



## 'Stock Market Game' success!



**First-place team: (l-r) Ethan Kuhn, Samantha Deras, Nakaeli Garnett, Abby Taylor, John Smith-Horn (in back).**

South Windsor fifth-grade students recently participated in the fall version of the Stock Market Game. Of 79 teams around the state, Orchard Hill had the first-, second-, third-, and fourth-place teams! The town had six teams in the top 10! The first-place team (The Blue Huskies) includes Nakaeli Garnett, Ethan Kuhn, Abby Taylor and Samantha Deras, and the second-place team (The Bananas) includes Maria Galley, Anna Kim and Larissa Partenio. The students were once again led by fifth-grade teacher John Smith-Horn, who provided a fun and engaging learning experience.

## 'Hour of Code' comes to town



**Students from TEMS working on 'Hour of Code.'**



**Each student received a certificate for the 'Hour of Code.'**

In celebration of Computer Science Education Week, students in grades K – 12 participated in an "Hour of Code" in various events held at schools from Dec. 8 to 11. Students at every level were exposed to coding either in the classroom, a computer lab, on Chromebook carts, or exploring on their own. Computer science nurtures problem-solving skills, logic and creativity. The response was overwhelmingly positive from students, teachers and parents.

## Breakfast smoothies at TEMS



**Smoothie the Cow visits TEMS to promote healthy breakfast options.**

TEMS food service earned grant monies from the American Dairy Council to purchase blenders to make breakfast smoothies in an effort to increase breakfast consumption among its students. Food Services Director MaryAnn Lopez dressed up as "Smoothie the Cow" to kick off the smoothie promotion, handing out smoothie samples to students upon their return from holiday break. Students can purchase a banana/strawberry or a banana/strawberry/pineapple smoothie along with a grain for breakfast

## Holidays around the world



**Second-grade Wapping Elementary students Elise Suffish and Cole Merri-man were dressed as Swedish children celebrating St. Lucia's Day.**

Before the holidays, second-grade students at Wapping school discovered that celebrations around the world are different depending on where people come from. They researched their own family histories, tracing their family's pilgrimage to this country, and explored family traditions that are passed down through generations. Grade two students also learned about how holidays are celebrated in Mexico, France, Israel, Germany and Sweden, and they learned about Kwanza, too.

## Faculty honored



**SWHS faculty recognized for SRBI.**

South Windsor faculty Susan Czapl, Mitchell Orkin, Frank Rizzuto, Rebecca O'Brien, Gail Stone, Dina Keleher, Heather Davagian, Michael Webb, Karolyn Andrews, Kim Tipton, Linda Pelkey, Amy Begue, Colleen Harmon, Michelle Ford and Heather Brindisi were all honored at the Connecticut Association of Schools Recognition of Excellence in Education Celebration on Nov. 19, 2014, for their dedication and collaboration in bringing Scientific Research Based Interventions (SRBI) to South Windsor High School.

## TEMS students excel in math competition

TEMS was recognized with a "Certificate of Merit" in the American Mathematical Competition for grades 6-8. Eighth-grader Jason Rickenbacher was recognized as the school winner, and earned a score that places him in the top 5% of more than 155,000 students worldwide. In addition, sixth-graders Alex Viar and Keshav Ramesh both earned scores that place them in the top 5% of all sixth-graders taking the exam worldwide.

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