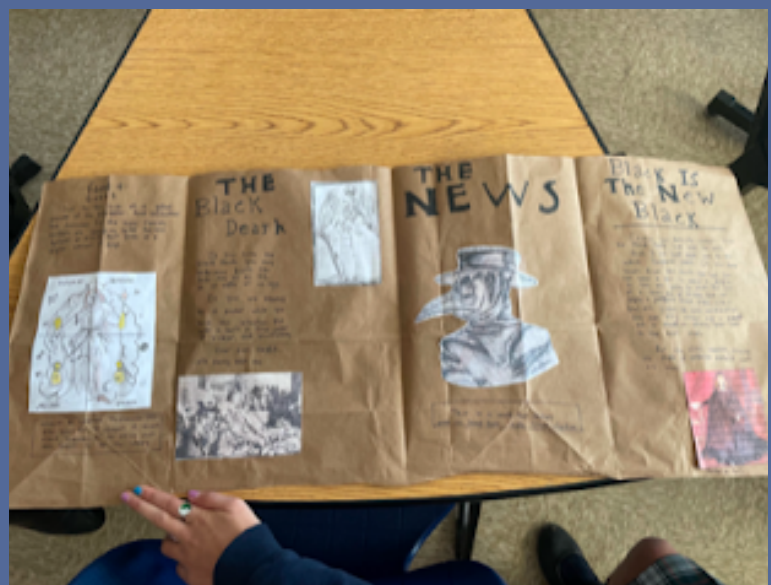
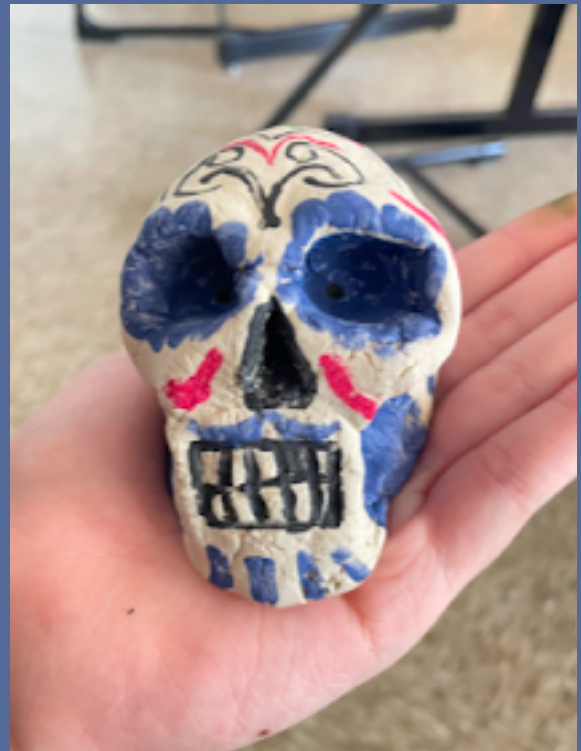


Third Grade has been learning about multiplication and division fact families. Students used mini erasers to build arrays to represent different multiplication problems. When they built the arrays to solve multiplication problems, third graders realized that they can use arrays to solve division problems too! This helped students to discover that a fact family has two multiplication problems and two division problems with the same three numbers. Students learned important math vocabulary words like factor, product, and quotient during multiplication and division explorations. They love using the mini erasers and whiteboards to play a Fact Family Dice game where dice are rolled to create fact families!



Neponset News

Sixth grade students created and presented 3-D figures to represent a chosen theme from their World Geography class. Students chose a region of the world that they had studied over the course of the school year and conducted further research on their region of interest. Additionally, students created an artifact that represents their region and explained its historical or cultural significance to the class through well-prepared presentations. Topics covered included Mexican culture and creations of folk art sculptures called Alebrijes, imitation newspaper articles from The Bubonic Plague, the Spice Trade route paired with boat replicas, and World War II presentations alongside paper cranes. Students presented their creations to the class and engaged their peers in discussion questions to review what they had learned!



Congratulations to our 2020 and 2021 Yawkey Awards for Excellence in Teaching Winners!



Taryn Brosnan, Neponset
Nora Ghostlaw, Neponset
Karen Gaylord, Columbia

2020

Jacki Barden, Lower Mills
Tia DiRienzo, Lower Mills
Brittany Aubuchon, Columbia



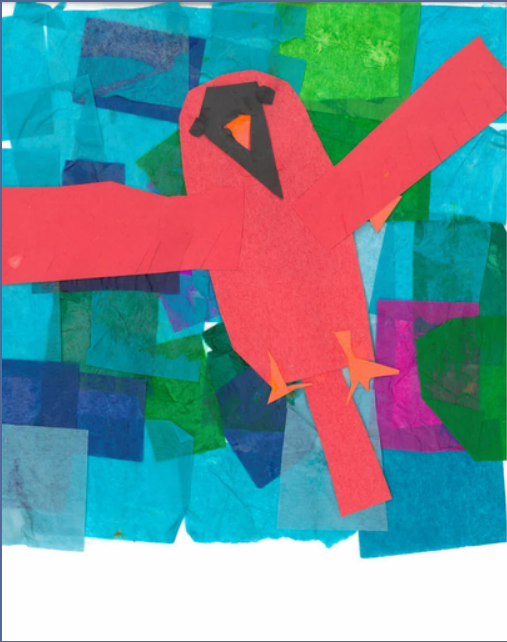
Amanda Pages, Neponset
Enza Hart, Neponset
Emily Gaylord, Lower Mills

2021

Amy Perrault, Math Coach
Ketsia Beauvais, Columbia
Elizabeth Wellman, Columbia



Artists of the Month



Emany Silveira
Grade 3
Columbia Campus



Hunter Bennett
Grade 3
Neponset Campus



Lananh Tran
Grade 6
Neponset Campus

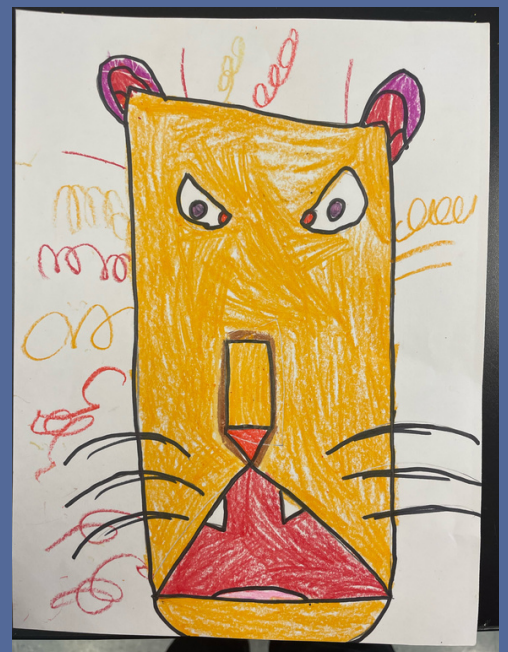


Eric Roche
Grade 5
Columbia Campus



Quincy DePina
Grade 1
Lower Mills Campus

Nathan Sainte
Grade 6
Lower Mills Campus



Notes from the Business Office

We are quickly approaching the end of another school year. This is a very busy time as we close out one year and prepare for the upcoming school year in September. Please re-register as soon as possible to confirm a seat! There are some end of year housekeeping items below that will help you transition from one year to the next. As always, please feel free to contact the Business Office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Tuition Payments:

Tuition for the 2021-2022 school year should have been paid in full by the end of April. If you continue to have a balance for tuition or extended day, your registration for the 2022-2023 school year will not be accepted until the balance is paid. No seat can be guaranteed with an outstanding balance. Please review our tuition policy on our website. Please contact the Business Office to discuss your account if you are unable to pay the balance on time.

Financial Aid award notifications will go out no later than June 30th. Notifications will only be sent if your Grant & Aid application is complete, you are enrolled in an active FACTS payment plan, all balances are up to date and you have re-registered for the 2022-2023 school year. The financial aid process for school year 2022-2023 is now closed for returning students. We still encourage all families to complete a financial aid application in order to be eligible for any scholarships the Academy may receive, scholarship assistance is not guaranteed.

VOUCHERS:

If your voucher is updated or renewed by your ABCD facility, please make sure that you fax, or email a copy of it to the Business Office.

If you would like to make an appointment with the Business Office, please call or email jwalker@sjp2ca.org to make your appointments.

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Recognizing the Legacy of Catholic School Educators

SJP2CA's spring fundraising event will be held on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at the Venezia restaurant. Families and alumni are invited to join us.

Visit sjp2ca.org/springevent for details about sponsorship and tickets.

