

THE FALCON FLYER

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DECA MAKES THE ROUNDS

The Falcon High School DECA team had a successful trip to the State Conference in Atlantic City. Emily Barlow qualified for a spot at the International Competition in Atlanta, Georgia, and Lily Bacchus was a finalist in two different events. All of the students who attended did a great job and proudly represented Jefferson. *(right)*



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB NEWS

Approximately 100 students at the **Ellen T. Briggs School** are engaging in after-school clubs. Students had their choice of the Garden, LEGO, or Disney Club.

The **Arthur Stanlick** community is proud to announce two after-school clubs, the Book and STEM Clubs, have begun.

The Morning Magic Program at **Cozy Lake** identifies and supports students who are considered to be at-risk and provides assistance in academic skills and completing homework assignments. The Homework Club additionally assists at-risk students in supporting social and emotional learning. *(center)*



White Rock debuted the Student Empowerment Club which builds self-confidence, positive decision-making skills, and the ability to manage their emotions. The activities are designed to promote positive self-worth through creative expression.

JTHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL CHAMPS

The Varsity Girls' Basketball team recently captured the North 1 Group 2 Championship with a 64-44 victory over Dumont in front of a raucous crowd in the JTHS Freedom Gym. The team was led by seniors Ashley Gould, Dominique Hartman, Allyson Legora, Mackenzie Rock, and Ivana Tisma. Ivana Tisma and sophomore Emily Poulas combined to score 47 points in the game. The girls would go on to win the Group 2 state semifinal game against Madison before falling to perennial state powerhouse Manasquan in the group 2 finals in Toms River. Despite the setback, the team has a lot to be proud of, finishing with a 26-5 record and a third straight league title. Along with the seniors, congratulations to freshman Madison Manco, sophomores Kayla Bak, Cassidy Ball, Maddie Ball, Kate Loncar, Emily Poulas, and Grace Weihmiller, and juniors Abby Cooper, Bryn Fitzgerald, Amanda Nwankwo, and Dara Studnick. Team statistician Kristen Akers assisted all season and the winning team was led by Head Coach James MacDermid and Assistant Coaches Nick Solicito and Travis Gage. *(bottom)*



NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Ellen T Briggs School: The Jefferson Consolidated PTA recently funded two assemblies. The virtual Snakes-N-Scales assembly gave students the opportunity to learn about various snakes, frogs, and lizards. Additionally, author Shannon Olsen visited the Briggs' community remotely and read one of her books. She discussed the process of writing a story, having it illustrated, and finally published.

Arthur Stanlick School: Students Stella Maffei, Tegan Petretti, Emma Rounsaville, Catherine Jacob, Samantha Lewis, Fiona Benozza, and Scarlett Benozza created and distributed sensory bins to the fourth and fifth-grade classrooms as part of their Bronze Award for Girl Scouts. (top right)



Cozy Lake School: Read Across America week was a huge success. Many guest readers, including District Supervisor Dr. Jenny Wnuk, visited the classrooms and theme days were celebrated. (center right) At the end of the week, Cozy Lake's hallway was transformed into the reading train where students were able to read via a flashlight and relax in their pajamas.

White Rock School: The White Rock community celebrated Read Across America week. Fun and creative activities were planned for each day by Reading Specialist, Mrs. McGurrin. Students created a reading train in the hallway and shared their love of reading.

Middle School:

The Middle School community kicked off their donation drive for Eleventh Hour Rescue. On Friday, homeroom student council representatives report on their donated items, and the weekly donation thermometer in the cafeteria is adjusted to reflect the progress. The winning grade who donates the largest number of items will win an outside lunch and flex period.



For School Wellness Week, students and staff played Nitroball together during physical education periods. A winner was selected for the Healthy Lunch Recipe contest, student Joseph Hughes won for his lettuce turkey wrap. The cafeteria served his winning recipe.

High School:

Prior to the opening of the spring musical *Tuck Everlasting*, the cast and crew worked very hard to construct the stage set as well as rehearse for their production. *Tuck Everlasting* was performed from March 25th through the 27th. (bottom right)

The Spring-coming Dance will take place Saturday, April 9th. This event is replacing the fall Homecoming Dance, postponed due to Covid.



NEWS AFFECTING OUR WORLD

The War in Ukraine

The links below to various websites and educational resources related to the current war in Ukraine have been curated by Mr. Devine, Supervisor of Social Studies, Fine Arts, Technical Education, and the STEM Academy. They may be used for families that are seeking more information about how to discuss these events in a meaningful way to the extent that you feel is appropriate.

NYT Article "How to Talk to Kids About Ukraine"

Choices Program @ Brown University

PBS News Hour (Current as of March 1, 2022)

History of Ukraine Conflict (Full Interactive Lesson Plan)

Ukraine Invasion Document Analysis

Visual Maps & Graphs Explaining Ukraine

United Nations Educational Resources- Ages 6-18

BBC Article "Ukraine or the Ukraine?"

NYC DOE Resource Guide (PACKED with links & updated daily. Includes mental health resources as well)
