



Greetings, Northeast Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed a nice, relaxing week with your families, and have returned rejuvenated and ready for a wonderful 2017. Welcome to you and your family if you have recently joined our community. I trust that you'll find Northeast to be a wonderful, welcoming place. If you need anything as you transition here, please reach out!

This month, we're highlighting the interdisciplinary work of the visual arts. There are a wide variety of exciting visual arts pieces students create in art class, and many of these are designed in collaboration with classroom teachers. Ms. Millich and the second grade team have been working together to create a few interdisciplinary pieces of art, which blend English Language Arts, science, and social studies content with the arts. For example, second graders embark upon a large case study exploration of the Iditarod in Alaska each year. The study the mushers, the dogs and the routes as a way to study the second grade standards around communities and animal habitats. In art class, Ms. Millich works with students to craft beautiful multimedia works using paper, drawing, collage to demonstrate their understanding of animals and their habitats. As a shorter project, second graders learned about Roald Dahl's Phizzwizards - good dreams trapped in a bottle - and Ms. Millich along with the second grade teachers taught children how to create ethereal, dream-like works using crayons and watercolors. Our arts program enters the classroom to give students a richer and more diverse experience: students connect their learning in new ways when they use art to express their understanding. We're proud of our strong collaborative arts program, and what it gives to our students.

We're excited to announce two very important assemblies coming up in the following months. On Tuesday, January 31 at 8:05 a.m., we'll hold a Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration in the cafeteria. Only our Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade students will be performing songs and presenting their learning, but our whole school will attend. If you have a child in Kindergarten through 2nd grade, please feel free to join us as we honor the work and life of MLK. On Friday, January 17 at 8:05 a.m., we will be having our annual African American History Celebration in the cafeteria. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be preparing songs and sharing their learning, for our school community. Please join us if you have a 3rd, 4th or 5th grader that morning, as we celebrate the many contributions of African American people throughout history.

If you haven't already, please join the PTA listerv by visiting <http://www.northeastpta.com/> and following the directions there. You'll find important updates and a supportive community within this email listerv. As always, please reach out by email (lily.talcott@icsd.k12.ny.us), phone (257-2121) or by stopping in any time. Thank you for your commitment to our children's education.

Sincerely,
Lily Talcott