



## Wapping honors 'Effort'



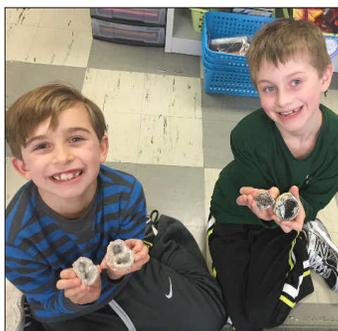
Wapping fifth-graders Ishan Kumar, Marrich Somrithivej and Kunal Bagga.

The entire school community at Wapping recently gathered for an assembly where staff and students were recognized demonstrating "Effort," the school's life skill of the month. Students and staff work on monthly skills to help learn ways to improve themselves, both academically and socially. As part of the celebration, the school was treated to a wonderful performance by a trio of talented violinists. The Fiddlers Three are a part of Mrs. Fausel's fifth-grade orchestra class. These boys were given the song "Swallowtail Jig" in January, so they have been working on it for three months. It was due to their "effort" and hard work that they were given the opportunity to play in a school-wide assembly.

## Geode Cracking Party



Kami Tarantino.



Sal Neary and Rhys Kaminski.

The students in Mrs. Carpenter's third-grade classroom at Pleasant Valley School became Junior Geologists during a recent Mad Science Geode Cracking Party. The students were able to crack open their own geode while learning about the process of geode formation. Students sifted through boxes of sand containing a variety of fossils, gems and shark's teeth, and used scientific hand-outs to help identify their finds. The Mad Science Party was donated to the classroom by Mrs. Carpenter, who won it at a recent PTO event.

## Read Across America Day



Left: Chief Reed at Dr. Seuss Day. Right: Students at PV line up to for Read Across America Day.

Students at Pleasant Valley celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day on March 2 by holding a Read-a-Thon in the hallways. Chief Reed dons his "Cat in the Hat" hat and prepares to read a favorite Dr. Seuss book to fifth-graders at Pleasant Valley Elementary School.

## Twin Day



Hiba Khan and MaryAnn McAndrew are ready for Twin Day at Pleasant Valley. Yeeehaw!

## Celebrating breakfast in schools



Elannies Delgado and Colin Grieve buy breakfast at Pleasant Valley School. Gina Vales, a Pleasant Valley employee, and Smoothie the Cow look on. This was part of a week-long celebration to promote breakfast in schools.

## Bringing fairy tales to life



Connor Power, as the Emperor in the fairy tale.

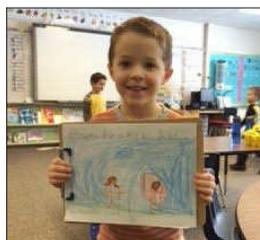
Grade 3 students at Philip R. Smith are currently studying fairy tales. Mrs. LaRosa and Mrs. Banville's class recently presented the fairy tale "Night-ingle" to Mrs. Hill's grade 1 class.

Submitted by Sara Chamberlain

## Students' 'How To' books in library



PRS Kindergartener Troy Marques.



PRS Kindergartener Brendan Soucy.

Kindergarten students wrote, edited and published "How To" books. The students wrote to teach their readers how to do something that they could do well. Troy wrote about "How to Play Soccer," and Brendan wrote about "How to Ride a Dirt Bike." Their books are proudly displayed in the PRS Library.

## Student signs Letter of Intent



Danielle Karpiej signs her Letter of Intent with Sacred Heart University.

South Windsor High School senior Danielle Karpiej signed a National Letter of Intent on Friday, Feb. 27. Dani will attend Sacred Heart University for soccer. Danielle was accompanied by her family to commemorate this event.