



# Herman Ave. *Hawk News*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

MAY  
2018

### MAY EVENTS

- 5/1-5/4- NYS Math Assessments for Grades 3-6
- 5/9- Bike to School Day- Grades 4-6
- 5/9- PTO Meeting @ 4:00 pm in the library
- 5/10- Instrumental and Choral Concert at 6:00 p.m.
- 5/16- Kindergarten Registration for incoming students
- 5/17- Multicultural Art and Spring Learning Fair @ 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- 5/23- NYS Science Test- Performance Section Gr. 4
- 5/23- 2nd grade field trip
- 5/28- NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
- 5/31- District Elementary Track Meet @ 3:30 pm



Dear Parents and Guardians,

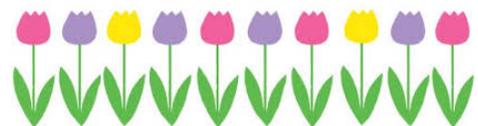
Happy Spring everyone! I think it is Spring anyway! It is usually a busy time around here and the month of April was no exception. We had a great day with our visiting author Kalli Dakos. I hear a pig was kissed or something like that! Crazy stuff! Our book fair was a huge success thanks to our hard working Herman Avenue PTO. We made it through our ELA assessments, and there were plenty of cool projects going on that are featured in this newsletter.

I don't suspect things are going to slow down at school in the month of May. Math assessments are happening between May 1st and the 6th, and I'm certainly excited for our concerts, Multicultural Art and Spring Learning Fair, Bike to School Day, and Track Meet! Also, please note that our Kindergarten Registration is coming up soon!

We, the staff at Herman Avenue certainly appreciate the engagement we see from our parents and guardians. Your participation in these events make our school a better place for your children to grow and learn!

Have a great May!

Ronald Gorney, Principal



# Science Fun

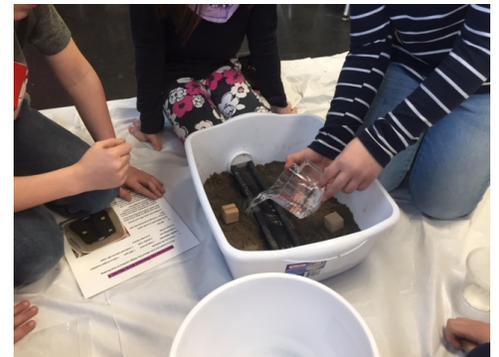
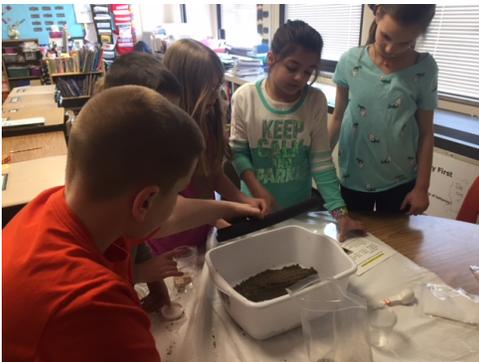
**5th grade has been learning about ecosystems in science.**



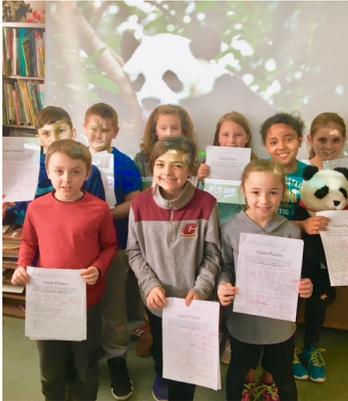
The 3 sections of science, Ms. Sobus' science classes created eco-columns to observe over a period of time. Each team built the eco-column, then planted seeds to grow, and added live animals to observe. This activity has helped the children see all the best components needed in order to have the ecosystem reach success. Kids have been so excited every day to check for changes. The overall project was to learn about overpopulation, or the decrease of Deer in a natural ecosystem.

## 3rd grade science

In 3rd grade science, students in Mrs. DeRosa's class evaluated four different models of a river to determine the best solution to flooding. We created the models using sand, pipe insulation, wooden blocks to represent houses, and a pan to hold our model. One model showed the normal flooding pattern of a river, one used sandbags to prevent water from reaching the houses, one used levees as a barrier to the flood water, and one used a channel to guide the flood water away from the houses.



# School News



Third grade art students are learning about pandas from China and how to draw them using shapes with gesture. Students are then creating their panda using the medium of clay. Students observed a slideshow presentation and wrote in their notes facts about panda bears. Afterwards, students were challenged to write Ms. Rice a quiz using as many questions with complete sentences as they could. The top 3 students in each third grade class with the most questions would then challenge Ms. Rice to take their quiz! See the picture of the 9 third graders that won the Panda Quiz Challenge! Great job to all third graders! Please look and ask third graders about the endangered species the Panda Bear.



Herman Ave. was excited to have author and poet, Kalli Dakos, spend time with us on Friday, April 6th. Students and staff enjoyed her engaging program! Thank you to Mr. Gorney and Mr. Taylor for kissing a pig! Make sure to ask your child all about it! Read poetry by Kalli Dakos at [www.kalldakos.com](http://www.kalldakos.com).

Congratulations to our library poetry contest winners that had the opportunity to read their poem at an event hosted by Kalli Dakos at the Hilton Garden Inn. **Winners were: Maire Breeze, Adalyn Myers, Lola Pelton, Aria Humphrey, Isabella Meyer, Grace Hoey, Alexis Pinchak and Edward Dizon.**



***May 9th is Bike to School day here at Herman Ave.***

Bike to school is for students in **grades 4th-6th.**

Remember to **wear your helmet!**

# Classroom Happenings

The fifth grade LEAD in 5 groups at Herman Avenue School, led by Ms. Sobus and Mrs. Franchina, presented the Wax Museum on April 5th. Each child chose a person that they felt was a good example of a leader and researched this person. With their information, each student created a slideshow presentation about the leaders' personal background information, interesting facts, why this person was famous, and what leadership traits each possessed. As they finished their research they were asked to choose clothing and props to put together a costume that they could use that best represented their leader. Great job to all participants!



## Lead in 5 Team Building



# PTO Corner



The spring Book Fair was a success! Students enjoyed purchasing books and participating in the poster contest. Thank you to the families who sent in donations for the SPCA during the book fair as well. Many donations were collected! The class with the most donations for the SPCA was Mrs. Siddall's class.

Winners of the poster contest were:

Kindergarten: Sam Cosentino

First Grade: Aria Humphrey

Second Grade: Adalyn Myers

Third Grade: Derek Leeson

Fourth Grade: Michael Wellauer

Fifth Grade: Addison Lange

Sixth Grade: Madelyn Shutter



Looking ahead, the PTO will be in need of volunteers for the Multicultural Art and Spring Learning Fair on May 17th, as well as Activity Day on June 15th. Please contact the PTO to let us know when you are available to help out.

Don't forget your box tops! Box tops can be turned in to your child's teacher or deposited in the container outside of the main office.

Would you like to take on a more active role in your child's school experience? Consider joining the PTO. The PTO works to raise funds for special events such as field trips, activity day, and so much more. We hope to see you at our next meeting on May 9th at 4:00 in the library.

