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# Calabro Weekly

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## A Message from the Principal

Dear Calabro Learning Community,

Students and staff enjoyed the “Week of Respect” that ended on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. At our monthly Morning Meeting, Mr. Baker shared some of the great activities that we participated in throughout the week. We also discussed our Calabro School Spirit T-Shirts that all students will be receiving to wear at our meetings. The quote from last year, written by current 4<sup>th</sup> Grade student Noah Reyes for our school-wide contest, “Never give up and you will shine” will be written on the back of the T-shirts again.

Also recognized at the meeting were our students of the month, and the Calabro representative as district student of the month, 6<sup>th</sup> grader Alexis Vitale. She will also be recognized at the Hoboken Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Lastly, I have again implemented the Principal’s Attendance Challenge and the class with the best attendance for the month of September was recognized. Congratulations to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade for this accomplishment!

Best,

Joseph P. Vespignani, Ed.D.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 10 - School closed for Columbus Day
- October 11 - Board of Education Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- October 12 - School closed for Yom Kippur
- October 26 - 1:00 p.m. dismissal  
Parent Conferences  
5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- October 31 – Halloween Parade @  
2:00 p.m.



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## Getting Organized



We are 4 weeks into the new school year and students are using their planners to keep track of daily homework assignments and reminders. The planners will help children develop necessary habits, such as reviewing class work each day.

The Student Planners are excellent tools to keep the lines of communication open between teachers and parents.

Parents have an opportunity to stay up-to-date with what their child is learning and review their assignments.

This will help develop habits that will lead to independent homework time. The planner also provides detailed information regarding district policy, school procedures, and programs.

# Classroom Spotlight

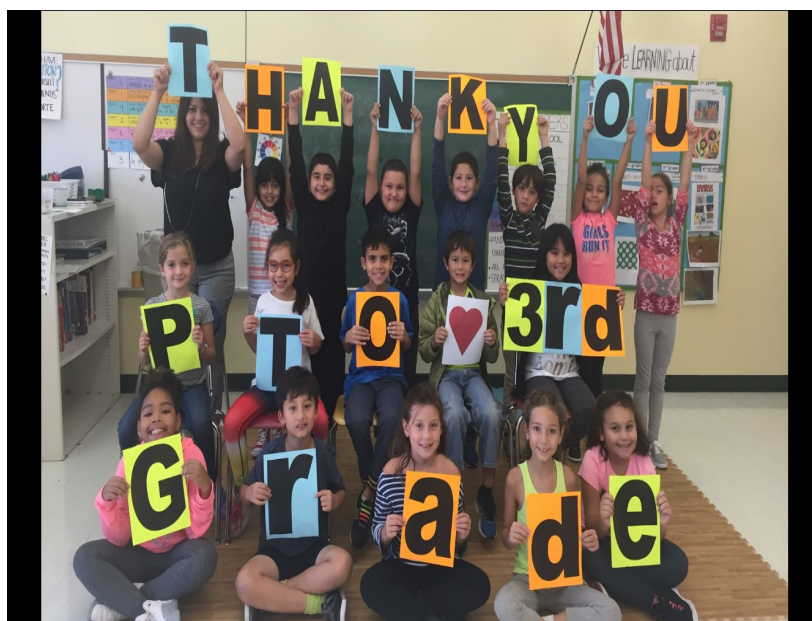
The kindergarten students are kicking off October by learning all about numbers through ten and practicing writing numbers. They are also adjusting well to the procedures and classroom rules. In language arts, they are learning how to create sentences using their sight words! The kindergarten students are having fun creating our phonics interactive books. I am very proud of them up to this point.

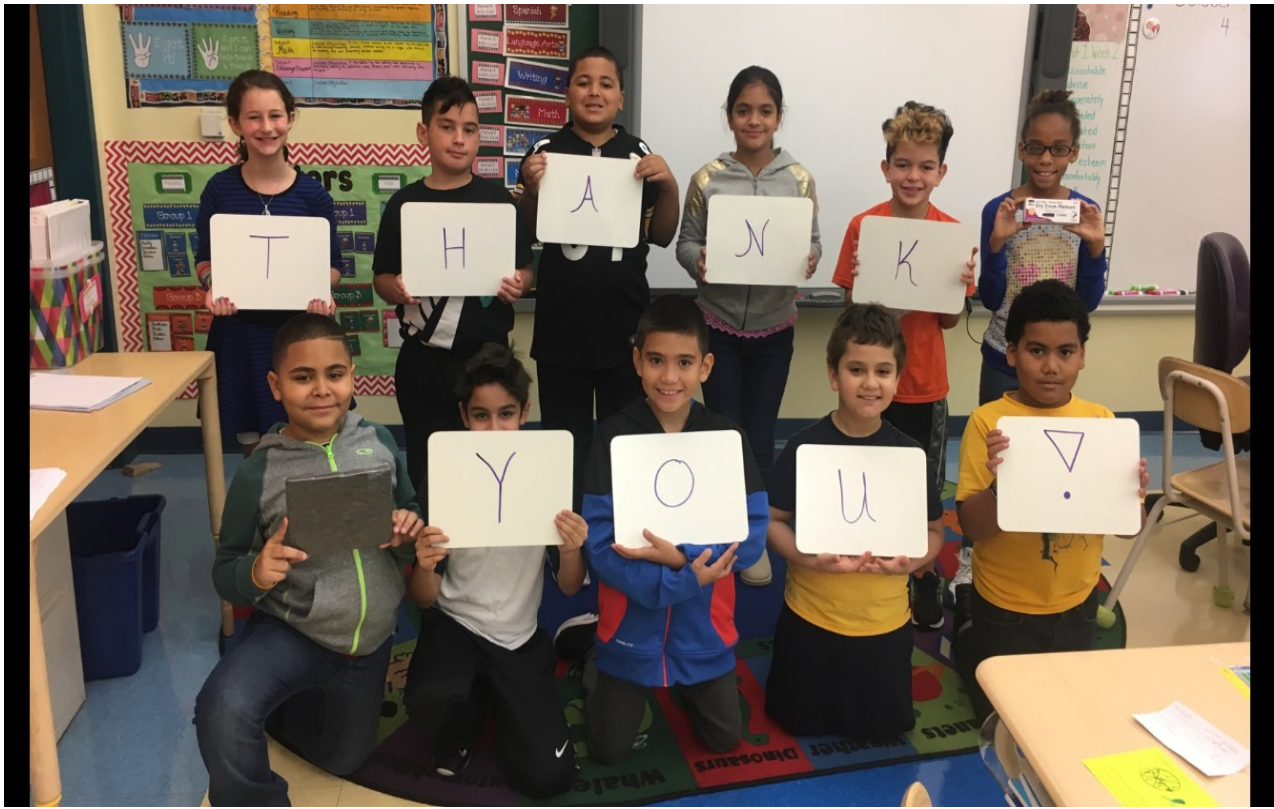
We have been focusing on how we are all different and the special qualities that we bring to the classroom. I am very pleased with their center work and the completion of their homework assignments.

Keep up the great work, Kindergarten!!



With Much Gratitude For The Supplies  
Calabro School PTO Rocks





# School Nurse News

*From the School Nurse,*

*Exciting news! Our school was chosen for a cool school health program through Kinsa! That means that all of our families can receive a FREE Kinsa Smart Thermometer (value of \$20) and join our school group to stay healthier this year. **Learn more about the FLUency program at the link below: [kinsahealth.com/fluency](https://kinsahealth.com/fluency).** We will send home materials once the program has started.*

*We are very excited and proud to have been chosen to participate in this program, and look forward to a great, healthy school year!*

Celeste Joyce RN  
School Nurse

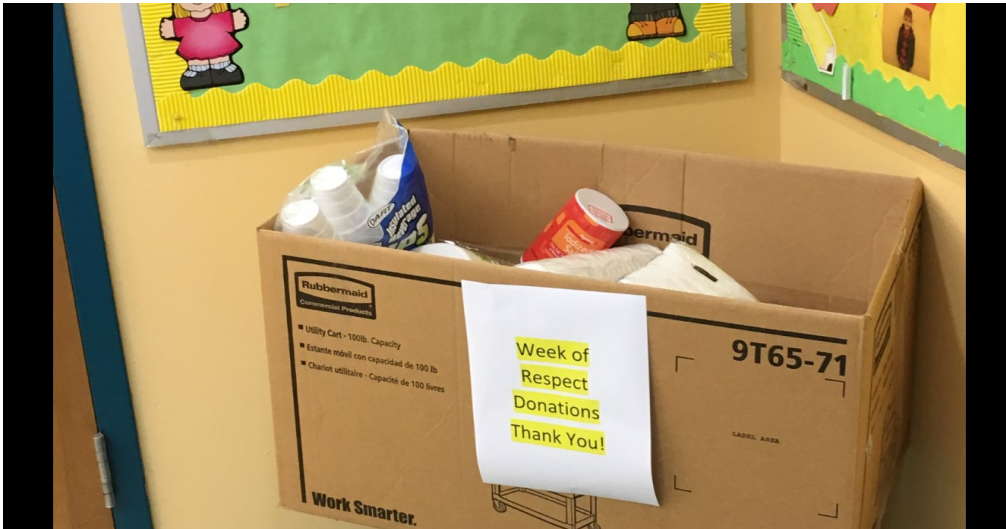




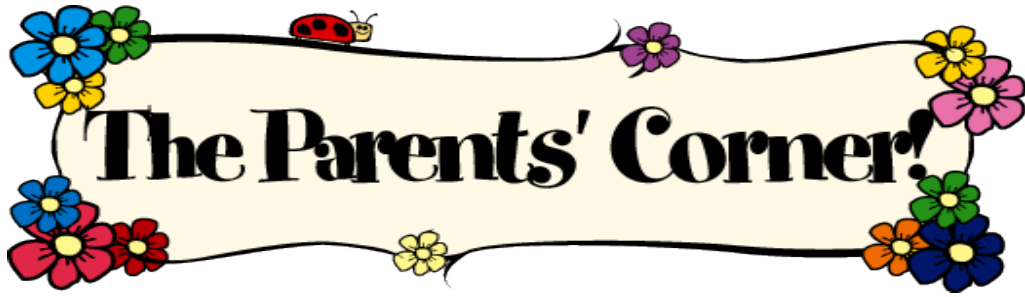
This week, Calabro observed the Week of Respect by doing numerous activities. Each morning began with a Kindness Pledge during the Morning Announcements, followed by an explanation of the daily activity. Classroom teachers spent time each day discussing the lesson and completing it in their classrooms. Students learned a lot about Respect this week, and we know that being respectful will be a trend throughout the year at Calabro. Special thanks to Mr. Baker, our Anti- Bullying Coordinator, for planning this week for our students.

Take a look at our activities and pictures highlighting this wonderful week!

<p>Monday, October 3, 2016 School Closed</p>	<p><b>Recognizing Bullying and Normal Conflict:</b> Students learned on the following day what the words “respect” and “peace” meant. They gave examples in their classrooms and came up with their own vision of peace statements. .</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 4, 2016</p>	<p><b>Being Kind:</b> Students created a classroom bucket to fill with acts of kindness they saw throughout the week. Students were encouraged to recognize peers in their classroom who they saw being kind or helpful to one another. It encouraged students to recognize that positive words make others feel better about themselves (filling our buckets) while negative words make us feel bad about ourselves (bucket spills) .</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 5, 2016</p>	<p><b>Telling or Tattling?</b> Students learned the difference between telling something and tattling on someone. To encourage positivity, anytime a student was caught doing something positive, the student’s name was listed on a brick along with their act of kindness. The bricks are being displayed on the first floor for all to see.</p>
<p>Thursday, October 6, 2016</p>	<p><b>Don’t be a Bystander:</b> Students learned what it was to be a bystander and reviewed the bystander pledge hanging in their classroom.</p>
<p>Friday, October 7, 2016</p>	<p><b>RESPECT:</b> Students reflected on how they were respectful all week and what respect means to them. Some classrooms wrote about it, others sang songs, and some picketed in the building with creative posters!</p>







**Parent Reminders:**

- **Box Tops will be collected all year long**
- **Send all your dried out markers to Ms. Forte, Calabro Art teacher.**

**School closings:**

**October 10, 2016- Columbus Day**

**October 12, 2016- Yom Kippur**

In observance of Our **“Week of Respect”** at Calabro School we are collecting the following items to be donated to the Hoboken Homeless Shelter.

**Here is the list of items the shelter needs:**

**Personal Care Items:** Razors, socks, deodorant, cups, plates and plastic utensils.

**Kitchen Care Items:** Disposable plates, plastic cutlery, hot/cold cups, napkins, spices (onion powder, garlic powder, salt, pepper, etc.)

**Shelter Care Items:** Cleaning products

# Calabro's Week in Review

## District Student of the Month

During our Morning Meeting on October 7th, students of the month were announced for the month of September. Each classroom and special subject teacher chose a student they felt deserved this honor. After students were chosen, one student was selected to represent Calabro School as its District Student of the Month. That student is 6th grader, **Alexis Vitale!** Alexis is a model sixth grader. She works hard every day, and has all the attributes of a remarkable student. Alexis is caring and always willing to help her classmates. She is a great representation of Calabro. Alexis will be honored at the Board of Education meeting in October. Congratulations Alexis!

## District Student of the Month

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH September 2016

Gr. K-	Mrs. Ruiz	Janae Steed
Gr. 1 –	Mrs. Yu	Amelie Cademartori
Gr. 2 –	Ms. Salvetta	Emma Wehrhahn
Gr. 3 –	Ms. Kontogiannis	Ava Ruben
Gr. 4 –	Mrs. Terhune	Jaida Austin
Gr. 5 –	Ms. Leon	Halie Benway
Gr. 6 -	Mr. Zayas	Alexis Vitale
Music –	Ms. Monblatt	Amaiah Richardson
Spanish –	Mrs. Trinidad	Emily DeLaRosa
Science –	Mrs. Farooq	Gabriella Tarinelli
Science –	Ms. Benevenga	Sam MacCarthy
Art –	Ms. Forte	Emily Zucker
Phys. Ed.-	Mr. Baker	Regina Hosbach

### DISTRICT STUDENT OF THE MONTH September 2016



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS POPPING UP ALL OVER CALABRO  
CELEBRATING OUR CALABRO FAMILY



*Birthdays  
of the Month*

Regina Hosbach—	Kindergarten
Tarrick Murray—	1st Grade
Quadir Ladson—	2nd Grade
Jose Marin—	3rd Grade
Amaiah Richardson—	6th Grade