

CMS QUARTERLY WRAP UP

**Marking Period 1:
9/5/2023 - 11/14/2023**



Exciting Events:

- 9/5 First Day of School!
- 9/13 Back to School Night!
- 9/25 - 9/29 - Spirit Week!
- 9/29 PBIS Kick Off Day!
- 10/2 - 10/6 - Week of Respect & Inclusion!
- 10/4 Student/Teacher Diversity Council Meeting at Monmouth University!
- 10/10 First Diversity Council Meeting with Parents, Staff, & Students
- 10/12 8th Grade Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration
- 10/18 Baseball & Softball Championship Games
- 10/19 Blue for School Violence Awareness
- 10/20 Pink Out Day for Breast Cancer Awareness
- 10/23 - 11/17 - Sewa Diwali Food Drive
- 10/24 Woodbridge Township Police Dept. Assemblies
- 10/26 6th Grade Halloween Dance!
- 10/31 Pajama Day for Halloween!
- 11/1 & 11/2 - World Culture Club Bake Sale Fundraiser for Ms. Brock

Upcoming Events:

- 11/20 - "The Way of the Lenape" Workshop for 6th Grade!
- 11/29 - Science Planetarium coming to CMS for 8th Grade!
- 12/5 - Diversity Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm (virtual) Staff, students, & parents invited
- 12/7 - Instrumental Music Winter Concert!
- 12/11 - Chorus & Dance Winter Concert!

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CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE SCHOOL

Researching Hispanic Scientists in Mrs. Brenner's classes!



Creating Molas in Ms. Batorsky's Art classes!

Earth's Seasons & Cultures Around the World Lab in Ms. McDermid's classes!



Researching Hispanic Scientists in Mrs. Sacco's classes!

Researching Hispanic authors in Mrs. Moudatsos's classes!

Researching famous Hispanic Americans in Mrs. Clifford's classes!

Performing culturally diverse music in Mr. Plesniarski's music classes!

Taking a stroll of a "Una Galeria de Hispanos Famosos" in Mrs. Henrique's classes!

Celebrating Mid Moon Festival & learning accompanying Chinese songs in Mr. Liu's classes!



Ms. Skiba & Ms. Kelly's classes highlighted famous poets with Hispanic Heritage!

Learning the Salsa in Ms. Jackson's dance classes!

A bulletin board honoring Italian Americans, food, & teachers with Italian Heritage was created in Mr. Nunez's class!

Reading poetry by Mexican American author Sandra Cisneros in Mrs. Ciardiello's classes!



Ms. Paiva's class kicked off Native American Heritage Month

Researching Hispanic authors, poets, and songwriters in Ms. Paiva's classes!

Sidney M. Gutierrez - Astronaut

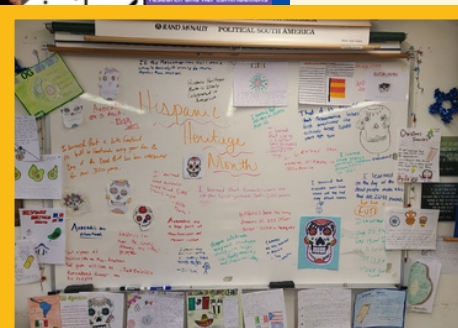
Sidney M. Gutierrez had a bachelor degree in astronautical engineering, and worked in the air force. He flew over 4,500 hours in 30 different vehicles (not including cars), when he was done. NASA made him the first US born Hispanic.

He was born on June 27, 1951. He was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and he graduated from Valley high school in 1969. He is 72 years old and still alive.

Sidney M. Gutierrez showed the world how Hispanics can do great things too, and he completed 2 space flights to do that. He helped show what animals and humans feel when sent into 0 gravity and back to earth gravity. He also helped with cosmic radiation and plant life.

Sidney M. Gutierrez was famous for going to space twice and being the first hispanic to do so because he wanted to show how hispanics can do stuff too.

He will be remembered for being the first hispanic to go to space.



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL LEARNING CONNECTIONS

Week of Respect & Inclusion activities school wide!

Pledging to be Drug Free school wide!

Recognizing varying emotional intensity in Mr. Plesniarski's music classes!

Creating wishes for humanity in Mrs. Ciardiello's classes!

Discussing emotions & feeling words in Chinese in Mr. Liu's classes!

Ms. Skiba & Ms. Kelly's classes reviewed the effects of social groups for teens in the 1960's and teens today here at CMS

Practicing positive language and teamwork in Ms. Paiva's classes!

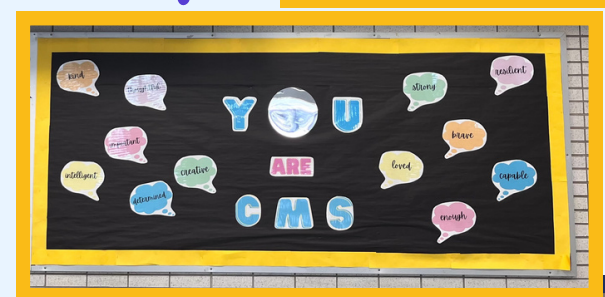
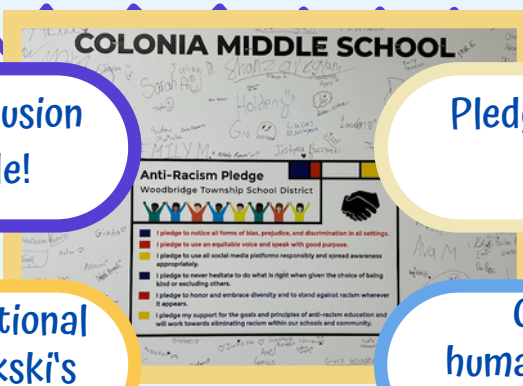
Mr. Nunez's class created graphic celebrity biographies, highlighting how different celebrities gave back to their communities!

Creating encouraging positive messages to share around the school!

Expressing who we are using numbers in Mr. Markos's classes!

Learning about traditions and sharing our family traditions in Ms. Paiva's classes!

Discussing, reciting, & signing the Anti-Bullying & Anti-Racism pledges across all grades!



CLUB & CLASSROOM NEWS

World Culture Club celebrated Italian Heritage month by sharing greetings, food, and famous Italian Americans around the school!



Community Service Club is collecting leftover Halloween Candy and making cards to be sent in care packages to our Troops

Vidya Game Club, run monthly by Mr Bernstein, Mr Shanker and Mr Nuñez, has begun! The initial meeting saw 80 students coming into the MacLab for a great time playing Vidya Games locally, nothing online, with friends old and new.

Baseball & Softball had a terrific season, both losing a close one in the Championship!



Friday's Friends worked with Ms. Miller's class to create a rain garden with the help of Woodbridge Township and Rutgers University in the garden courtyard on September 28th

Mrs. Brenner's classes created Engineering Design Thinking Comics!

Mr Bernstein's Multimedia and Publishing Class just completed schoolwide videos showcasing famous Native Americans for Native American Heritage Month to be shown during Morning Announcements!

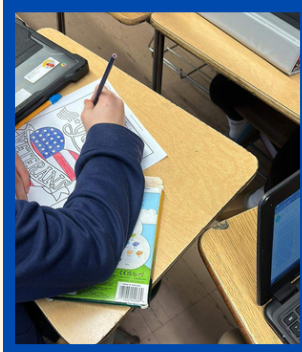


Honored our veterans for Veterans Day in Mr. Kenny's class!



Friday's Friends created a pumpkin patch so our special education students could decorate pumpkins for Halloween the week of 10/23

Ms. Paiva's class laid dead words to rest and replaced them with more descriptive language!



Social Media Club had their first meeting October 11th! Check out their work on the Colonia Middle School Instagram or @CMSSocial_Media on X!



Community Service Club is participating in the Sewa Diwali Food Drive. Food collection will end on 11/16/23.

World Culture Club held a Bake Sale to fundraise for our very own Ms. Brock!

Student Shoutouts!

Joyal Patel!

For always including others in group work
- Mrs. Brenner

7th Grade Period 2 Chorus Class!

-Mr. Plesniarski

Mikaela Ramos!

For being kind & responsible!
For devoting herself to learning Chinese and always saying "ni hao" with a smile!
- Mr. Liu

Ms. Paiva's 6th Grade classes!

For always being kind & up for any challenge!
-Ms. Paiva

Milika Singh!

for being a great leader and also for being able to overcome any obstacles thrown her way!
- Mr. Bernstein

Isabella Jaramillo!

For always being kind and helping students with such grace and patience, all on her own!
-Mrs. Clifford

Ryan Meier!

For being a strong, positive leader in class and showing genuine interest in learning!
-Mrs. Clifford

Jaidyn Mickus!

For her enthusiasm in class and kindness in baking for the bake sale!
- Mrs. Clifford

Teacher Shoutouts!

Mrs. Henriques!

For planning the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration & for all of her hard work with DEI!
-Ms. McDermid & Mrs. Moudatsos

Mrs. Davison-Nau!

For rocking the first months of school as new VP!
-Mrs. Moudatsos

Mrs. Henriques!

For all of her efforts with the DEI committee!
-Mrs. Clifford

Mrs. Mentzell!

For always helping however she can!
-Ms. Paiva

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For always being ready and willing to share her creativity!
-Mrs. Henriques

Mr. Bernstein & Mr. Nunez!

For setting up the video games for Video Game club!
-Mr. Shanker

Mrs. Jardot & Mr. Bernstein!

For always going above and beyond with technology especially in the beginning of the year.
-Mr. McLaughlin

Counseling Department & Staff!

For supporting the administrative team and meeting the needs of our students
-Mrs. Davison-Nau

Mr. Bernstein!

For highlighting the observance of Italian American Heritage month in the CMS announcements!
-Mr. Nunez

Ms. Kelly & Ms. McDermid!

For doing an amazing job leading the PBIS team for the yearly kick-off!
-Mrs. Skiba