

Celebrations of the Fairfield Public Schools

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Superintendent's Message



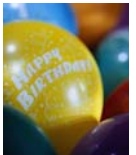
Dear Faculty and Staff:

The wonderful accomplishments listed here are just the tip of the iceberg for all that goes on in our district. Thanks to our terrific staff, the contributions listed below are positive examples of what happens daily in Fairfield Public Schools.



Burr - The Roots and Shoots members recently had a *Make, Shake, and Bake-athon* to raise funds for families in need in Oaxaca, Mexico. Over \$3,000 was donated to *Simply Smiles*, which will provide medical care.

Dwight - Dwight celebrated its 50th Birthday this year. In honor of this big event each grade collected items for *Operation Hope* and care packages for soldiers.



Jennings - Jennings held their first annual *Only You 5K Run/Walk and Kids Run*, which was started in honor of Mikey Fedak, a student who passed away last April.

Osborn Hill - Osborn Hill School conducted its annual turkey trot on the back field. Students ran, jogged, walked, trotted, skipped, jumped or flapped their way around the course. Students brought in a variety of non-perishable goods to enter the trot. The items were brought to fill the pantry of the *Daughters of Charity* for the Thanksgiving Holiday. The school met their goal of filling two cars this year.



Osborn Hill - Osborn Hill was the recipient of an *Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance* program grant. On Wednesday, December 11, David DeLuca, who is a local Exxon employee, came and presented the \$500 grant which will be used for math/science materials.



Riverfield - held their first *Walk/Bike to School Day* of the year. A large number of students turned out for this healthy and fun activity.

Riverfield - A very successful drive for sister school, Cesar Batalla was held this year. The teachers, students and families of Riverfield "adopted" 21 families with a total of 44 children for the annual *Holiday Angels* drive. Supplies and toys were delivered to children in huge overflowing laundry baskets !

Roger Sherman - An open house was held to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the school. Congratulations!



Fairfield Woods MS - Last Fall Grade 6 grade students were on Channel 12 weather with Paul Piorek.



Robin Berndt's 2nd grade class at Riverfield put on a play for the students based on the book *Giraffes Can't Dance* by Giles Andreae.



Elba Llantín-Cruz, Fairfield Woods MS teacher, and **Lauren Moyer**, Fairfield Warde HS teacher, recently completed the *Anti-Defamation League* training program "Echoes and Reflections: A Multimedia Curriculum on the Holocaust." This program included visual materials and testimony from survivors of the Holocaust and was given by the Quinnipiac University School of Education.



Jennings held their 4th annual Science Expo, headed by **Kathleen Ruppert**, Mathematics/Science teacher. Seventy students presented a great variety of science projects to their parents, teachers, and friends.

Fairfield Ludlowe HS science teacher, **Mary Jac Reed**, and 60 members of the *Red Cross Club* managed a blood drive that produced 29 pints of blood - 1 short of their goal.





Roger Ludlowe MS - This past October the RLMS *Walk-a-thon* was held. Students and staff walked to raise money for the PTSA. This event raised \$26,000 and proved to be a fun and memorable time for all.

Tomlinson MS - Tomlinson celebrated *Unity Day*, which is a National Day for taking a stance against bullying, by wearing the color orange.



Jennings - Grade 5 student, **Natalie Steele**, appeared as “Tessie” in the Downtown Cabaret’s production of *Annie* over the Holiday Season.

Jennings - The grade 5 classes received a Certificate of Appreciation from the *Fairfield Animal Shelter* for collecting and donating used blankets and towels.



Roger Sherman - Jasmine Conley, and Eleni Gold danced in *The Nutcracker* at the *Quick Center for the Arts* on December 16th.

This past November, the **Roger Ludlowe MS** Cross Country team participated in the *2013 Connecticut Middle School Cross Country State Championship* in Manchester. The team faced hundreds of the best runners that represented more than 50 middle schools from across the State. The RLMS boys team placed 16th overall in the State. The girls team placed 5th overall and brought home a trophy. Congratulations to both teams!



Tomlinson MS - Student Leadership Council held a Thanksgiving Food Drive for *Operation Hope*. Students collected non perishable items to make 60 Thanksgiving Baskets plus grocery gift cards.

Fairfield Ludlowe HS - Photography students **Kaylee Smith, Evie Johnston, and Olivia Petshaft** took the top three prizes in the annual *Easton Photo Competition*. They were honored at a reception at the Easton Library and were awarded money prizes. Their photos will be printed in the Easton community calendar and of the three, the top finisher will hang in the Easton Town Hall for a year.



Fairfield Ludlowe HS - Senior **Nicky Tygesen** created a photograph and captured an award in the *Drexel University Annual High School Photography Competition*. Nicky’s photo was one of the one hundred chosen in the competition and will be on exhibit from February 8 through March 10.

FLHS - Four Fairfield Ludlowe members of the *Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)* organization participated in the National Leadership Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Over 7,000 delegates from 50 states participated. **Meredith Brown** won the silver award for “Kozy Kids 3”, and **Jenny Moran, Phoebe Ertel, and Emily Devine** brought home the gold for “Healthy Eating is Elementary.”



Fairfield Warde HS - French language students from Fairfield Warde and their families hosted 17 students from Nimes, France as part of an exchange program that has gone on for more than 30 years. The students from Nimes were amazed by the school spirit displayed at the annual fall pep rally.

FWHS - T.J. Gallagher earned “athlete of the week” honors from WFSB, Channel 3 after his remarkable performance in the annual Thanksgiving Day Football game against Fairfield Ludlowe.



FWHS - For the Class of 2014 **Delia Motavalli** has been named a National Merit Semi-Finalist. The following students are National Merit Commended Students: **Ben Graney-Green, Haydn Kennedy, Jonathan Liu, Matthew Newell, Nicholas Ragusa, Jack Ullman, and George Wang.**



FWHS and FLHS - *The National Association for Music Education* announces six music program students were selected for the *All National Music Ensembles*. They are for Band: **Connor Levinson, Liam Russell, and Joseph Sugrue.** For Chorus: **Evelynne Fulda, Zachary Roberge, and Eliza Wiant.** The students performed at the National Conference for Music Educators in Nashville this past October.

The *Scholastic Art Awards* recognizes the work of talented young artists in grades 7 to 12. It’s a wonderful honor for all involved and truly celebrates our students’ hard work and dedication to the Arts. The following students are this year’s winners: Fairfield Ludlowe HS - **Josh Archer, Madison Burress, Yuqi Chen, Sarah, Cummings, Megan Grady, Grace Haviland, Jisoo Kim, Jack Maffucci, Dominika Michalska, Jeff Pearson, Olivia Petshaft, Diana Stone and Sydney Van Fleet;** Fairfield Warde HS - **Emily Brennan, Pedro Oliveira and Joanne Trinh;** Fairfield Woods MS - **Hayley English, Kiara Gambuzza, Alex Kim and Kyla Redgate;** Roger Ludlowe MS - **Katheryn Babinton, Sophie Bogner-Beauchemin, Lauren Dewitt, Greg McGowan, Megan Murphy, Bridget O’Leary, Grayson Stearns and Sophia Woolsey;** Tomlinson MS - **Victoria Bozhulich, Liam Holroyd, Cole Maute, Isabel Nobile, Molly O’Gara, Yamileth Pascacio, India Sonnenfeld.**

