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A Message from Dr. Pollins



This week, I had the great opportunity to walk to school with some of our students and parents. We had our first "Walking School Bus". I led the walk to school along with some of our wonderful teachers (Ms. Fleischer, Ms. Gerson, Mr. Kolmer, Ms. Musella, Ms. Ortiz, Ms. Phalen, Ms. E. Rodriguez, and Ms. Romanowski). After the walk, Mrs. Supple and Ms. Lewandowski served parents coffee in front of the school. I want to thank Hoboken Hot House for giving us a great deal on our morning coffee. I am looking forward to leading another "Walking School Bus" next month. Stay tuned for our next meeting location.

The weather is starting to turn a little cooler in the mornings. Please ensure that students have jackets or sweaters to protect them from the cool morning air. As a reminder, on rainy days, students in grades K, 1, 2 and 3 will dismiss from the cafeteria at 3:00.

Weather permitting, on Monday, October 31, 2016, students in grades K-6 will participate in the annual Connors Elementary School Halloween Parade at 1:00 p.m. Students will be allowed to wear their costumes to school that day. Please be advised that face masks and toy 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.



Upcoming Events

October 10, 2016—Hoboken Public Schools closed in observance of Columbus Day

October 11, 2016—October PTO Meeting at 8am in the Educational Media Center

October 12, 2016—Hoboken Public Schools closed in observance of Yom Kippur

October 13, 2016—Hispanic Heritage Assembly at 10am and 1pm

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!

Connors Walking School Bus



On Friday, October 7th, many members of the Connors Elementary School community gathered on the corners of 3rd and Jackson Streets for the first ever Connors Walking School Bus! Staff members met students and parents and they walked to school together as a school family. Upon arrival, parents were treated to hot coffee compliments of the Connors PTO. Stay tuned for additional Walking School Buses from other locations around Connors!



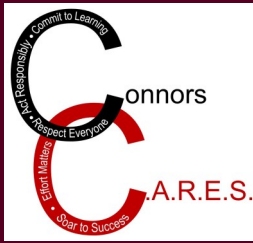
Connors Students Crack the Case!

By Ms. Vanessa Ortiz, Grade 5 Teacher

As part of our inference lesson, students were transformed into junior detectives. There were two crime scenes set up in the classroom. As the anticipatory set, students had to use their schema and clues from the scene in order to make an inference to determine what happened in Mrs. Ortiz' classroom last night. There were chairs flipped over, remote controls thrown on the floor, bags of chips and drinks thrown, a "Game Over" image displayed on the Smartboard, and caution tape blocking off the area. As students analyzed the scene, they had to complete a graphic organizer in order to organize their thoughts and make a final determination.

In the second crime scene, we incorporated reading. Students had to read interviews of different people who came into contact with the victim. The interviews were divided into centers so that students had to rotate to each center in order to gather all the information and analyze it using a graphic organizer. As students worked, crime scene instrumental music played in the background in order to set the mood. Students had to take text evidence from the interview cards, clues from the crime scene, and use their schema in order to make an inference as to what happened to our victim. This crime scene had caution tape, the outline of a victim, a pot, a wooden spoon, a bottle of cyanide, a fork and knife, a plate, and on top of the plate a picture of fried chicken and corn.





**TOGETHER WE CAN
DO SO MUCH MORE**

Connors PTO Corner Coffee with Connors!

In conjunction with the first Connors Walking School Bus, PTO volunteers awaited the arrival of students and parents to Connors. Parents were greeted with hot coffee, as well as additional information about the PTO and its upcoming events. Even though October has just begun, it was a perfectly chilly morning for some hot coffee!



Box Tops Reminder!

BOX TOP ALERT! Please remember to clip **BOX TOPS** and bring them into school in a labelled collection sheet or bag. Want to earn **bonus BOX TOPS**? Download the **BTFE** app and register your **Shop Rite** and **Sam's Club** cards (see websites below) with our school. Ask family and friends to clip as well! **All BOX TOPS** must be in no later than **10/26** in order to be counted towards our **1st** submission this year. Our **2nd** submission will be made in March. Thanks for your help! – **Connors PTO**

Register your ShopRite Points Plus Card:

www.ShopRiteForMySchool.com

Register your Sam's Club Card:

www.SamsClub.com/boxtops

