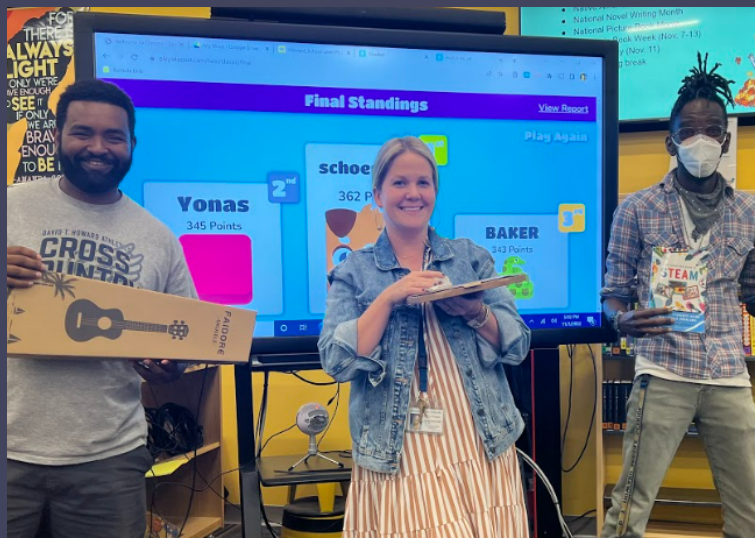
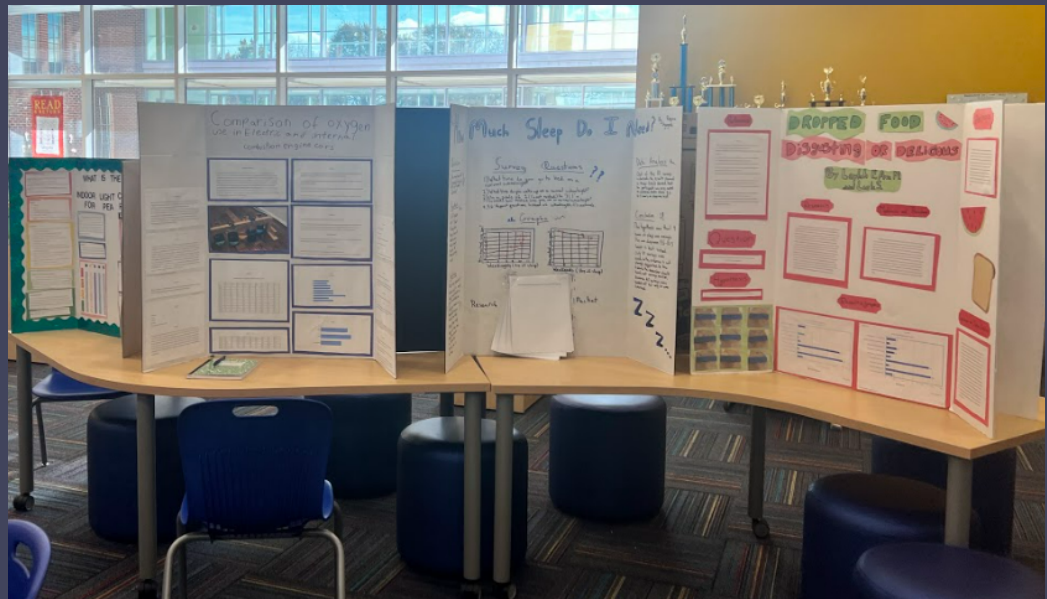


HOWARD Scoop!

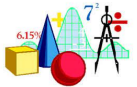
Our students did an incredible job on their Science Fair projects this semester! See Page 3 for our Finalists!



STEAM @ HOWARD

Our STEAM program is charging ahead with a focus on staff-wide professional development. In November, our staff engaged with the Office of Fine Arts to learn more about the "A" in STEAM. They took away some great strategies for incorporating the Arts into the curriculum! In December, our staff will focus more on the "T" for Technology to engage in technology integration. This session will focus on strategies that makes learning more engaging and relevant to their real world experiences. Take a look at the photo to the left of our teacher winners during the Arts training!

Students are continuing to work on STEAM topics during enrichment and will be focused on Design Thinking for the remainder of the semester!



Math Matters!

How can you support your student in their love of math at home? Mr. Deboe, our math instructional coach shared some tips for just that!

- Have your child be the teacher and teach you about a new concept they are working on in class
- Connect math to what interests your child
- Avoid talking negatively about math
- Communicate openly with your child's math teacher
- Visit the Amplify care giver portal: tinyurl.com/AmplifyMathHoward



HOW CAN FAMILIES BE INVOLVED?

- **Volunteer for the Tardy Desk:** tinyurl.com/HowardTardy
- **Purchase items for our Proficiency & Beyond Celebration using the link:** tinyurl.com/HowardHolidayWishList
- **Volunteer at our Proficiency & Beyond Celebration by emailing** jcappelli@apsk12.org - 12/14 @ 2PM
- **Do you have a 6th grader? 6th Grade Advisory classes are collecting socks for donation this holiday season!**



SPOTLIGHT ON 6TH GRADE!



- In ELA this month students are exploring fair trade and ethics in the chocolate industry around the world in order to write persuasive writing pieces! Some classes did chocolate tastings and they have also explored how chocolate is made!
- In social studies, students are also exploring trade and recently examined their own clothing pieces, such as hoodies, to see where they were made. Students engaged in discussions around the different countries the clothing products had come from
- In science, students are learning about the topic of Hydrology and created their own illustrations of the ocean floor and ocean topography based on their lessons. They also explored convection currents and density using class demonstrations with hot water and colored ice cubes!
- 6th grade is hosting a Holiday Sock Drive in an attempt to collect socks for the homeless this season! Last year we were able to collect over 1,900 pairs of socks to be donated!

SPOTLIGHT ON 7TH GRADE!

- ELA students have enjoyed our foray into nonfiction. We just finished reading *Phineas Gage: A Gruesome but True Story About Brain Science*, and we will close out the unit by reading about the adolescent brain. We are learning about comparing points of view and finding support for differing theories on brain development.
- The Social studies department is currently working on reading the book: *The Breadwinner*. Students are also learning the Geography of Southwest Asia, religious practices in the region and the Palestinian and Israeli Conflict.
- Science is starting its genetics unit, learning all about heredity. Ask your students if they know what traits they inherited, and what traits they can acquire from their environment. We will conclude this unit with a project rather than a test.
- Math students are finishing their writing and solving equations and inequalities. We will be starting a new unit on functions and how to graph functions.



SPOTLIGHT ON 8TH GRADE!



- All 8th graders had the opportunity to visit the Civil Rights Museum over the past week where they toured exhibits that included papers from Dr. King and our very own David T. Howard alumni
- ELA scholars are finishing their unit on *Frankenstein* and writing an essay that argues if the creature is actually human or not. Students will be closing the unit with a unit test and then will watch the 1931 film to compare to the text
- In Social Studies, students are engaged in learning about the New South Era in Georgia and will be completing a choice board project to close out the semester.
- 8th grade mathematicians are finishing their unit on Linear Equations and Systems of Linear Equations. Students will end the unit with an assessment before moving to the Functions and Volume Unit in January
- Science has been focused on finalizing their science fair projects and discussing the concepts of Energy in class!

SPOTLIGHT ON CONNECTIONS!

- Students will finish their Fitness Gram unit in Physical Education next week
- Our Visual Arts students completed the Kusama Pumpkins displayed above
- The Howard & Midtown Orchestra programs will perform at Midtown High School on 12/6 @ 6:30PM
- The Howard & Midtown Band programs will perform at Midtown High School on 12/12 @ 6:30PM
- The Howard & Midtown Chorus programs will perform at Midtown High School on 12/13 @ 6:30PM
- Please welcome Sgt. T. Cain to our JLC class!
- Our students in Mr. Baker's class have been developing their technology skills by creating our daily announcements for the whole school



Focus on Student Growth!

Shout out to Ms. Medlock's students who are committed to showing growth on the MAP assessment over the course of the school year! They each signed the "Wall of Growth" as a commitment to their own success!



PROFICIENCY & BEYOND CELEBRATION!

DECEMBER 14, 2022

HOT CHOCOLATE & COOKIES!!

We can't wait to celebrate our students who are working hard in the Proficiency & Beyond block! The following students will be invited to the celebration:

- *Intervention students with an average of 15 minutes or more in HMH platform!
- *Enrichment students who have completed at least 80% of the enrichment activities in the month of December!

ADVISORY DOOR DECORATING CONTEST!

WHEN: BEGIN DECORATING 12/1
JUDGING WILL BE ON 12/15 AFTER 12PM
THEME: CELEBRATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Holiday Happenings!

SPIRIT WEEK!

MONDAY 12/12: HOLIDAY HAT DAY
TUESDAY 12/13: HOLIDAY CHARACTER DAY
WEDNESDAY 12/14: WINTER PJ DAY!
THURSDAY 12/15: CRAZY WINTER SOCK DAY
FRIDAY 12/16: UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATER DAY



Our 6th grade students have been working hard in their visual arts class to create stop motion films. Please scan the QR code to take a look!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

12/2: PTO meeting @ 9:30AM in the Cafeteria
12/5-12/9: Little Shop of Stories Book Fair- Extended hours on 12/6
12/6: Asynchronous Learning Day for staff and students
12/6: Orchestra Concert- Midtown @ 6:30PM
12/12-12/16: Holiday Spirit Week
12/12: Band Concert- Midtown @ 6:30PM
12/13: Chorus Concert- Midtown @ 6:30PM
12/14: P&B Celebration during school hours
12/16: PBIS Event during school hours
12/16: Semester 1 Grades Close- report cards sent home in January
12/19-1/2: Closed for Winter Break
1/13: PSAT for 8th Graders
1/18: 8th Grade Students Visit Midtown
1/19: 8th Grade Parent Meeting for rising Knights @ Midtown HS- 6:30-8PM



We are so proud of our finalists who will move on to compete in the APS District Fair!

Congratulations to
Oliver Flouriani
Esan Ebner & Riley Erikson
Amelia Roberts
Lark McCormack & Elle Anderson
Leila Yalew & Layla Klehr
Ella Lamb
Amalila Kaiman, Deliah Knowles, & Melia Harrison

8th Grade Wall of Memes

