



Stock Market Game



(L-r) Maria Galley, Anna Kim and Sivani Arvapalli with Mr. John Smith-Horn.

Orchard Hill has another first-place team in the spring version of the Stock Market Game. Anna Kim, Sivani Arvapalli and Maria Galley made up the first-place team called the "Minions." They were not only first place in the Elementary Division, but they outperformed every middle school team in Connecticut; out of a total of 1,790 teams, the Minions came in 19th! This is the first time that the same school had the first-place team in both the fall and spring Stock Market competitions. Congratulations to our students and their adviser, Mr. John Smith-Horn.

Portraying explorers



Daniel Sweeney as Daniel Boone.

Grade 3 students at PRS recently studied explorers. After researching their explorer, the students dressed in costume and posed in a mock "wax museum" for parent visits.



Award-winning teams



SWHS Capitol Area Math League competition winners.

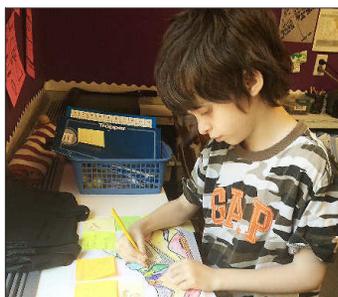


SWHS Fx Factor competition winners.

The SWHS Math Team, led by coach Andrew Brindisi, finished first of the 13 teams in the Einstein Division of the Capitol Area Math League. Trophies were awarded to the nine students who competed on the A-Team throughout the season: Anirudh Nuthalapati, Tyler Schmidt, Prathamesh Bang, Peter Mao, Shivam Patel, Brian Savidge, Vishal Patel, Carter Cobb and Sai Manasani. Anirudh Nuthalapati and Prathamesh Bang were also recognized as Co-MVPs for earning the highest team scoring averages.

Two SWHS teams also competed in the f(x) Factor Competition at Manchester Community College. Students are members of the MCC articulated Algebra II Honors class, led by Karolyn Andrews. They returned to SWHS with both the first- and second-place trophies. Congratulations to Ms. Andrews and her students for their fine performance!

Hard at work



Sam Marsh, a fourth-grader at Pleasant Valley, works on a math project.



Math March Madness



Top: (l-r) Faizdeen Pathan, Aidan Iacovelli, Tracy Doan, Melissa Murdoch; Bottom: (l-r) Alex Magarian, Emily Scola, Alyssa Xu, Mazen Abuunasra.

Philip R. Smith completed the fourth annual Math March Madness competition. This year fifth-graders Aidan Iacovelli and Alex Magarian formed the Math March Madness Committee and challenged students with basketball-related math questions. Students in multiple grades have been solving all different types of math questions, such as finding the average number of points from the leading scorers from the last 13 years, and finding the total number of players in the whole tournament by multiplying. Winners were picked from students who submitted the correct answer each week.

Marker collection



As an Earth Day project, Mrs. Federowicz's second-grade class has been collecting dried out markers to be recycled. They already have over two boxes filled! All around South Windsor, students and teachers are collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded and sending them to Mrs. Federowicz's class at Pleasant Valley. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more. The collection will continue through the end of the school year, so send those dried out markers!

Dressed like a hero



For Teacher Appreciation Week, students dressed as their favorite superhero. Kindergartener Sam Root chose Mr. Gary Walton, school social worker.

Spring concert



(L-r): Julia Ghagare, Rebekah Jacobs and Stanley Lu.

Wapping culminated its spring music recital with an in-school sampling of their concert performance. Music teacher Betsy Francolino and orchestra teacher Kathryn Fausel did a fabulous job with the fourth- and fifth-grade band, strings and chorus.

'Footprint Mysteries'

Kindergarten classes at Philip R. Smith recently enjoyed the traveling program, "Footprint Mysteries," from the Lutz Children's Museum. Students learned all about the clues that animals leave behind to show that they have been there. They had the chance to look at and touch artifacts such as animal footprint molds, deer antlers, rabbit fur, and a tree trunk that showed beaver and woodpecker bite marks. They also had the chance to see animals such as a bird, a snake, and a poisonous frog.

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