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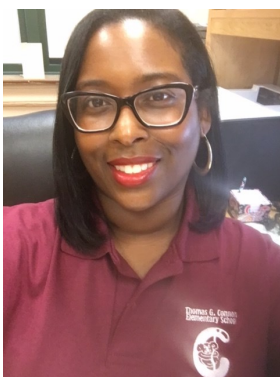
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A Message from Dr. Pollins



We had another busy week at Connors! The week started off with our First Annual Connors Fall Festival! It was a wonderful day for all those who attended this special event sponsored by our wonderful PTO! Check out pages 2 and 3 for pictures from this fantastic event!

On Monday, it was Chipotle Day—another event sponsored by our PTO. Flyers were distributed and Connors community members were asked to buy lunch or dinner from Chipotle of Hoboken and a portion of the sales would be donated back to the PTO. We were able to raise over \$350! I personally loved my chicken burrito bowl and my side order of chips and salsa!

This was a short week for staff and students, but I am encouraged by the hard work put in by our staff on our Staff Development Day on Tuesday. I hope everyone gets a chance to relax over the long weekend and we will be ready to get back to work on Monday!



Upcoming Events

November 10-11, 2016—
Hoboken Public Schools closed for
the NJEA Convention

November 14, 2016—School
reopens at our regularly scheduled
time of 8:15am. Please work on
having students here on time!

November 16, 2016—Marking
Period 1 closes.

Social Media Connection

Stay up to date with district and
school news by following us on
social media:



District News: @HobokenSchools
School News: @ConnorsSchool



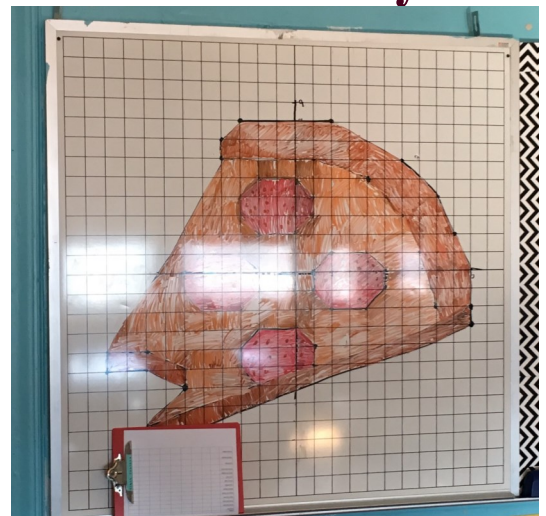
Like "T.G. Connors Elementary" for
news and announcements from our
school!

8 Tips for Promoting A Growth Mindset for Kids

1. Help children understand that the brain works like a muscle, that can only grow through hard work, determination, and lots and lots of practice.
2. Don't tell students they are smart, gifted, or talented, since this implies that they were born with the knowledge, and does not encourage effort and growth.
3. Let children know when they demonstrate a growth mindset.
4. Praise the process. It's effort, hard work, and practice that allow children to achieve their true potential.
5. Don't praise the results. Test scores and rigid ways of measuring learning and knowledge limit the growth that would otherwise be tapped.
6. Embrace failures and missteps. Children sometimes learn the most when they fail. Let them know that mistakes are a big part of the learning process. There is nothing like the feeling of struggling through a very difficult problem, only to finally break through and solve it! The harder the problem, the more satisfying it is to find the solution.
7. Encourage participation and collaborative group learning. Children learn best when they are immersed in a topic and allowed to discuss and advance with their peers.
8. Encourage competency-based learning. Get kids excited about subject matter by explaining why it is important and how it will help them in the future. The goal should never be to get the 'correct' answer, but to understand the topic at a fundamental, deep level, and want to learn more.

Math Coordinate Pizza Party

Ms. Gerson's 6th Grade Math class had some fun with graphing coordinates. The class worked together to plot a list of coordinates. As their work progressed, they gradually plotted out a slice of pepperoni pizza on the classroom board for all to see. While there were some growling stomachs, the students enjoyed watching the delicious picture develop!



Fall Festival Fun for All!

The first annual Connors Fall Festival was held on a beautiful Saturday afternoon on November 5th! We had a great crowd of students, families, staff, and community members come out to celebrate our school community, sing some fall songs, play some fall themed games, and enjoy sharing quality time outside of regular school hours. Thank you to all the PTO volunteers who contributed to the amazing day! We hope to see even more people at our next community event!



Dr. Pollins and Mr. Scott helped kick off the event!

Staff members came out to support the great event put together by our PTO!



Mr. Azzarto and his amazing choir put on a great show for the large crowd!

Fall Festival Fun for All!



Mr. Azzarto and Ms. Ortiz participated in bobbing for apples. Not pictured: Mr. Scott, the reigning Connors Apple Bobbing Champion!



PTO Corner

The Connors PTO would like to thank all of those who came out to support the Chipotle Day Fundraiser, as well as Chipotle of Hoboken for providing us with the fundraising opportunity! With your support, the PTO was able to raise an impressive **\$352.82** which will go towards future events and programs at Connors!