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# Calabro Weekly

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## A Message from the Principal

Dear Calabro Learning Community,

Thank you to all who joined us on Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> for parent/teacher conferences. I firmly believe that your involvement enhances your child's learning experience. If a follow-up meeting is needed, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a date and time. We would be happy to meet with you to discuss progress.

A memo was sent home this week regarding our Parent/Guardian Academy Technology Expo on Friday, November 4, 2016. This will begin immediately following our PTO meeting. In a presentation at 9:30 a.m. in the all-purpose room, I will highlight all of the technological resources that staff and students enjoy at Calabro each day. The event will also include a visit to your child's classroom from 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. During the lesson, we will be showcasing all of the resources. I hope that you are able to attend this wonderful event. Please complete and submit the bottom portion of the memo to your child's teacher.

Best,

*Joseph P. Vespignani, Ed.D.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 31– Halloween Parade @ 2:00 p.m.
- November 4 - Morning Meeting @ 8:20 a.m.
- November 4 - PTO Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
- November 4 - Parent Academy-  
Technology Expo @ 9:30- 10:30 a.m.
- November 14 - Faculty Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.
- November 23 - Thanksgiving Assembly @ 10:00 a.m.



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## Passport To Learning Aftercare Program At Calabro Meet Ms. DeLaRosa

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself and express my excitement about working with your child this year. My name is Geidy De La Rosa, and I love teaching because I care deeply about each of my students. I have been working for the Hoboken School district for 14 years as a Spanish teacher at Hoboken High School.

Passport to Learning is truly an amazing program and everyone on the team is committed to providing your child with the best learning opportunities possible. The Passport to Learning after school program began the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, and since then has seen much success in terms of its turnout and participation, and, though in its early stages, it is showing signs of budding fruits in the form of the students and their learning potential. Our children are taking their role as students to the next level in their being exposed to this otherwise foreign material.

We have a wide variety of courses, ranging from digital work to bring them up to speed with modern learning techniques, to lessons and classes filled with the ideas of ancient philosophers such as Aristotle. We try to offer our children all kinds of learning outlets, so as to try to get everyone that much more interested in their learning!

I am excited about working with your child. I welcome questions or comments. I am available for phone calls and meetings each day before and after school. To schedule a meeting, you may contact me via e-mail [calabroptl@hoboken.k12.nj.us](mailto:calabroptl@hoboken.k12.nj.us) and my phone number is 201-744-9423.

I am looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Geidy De La Rosa



# Our Helping Hands!



## Stevens Ducklings Visit 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

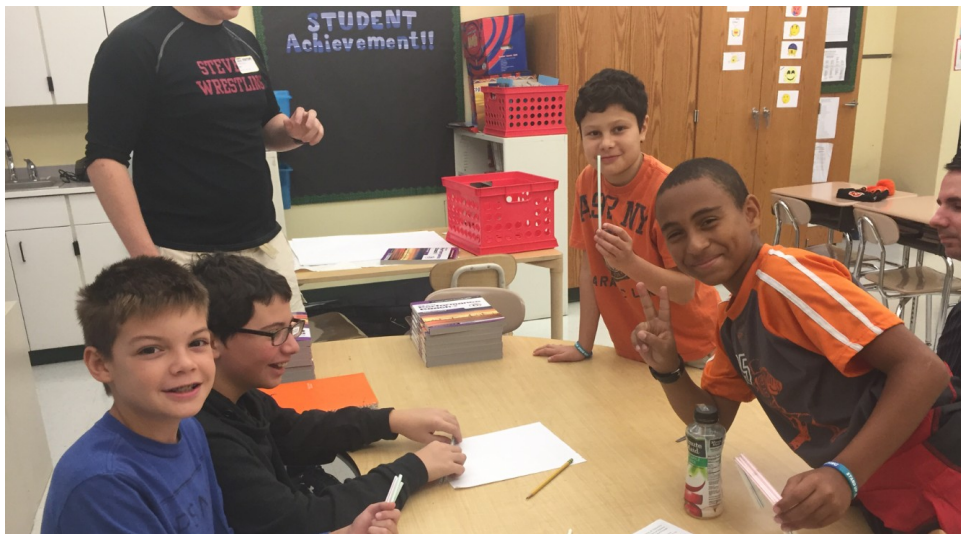
### Strength Testing

#### *“Can Your Bridge Shake The Brake”*

Students from Stevens Institute of Technology came for their monthly visit to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. The Ducklings facilitated an experiment in which they built a bridge using only 20 straws and tape. Students worked in groups to build the sturdiest bridge they could. When students were done constructing their bridge, students put their bridge between two stacks of books.

Students watched as the Ducklings used an empty water bottle and filled it with pennies until the bridge collapsed. While each group's bridge was being tested, students were able to see how they could make their bridge stronger.

Students had a lot of fun with this experiment and at the same time learned how to make a bridge the strongest it could be.



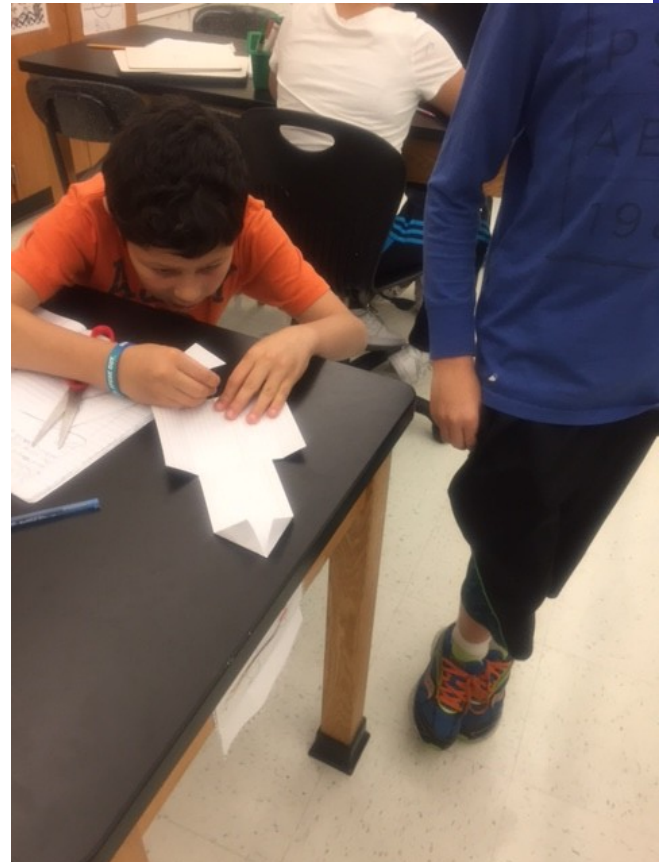
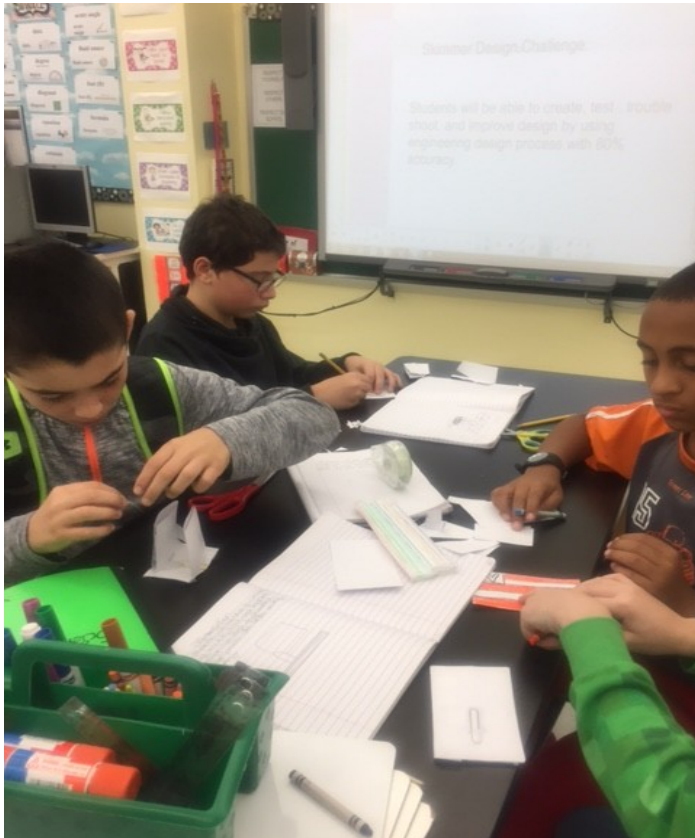
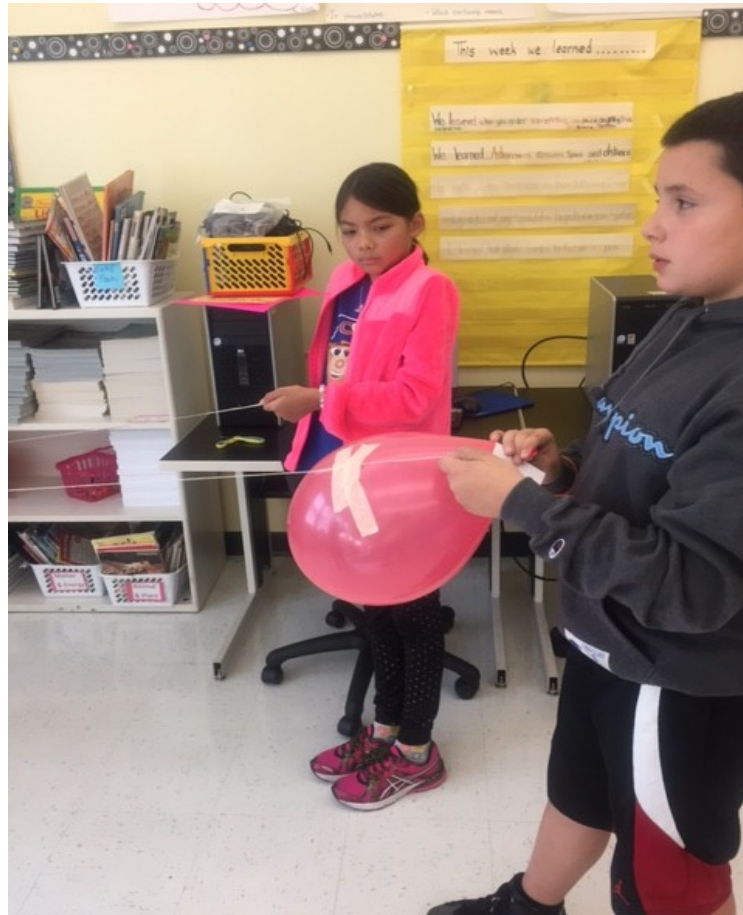
## **Meet Mrs. Farooq Calabro Science Teacher**

### **Matter, Engineering, Technology & Innovation**



Calabro's scientists refined their knowledge of various topics during the first few months of the school year. Students in the lower grades have been investigating properties of matter and the forces at work. They have completed several investigations to master the scientific skills of observation, communication, collecting, and analyzing data.

The upper grade students were exploring engineering, technology, and innovation in the first few weeks of the school year. They have conducted several learning activities to explore engineering careers, how technology impacts our lives, and why humans have to keep innovating technology. These activities have acquainted them with the processes and skills that engineers require to be successful in their careers



## **Classroom Spotlight**

This week, we are highlighting Ms. Salvetta's 2nd Grade Class and the learning that's going on.

### **Welcome to 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade!**

Happy Fall! The school year is in full swing. We have been learning many new concepts, as well as getting to learn more about each other. In language arts and literacy we dove into both fiction and nonfiction texts. We are identifying the sequence of events, as well as the elements of a story. We are also learning how to cite text evidence. In math, we are adding and subtracting up to 3 digits with and without regrouping! We are great mathematicians in this class!!

In social studies, we are learning about the three different types of communities. We even worked together in small groups to make a picture of each of the communities.

The pictures look wonderful! Great teamwork second grade!! Remember to read and study your math facts every night.

Don't forget to wear your costume to school on Monday for Halloween!!



## Calabro Staff and Friends Are Falling Into Halloween

On Monday, October 31, 2016, students in grades K-6 will participate in the annual Calabro School Halloween Parade at 2:00 p.m. Students will be allowed to wear their costumes to school that day. The students, dressed in costume, will parade past Demarest School and around Church Square Park. Please be advised that face masks and play weapons are not permitted. Toy weapons that may be part of a costume such as guns, swords, etc. must be left at home. It is expected that all costumes are tasteful and appropriate for a school activity. Parents and younger siblings are encouraged to dress in costume and join the fun!



# School Nurse News



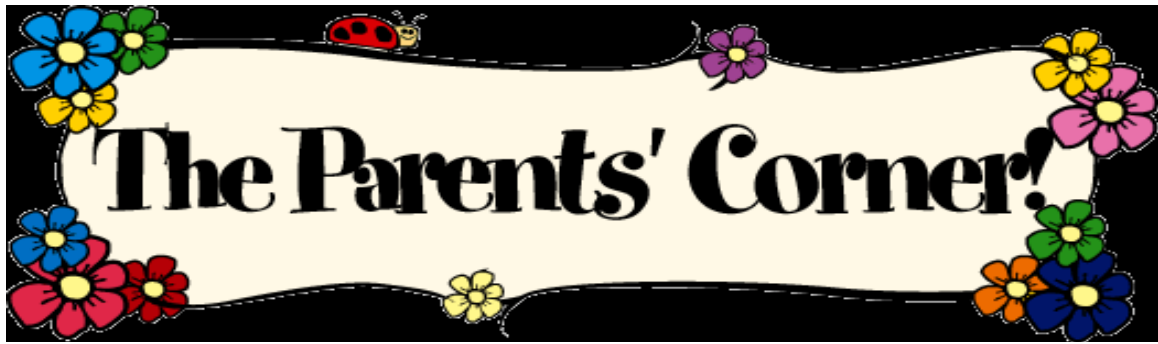
## Halloween treat suggestions

When considering treats for Halloween, please be mindful that a number of students suffer from food allergies, which for some can be life threatening. Most people think of peanuts when they hear of allergies but some students are allergic to other substances like tree nuts (almonds, walnuts, hazelnuts, coconuts) soy, wheat, sesame, and pistachio.

To avoid issues with allergies consider non food treats like pencils, stickers, temporary tattoos, glow sticks. Please visit the Teal Pumpkin Project for more ideas.

<http://www.foodallergy.org/teal-pumpkin-project/ideas#.WBIK0dQrJiw>

Celeste Joyce RN, School Nurse



### Parent Reminders:

- Box Tops will be collected all year long
- Send all your dried out markers to Ms. Forte, Calabro art teacher
- Halloween Parade at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2016 all students in grades K– 6 weather permitting.
- Any parent who wishes to take their child home early on Halloween, please follow district policies and sign out before leaving.