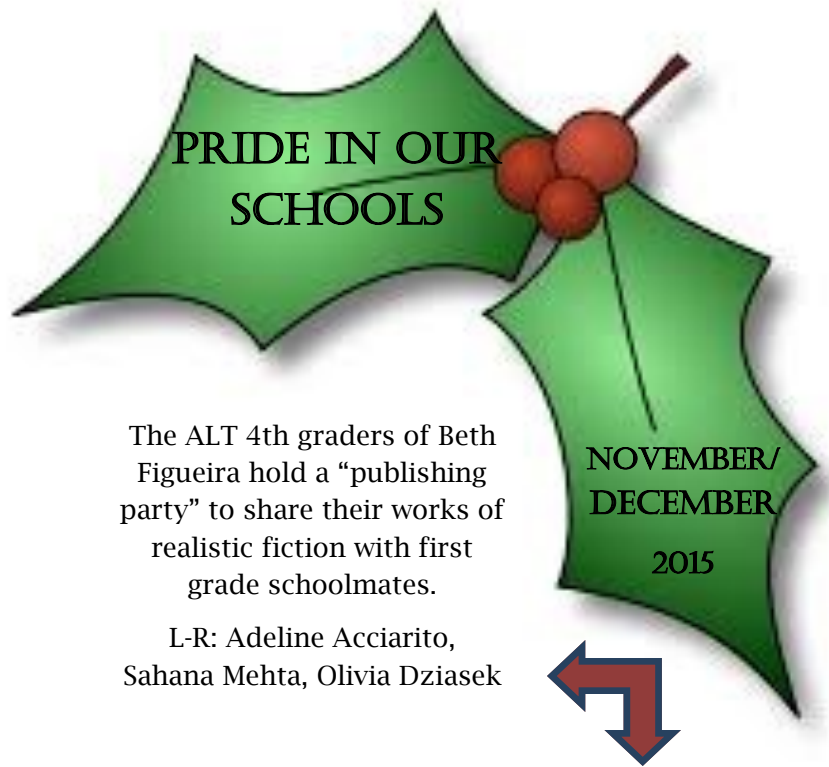


Eighth graders Alex Siegel, Sena Naman, Zach Nemcek and Mayur Sharma work as a team of "engineers" to develop a system to contain and remove oil from a classroom "spill" — the real world, STEM-laden lesson of science teachers Kelly Brown, Michele Kraminitz, Cathlin Sweeney and Carolyn McCloskey.



The ALT 4th graders of Beth Figueira hold a "publishing party" to share their works of realistic fiction with first grade schoolmates.

L-R: Adeline Acciarito, Sahana Mehta, Olivia Dziasek

Mt. Horeb fifth graders are designing a garden that will include flowering plants and bushes, along with 8 raised vegetable beds. The crops (tomatoes, beans, potatoes and more) will be rotated each year to keep the soil healthy and free of pests. Principal Scott Cook, Grade 5 teacher Kara Miletic, paraprofessional Kate Kogler, the school maintenance crew and the Mt. Horeb PTO are all contributing to the effort to create this hands-on outdoor classroom.



Crazy for Cranberries!

The Woodland first graders of Anita Brower and Dorothy Stolfi use this seasonal berry to show-case math and science skills.



Transportation Driver Lauralee Dupper used the skills she learned in a CPR course taught by our school nurses to save the life of a toddler she babysits on her off time. "I didn't have time to think," she says about stepping in to perform the Heimlich maneuver on the choking child as the distraught parent looked on.





Students of the Month  
October 2015

Back Row (L-R): Esme Abbot, Grace Zamora, Willard Whitesell, Kaleigh Brunner, Jack Dardis

Front Row (L-R): Cayla Park, Arshia Agrawal, Chanyoung Chi

Students of the Month  
November 2015

Back Row (L-R): Anya Solanki, Apurva Joshi, Emily Hold, Manuel Melo, Pramity Shah

Front Row (L-R): Jayden Sethi, Alexis Fletcher, Alan Wang



(L) Kindergarten teachers receive training on *Foundations*, a multisensory phonics, spelling, handwriting program.

(R) Central's Christina DeShields begins a *Foundations* lesson.



While talking to parents about PARCC score reports, Curriculum Coordinator William Kimmick tries out the Swivl, a robotic video/audio recorder that can be used for classroom instruction and student projects.



At right, Lynn Alger's 6th grade Innovation and Design class gets ready to use the Swivl to record student presentations on... fittingly... technological inventions.



Tis' the season of giving.

ALT 5th grade peer leaders hold a canned good drive to bolster the Thanksgiving feasts of families in need.







50+ boxes of candy received.  
950+ holiday stockings filled.

For 21 years, Central School's Jane Auriemma has enlisted the help of local Girl Scouts and other students to stuff stockings with donated Halloween candy. The stockings go to a children's ministry that aids families who need help this time of year.

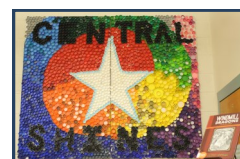


8th Graders Jack Taub and Adam Claxton use improvisation techniques as part of a writer's workshop on character development in Christine Cirrotti's language arts class.



ALT first graders enjoy the fruits (vegetables) of their labors. The students of Elena Marinello and Karen Wilkening harvested the vegetables they planted earlier this fall, enjoying a healthy salad during American Education Week in November.

## HATS OFF TO...



- ⇒ Central School art teacher Rebecca Davenport for her published article in the fall issue of ARTBEAT. Ms. Davenport details how her 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students turned 6 boxes of donated plastic bottle caps into a colorful mosaic, now displayed in the Central library.
- ⇒ Lisa Carlson, Kristen Boni, Jenn Carr, Donna Bardy, Lori Vigliotti and their 7th/8th grade students who wrote letters of encouragement to the citizens of Paris as part of a real life language arts lesson. The special lesson was widely publicized and acknowledged by the executive director of the New Jersey School Boards Association in his electronic newsletter on 11/30 which was shared with school boards across the state.
- ⇒ Woodland's PJ Jones, Harriet Stambaugh and Amanda McGrath who applied for and won a \$300 grant from Atlantic Health System to be used for the Grade 3 vegetable garden.
- ⇒ A follow-up tip of the hat to 6th grade math teacher Barbara LaSaracina who participated in a study of former and new state assessments, including PARCC. [Click here](#) to read "Your Child's PARCC Score: 5 Things You Should Know" by Mrs. LaSaracina.





November birthday honorees at Mt. Horeb don mustaches to highlight cancer awareness.



Eighth grade peer leaders, along with Social Studies teacher Lynn Degen and E2's Susan Cooper, receive t-shirts from the Lions service club organization.



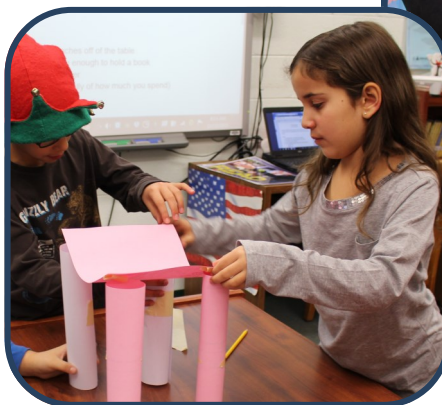
Woodland School fifth graders in Colleen Krumm's class welcome back former classmate, Peyton Walton, via video conferencing. Peyton is receiving treatment for a rare form of liver cancer.



Peace Cranes for Paris



Members of the Mt. Horeb iBuild Club take the challenge posed by library teacher Chris Burkhardt... to build a bridge out of recycled scrap paper that can hold a book.



Students in Meryl Lettice's Art Magazine Club at Warren Middle School combine traditional artistic media with computer graphic design and creative writing to publish a colorful and informative publication.



The artwork of more than 16 Central and ALT students will be showcased at an art exhibit entitled "Nature through a Child's Eyes." Plan a visit to the Somerset County Park Commission Environmental Center in Basking Ridge, Jan. 8—Feb 7, to view the work of this talented bunch under the instruction of Central's Rebecca Davenport and ALT's Donna Pellagrino.







6th grader Nicolas Minervini builds a 3-D structure during *Maker Mondays*.



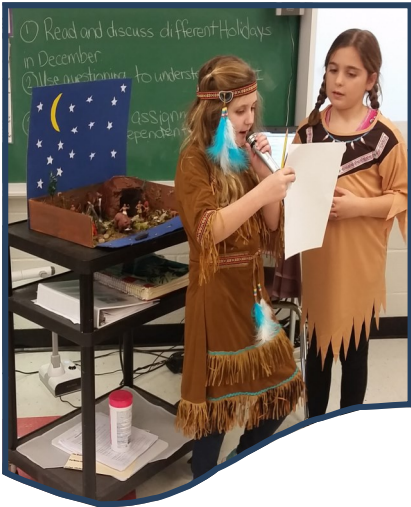
## Snapshots...



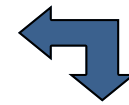
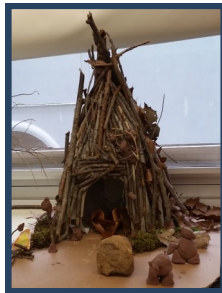
Please don't feed the deer at Central.



Happy Thanksgiving from Woodland Kindergarteners.



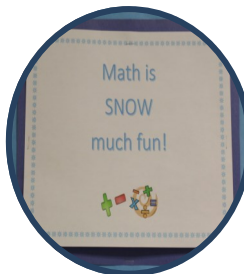
ALT Grade 4 Lenni-Lenape Native American Project under the instruction of Amanda Gordon.



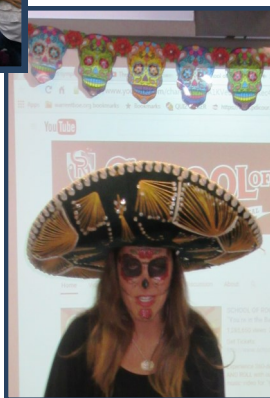
Science Day at Central



Mt. Horeb first graders learn the basics of coding during Computer Science Education Week. "Learning code is like learning a new language to communicate with," says computer science teacher Jolanta Scassera.



Dia de las Muertos at Woodland  
WL teacher Shannon O'Shea and Kendall Lee, Grade 5







*Gr 7/8 Band with  
Diane McCloskey*



*Central's  
Holiday  
Sing-a-long  
with  
Jennifer  
Kaniuka.*



## **HOLIDAY CONCERTS, MUSICALS AND SING-A-LONGS**



*Gr 6  
Band  
with Joel  
Van Tine*



*WMS Chorus with  
Amy Jensen*



*WMS Orchestra  
with John Seremula*

*Mt. Horeb 2nd  
graders wait  
their turn to  
perform with  
Mark Weber,  
as K-5  
Instrumental  
Music teacher  
William Mellott  
leads the Gold  
Band in holiday  
favorites.*



*ALT—Gr 4 with Kelly Backus*



*Hallway  
Concert with  
Central Gold  
Band under  
the direction  
of K-5  
Instrumental  
Music teacher  
Bruce Gant.*