

301 Bioeducational News

The weather may have caused some hiccups with our already shortened December at school, but we still managed to fit on a lot of lessons and activities. Staff had been bringing in items for our annual Holiday Shop so students could pay tokens and select two gifts to give to family members for Christmas. After shopping staff and students took some time in homerooms to wrap them up and address them to loved ones. Another way that we thought about others was with a token drive for the Wish Project in Chelmsford, where students' tokens were converted to cash to buy hats and mittens for the less fortunate. A few students went to the Palace Theater to watch a performance of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens, while others signed up and took part in cookie decorating. The Video Club and Art Club met again, while Girls Group started and LHS basketball had another practice. Students enjoyed the annual school-wide event Holiday Fest by acknowledging and learning about the different ways people celebrate the holidays around the world. The gym was decorated and had different stations where students and visiting family members could choose from an array of activities; making snow cones, latke samples, various arts and crafts, all while Christmas music played in the background and some sang and danced along. Later Santa traveled throughout school to deliver a gift for each student.

The last school day of 2019 wrapped up with a Whole School Assembly in the gym where everyone gathered to watch the yearbook video. Those attending could hear cheers, laughter, an occasional groan, and the excited "Look, it's me!", as staff and students recognized themselves in a video clip or photograph on the big screen. The latter statement by staff and students made the event feel like a personal Where's Waldo for everyone in school.

301 Continued its Music elective by learning about the musician Louis Armstrong and composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, and watched a performance of one of his most famous ballets, The Nutcracker. The monthly Bioeducational theme of **Generosity** was addressed when students made a paper ornament describing a person they care about and would give a gift to. And when celebrating the Word of the Day party, students were given two cupcakes; one they could keep, and the other to be given to a staff member of their choice.

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The month of December has been filled with fun and festive activities. Throughout this month, in the Homeroom and on lessons, we focused on Generosity as the Bioeducational theme. During Writer's Workshop, we explored this theme, writing about some of the best gifts we've ever received, what it means to be generous, and even spent a week hand writing cards to give to people we care about. With this theme in mind, December was filled with a variety of activities that students had the opportunity to attend. With the help of the "Holiday Shop," students were given the opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends with their hard earned tokens. Many students expressed feeling joyful and proud to be given the opportunity to give back to the people who love and take care of them. The month concluded with Lighthouse's annual "Holiday Fest." We decorated our classrooms with creative crafts and joined in fun indoor and outdoor activities. Students worked together in order to decorate our classroom window with holiday spirit. Our window showcased 302's creativity. With the holiday season, comes a wide variety of feelings. Though it is a time to be joyous and thankful, the holidays may also create a lot of anxiety and can feel overwhelming at times. We discussed coping strategies that could not only get us through the activities here at Lighthouse, but also strategies that will help us cope with our feelings as we are away from school over Winter Break. We hope you have a wonderful Holiday break together and look forward to the New Year!

303 Bioeducational News

We hope this newsletter finds you well and ready for the holidays! The Bioeducational theme for December was Generosity. This month was rich with opportunities for everyone to practice the act of giving. We want students to experience the positive effects of helping others and giving back to those in their lives and spending time with those they care about. This month students got into the holiday spirit by participating in many festive activities throughout the last couple of weeks. It started off with all the students getting the opportunity to shop for their families at the holiday shop, then wrapping the gifts with help from their teachers. Next came decorating the windows and classroom with festive pictures and colors. During Holiday Fest, the students enjoyed games, activities, a winter stroll to view all the decorated windows, and even a visit from Santa! They also enjoyed watching the video yearbook and reminiscing on their favorite memories from the year. We also gathered together as a homeroom family for a Holiday dinner before the break. This is such a wonderful time for the students to enjoy the holiday spirit and to just be kids, no matter how old they are! Wishing you and your family a happy and peaceful holiday and a Happy New Year!

304 Bioeducational News

The holidays are here! Throughout the month of December, the students have focused on the Bioeducational theme of 'Generosity'. Students worked together to generate a list of ways to show generosity and then used their ideas to decorate the classroom bulletin board. The month also brought a handful of traditional events at Lighthouse School. The students had the opportunity to spend 500 tokens to purchase gifts from the holiday shop to bring home for loved ones. The holiday shop was created through donations from Lighthouse staff, which has always been a great tradition. Holiday Fest happened this month and the students got to enjoy a variety of activities that allowed them to experience the traditions of various religions and cultures. Each student also received a present from Santa. Before the holiday break, the entire school traveled to the gymnasium to view the video yearbook as a Lighthouse family. All of us in 304 hope you have an enjoyable and restful holiday and we look forward to seeing you in 2020!

305 Bioeducational News

The month of December is always very busy here at Lighthouse School. We wrapped up our theme of the month which was Gratitude. The students participated in holiday traditions such as the Holiday Shop. Students saved up 500 tokens and were able to shop for gifts they could give to their loved ones. The Holiday Shop was created through donations from staff at Lighthouse. Everyone enjoyed picking out just the right gift and then wrapping it in time for the holidays. The students in 305 collaborated to decorate our window in the homeroom for a school-wide holiday stroll. They worked together to create a giant-sized Santa along with Rudolph. Holiday fest is always so much fun for staff and students. Everyone got to enjoy a variety of holiday activities, allowing them to experience the holidays through various religions and cultures. On December 20th we had a homeroom family dinner together then joined the entire school in the gymnasium to view the video yearbook. Each student also received a present from Santa. All of the teachers and students in 305 hope you have an enjoyable and restful holiday and we look forward to 2020!

306 Bioeducational News

Winter is here! December has been a busy month for the students of 306 as we prepared for the holiday season. Students had the opportunity to purchase gifts at the Lighthouse Holiday Shop. They saved five hundred tokens which allowed them to choose two items to be given to a family member or loved one. This year 306 embraced the Christmas spirit early with decorating the room with lights, ornaments and miniature Christmas tree. Before Christmas Vacation, the class participated in watching the video yearbook together with the whole school and eating cookies together, giving a chance for everyone to reflect on 2019. Each student identified a food that they associate with Christmas and described its importance to them. Homeroom staff cooked those foods to share at a homeroom family meal before vacation. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2020, and wish you a safe and happy holiday!