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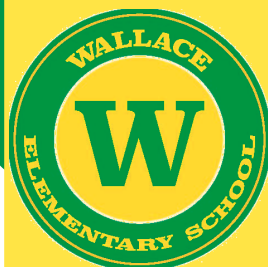
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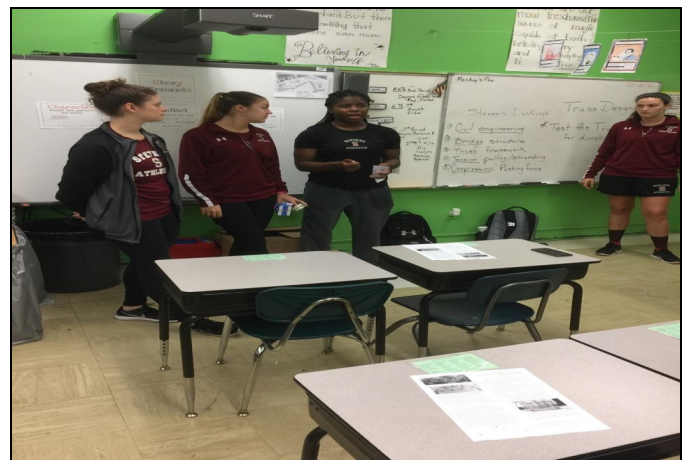


A Message from Principal Shannon

Greetings and salutations Wallace School Family. I trust this latest edition of our weekly newsletter finds you well.

Awesome and exciting things continue to happen each day in our classrooms. Most recently, our partnership with Stevens Institute of Technology saw some of their student athletes visit our 6th grade classes for the continuation of the Ducklings program. Through this program, our 6th graders and the college students engage with hands-on science projects. For this latest round, they worked on designing trusses. You can read more about this on page 2.

As a reminder, parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, 2016. This is a 1 PM dismissal day and there will be no Passport to Learning After School Program that afternoon. If you have not already contacted your child's



Stevens Athletes visiting the 6th grade.

teacher to schedule a conference, please make sure to reach out to them and do so.

As we are in the middle of the month of October, Halloween festivities are just around the corner. Please be sure to refer to a memo sent home outlining procedures for dressing in costume Monday, October 31st. As a reminder, costumes are to be in good taste, no fake weapons are permitted, and students are

not allowed to wear masks. Also, please note that due to recent media reports, clown costumes are prohibited.

All parents and caregivers are invited to join us at 12:45 PM for our annual Halloween Parade. We will line up on the basketball court and begin walking shortly afterwards. Please be reminded that the parade may be viewed from both Willow Ave and Clinton St. Until next week...

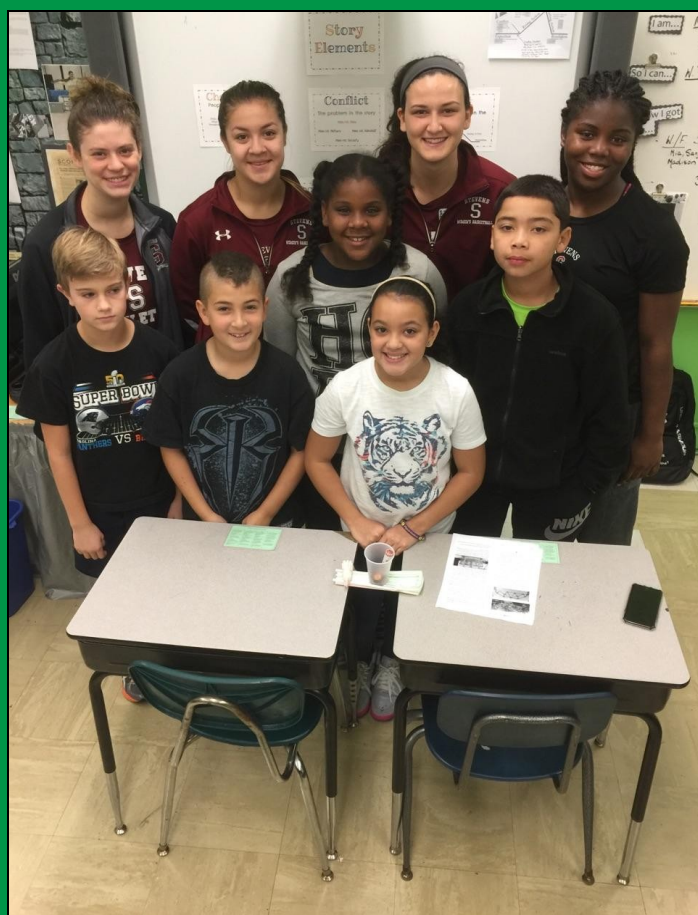
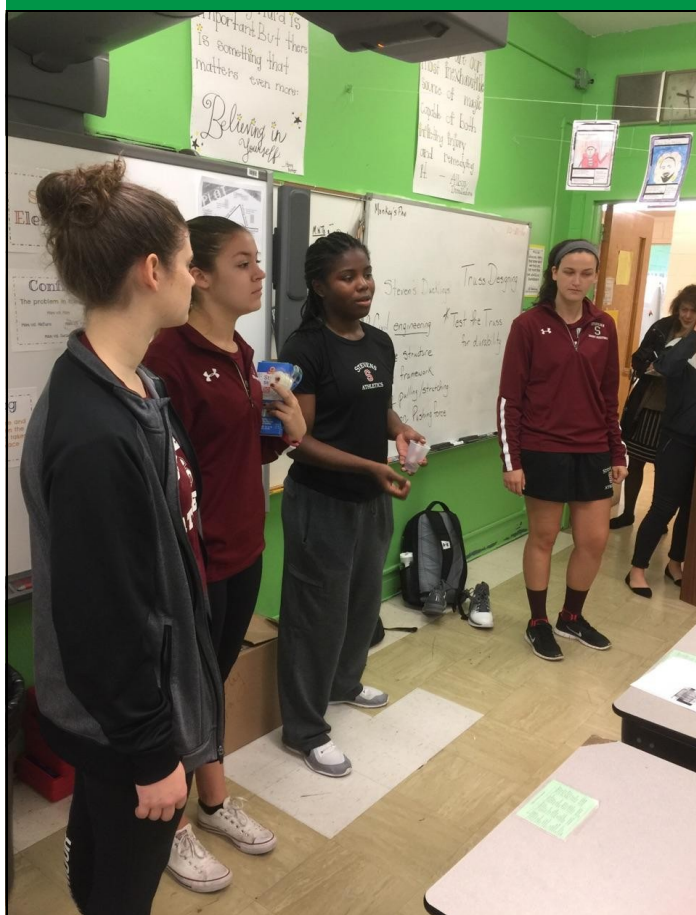
Reminder—
Wednesday, October 26th is a 1 PM dismissal day with scheduled parent/teacher conferences to follow.

6th Grade Designs Trusses With Stevens Athletes

The 6th graders at Wallace School were visited by the Steven's Ducklings, a group of aspiring engineers who also have a role in athletics. Today's activity was to challenge the 6th graders to create a truss bridge. The students were presented with a problem: How does the structural design of bridges allow for them to hold such a great amount of force?

Students were actively engaged in the activity testing force and weight distribution as well as understanding the importance of the design and planning process. The designs were amazing and the students as well as the Ducklings were able to put their truss bridges to the test. One sample held over 100 pennies.

Working cooperatively with the Steven's Ducklings with hands-on STEM projects allows the students to truly understand the concept and enjoy themselves in the process.



Pictured above left: the student-athletes from Stevens Institute of Technology who visited our Wallace 6th grade classes to lead a project centered on building truss bridges. Pictured on the right, some of our 6th graders proudly display their creation with their mentors looking on with pride.

HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP DAY

Monday, October 31, 2016



Students will be allowed to wear Halloween costumes to school on Monday, October 31, 2016.

COSTUME GUIDELINES

1. Costumes are to be in good taste (no gore, appropriate themes, etc).
2. Masks are not to be worn, as they may create a safety hazard.
3. Avoid costumes with big, baggy sleeves and skirts to avoid tripping.
4. Students should wear normal, everyday footwear, as permissible by the dress code. Students scheduled for physical education classes must still wear sneakers.
5. No toy weapons are permitted, including but not limited to: guns, knives, swords, bows, etc
6. Clown costumes are prohibited.

There will be a parade around the perimeter of Wallace School for students in grades Pre-K thru 6 at 12:45pm. Parents are welcome to view the parade from the Willow Avenue or Clinton St. sidewalks. Parents and other spectators must leave ample room for our classes to walk by. Parents are not permitted in the building or on the playground. Kindly adhere to these guidelines and please monitor your children's costumes for compliance. We look forward to seeing you at our annual parade!