

The Paterson Inquirer

David Paterson IB World School Newspaper Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day!

Students and Staff Demonstrate Gratitude at David Paterson

Our holiday tree was decorated by the students of David Paterson Elementary School



On Monday, December 8th we kicked off our 12 Days of Gratitude event! Each day before the holiday break we celebrated and expressed our gratitude by completing an activity. On Monday, we started by making creative glyphs. Then on Thursday, every class received candy canes. On Friday, we decorated ornaments to hang around the school. The activities continued into the week of Dec. 13th and 20th for total of 12 days. Some other activities included writing a letter to exchange with another class, holiday music over the announcements, and a holiday "Draw and Play" with Ms. Piercey, the art teacher. Ms. Adams coordinated this event along with the School Based Planning Team. We are so very lucky to have such creative and fun staff members at David Paterson.

Included in the 12 Days of Gratitude is also our Winter Spirit Week. The first day of Spirit Week was "Holiday Hat Day." Students and staff were able to wear Santa hats and other types of hats to represent the holiday season. On Tuesday, December 21st, we wore holiday socks. Did you wear fuzzy Santa Claus socks? Then on Wednesday the 22nd everyone showcased their ugly sweaters. The last day before break was everyone's favorite day, pajama day! David Paterson was remote on December 23rd, so we got to wear our favorite holiday pajamas on Zoom together! Students loved celebrating the holidays together at David Paterson! Which day was your favorite?

By: Errol Washington Brown

We Love Our School Related Professionals

Do you know your school related professionals at David Paterson? We interviewed Mr. Hernandez, our school secretary, and Ms. Carmen, one of our school security guards. Let's get to know a little bit about them!

Ms. Carmen is one of the first people we see each morning when we come through the front door. She works hard every day to keep our school safe. We asked Ms. Carmen what is the hardest part of her job, and she said, "making sure that our students and staff are always safe and that no one enters the school building who is not authorized to enter." We also asked how Ms. Carmen decided to become a security guard. She explained, "My friend told me about being a security guard. I said no at first because I didn't think that I would be good at it, but my friend encouraged me, and I decided to give it a try. I'm so glad that I did!" Thank you, Ms. Carmen, we think that you are amazing!

Mr. Hernandez is our school secretary and you can find him every day in our main office. We asked Mr. Hernandez what he likes most about his job as a school secretary. Mr. Hernandez said, "I love the students, I love the staff, and I love working at David Paterson. I love everything!" We also asked Mr. Hernandez about the most challenging part of his job. He said, "The most challenging part is definitely multi-tasking. I have to do many things at once to keep our school running smoothly." We love you, Mr. Hernandez, and you are doing a great job!

By: Kelisia Rose and Ingris Martinez



Right: Mr. Hernandez, our school secretary
Left: Ms. Carmen, our school security officer

All About Marty

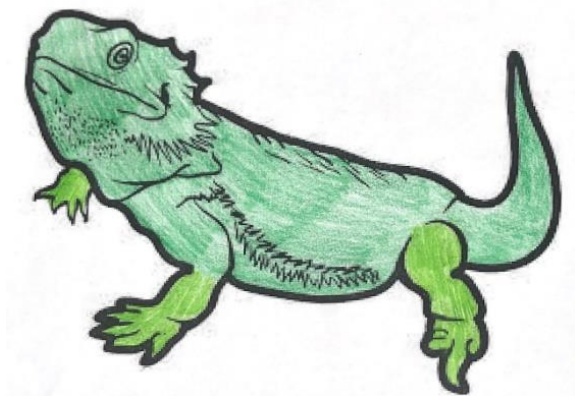
Let's meet David Paterson's newest addition, Marty the bearded dragon! Marty is the class pet in Mrs. Matos's 5th grade class. I asked Mrs. Matos why she decided to get a class pet. Her response was, "I heard about the "Pets in the Classroom" grant through Petco and thought it would be a great opportunity to teach students about being responsible and caring for others. I also felt that he would bring a feeling of fun and wonder into the classroom." Mrs. Matos said that her favorite thing about Marty is his texture and how he reacts.

Are you wondering why Mrs. Matos chose a bearded dragon for her class pet? Mrs. Matos said, "I did not choose the bearded dragon, he chose me. I had a leopard gecko at first, but unfortunately after 2 years, he passed away from fuel intoxication while I was out of the classroom. It was a very upsetting experience for my class and thankfully, Mr. Rush had a bearded dragon that needed a home. I was thrilled to become his adopted parent." I also spoke with Kayonie Rowe, a student in Mrs. Matos's class, about their class pet, Marty. Kayonie said that she had seen bearded dragons before in pictures, but this was her first time seeing a bearded dragon in real life, and it was the first time that she got to hold one.

Want to learn some fun facts about bearded dragons? Bearded dragons can live more than 10 years with proper care. Sometimes, bearded dragons bob their heads or wave their arms. These behaviors are most often observed when they are being territorial or during mating season. Bearded dragons are omnivores which means that they eat insects and vegetables. Do bearded dragons like to swim? Some bearded dragons like to swim, but not all. When bearded dragons swim they can inflate themselves with air like a balloon to help themselves float. Even though bearded dragons can float, they seem to enjoy swimming most of all.

By: Kelisia Rose

Illustration By: Elianys Lemus



Mrs. Matos with her 5th grade students and Marty

Student of the Month

By: Asha Celestine

Every month at David Paterson, each teacher chooses a student in their class who exhibits the learner profile for that month. That student is selected as the Student of the Month. Some examples of the learner profiles are risk taker, principled, or communicator. For example, to become the principled student of the month, students must have integrity. That was the learner profile for November. Special area teachers also choose students from each grade who have shown that learner profile. These students, once they are selected, make a Flipgrid video to share at the ceremony. Student of the Month is currently celebrated on Zoom, but we hope in the future we can celebrate in person again with food and games.

Do you want to be next month's Student of the Month? Here are some of the Learner Profiles that will be coming up soon... Balanced: If you are balanced, you balance out learning and playing, and eat healthily. Open-Minded: If you are open-minded, you listen to other people's ideas and know that people are different. Caring: Being nice to everybody and be kind. If you show one of these Learner Profiles, you might be next month's...STUDENT of the MONTH!



*Scan the QR code for our
Student of the Month
Flipgrid Videos for the 2021-
2022 School Year*

Thanksgiving at David Paterson

By: Ingris Martinez

What is Thanksgiving? Thanksgiving is an act of kindness. Thanksgiving is also a day that you can get together with your family and friends. Thanksgiving at David Paterson was celebrated by the 6th grade teachers - Ms. Castro, Ms. Turner, Ms. Lago, Ms. Lockhart, and Ms. Coker - who put on the "Harvest Festival" for all grades. Each 6th grade class was in charge of something different at the festival.

My class, Ms. Castro's class, was in charge of a pumpkin game. *How do you play the game?* Only 2 people can play the game at a time. The players go close to each other, face each other face to face, then throw. One player throws the pumpkin and the other player catches. Each time you throw the pumpkin, both people take a step back and if it falls on the floor they must restart. It was a big hit at the Harvest Festival!

David Paterson students also celebrated with the beautiful Thankfulness Turkey that was outside of the MPR. Mrs. Williams created this project where for a \$1 donation, you would get one feather to add to the turkey. You could color it or you could also write something on it like "Happy Thanksgiving." I asked Mrs. Williams about this project and she said, "I was so happy that our thankful turkey project was a huge success. Our students and staff raised over \$300.00 and we were able to give 13 baskets to David Paterson families." They also were able to give out 9 gift cards and 9 turkeys thanks to donations from David Paterson staff members.

I spoke with some of the food basket winners like Joshua Edouard from Ms. Readon's class who said he felt very excited when he got his basket. Ninesh Sutrabhan from Ms. Coker's class said, "I felt surprised! I was ready to eat the food and I ate it with my mom and sister". The Newspaper Club writers hope that you and your family had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving!



DP Remembers MLK

By: Yonielys Blanco

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15th, 1929. Dr. Martin Luther King was a leader in the American Civil Rights Movement. He worked to change unfair laws in peaceful ways. He organized the Montgomery Bus Boycott and marches in many cities. Martin Luther King had 2 daughters named Yolanda King and Bernice King. He also had two sons named Martin Luther King III and Dexter King. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated on the third Monday in January.

David Paterson celebrates Dr. King's life by researching, reading and completing projects about the Civil Rights Movement. This year, all students read the "I Have a Dream" speech. Mrs. Higgs also hosts a Black History Month luncheon for all staff members. In addition, Ms. Nicholson gave a beautiful tribute to Dr. King over the speaker system. Every day, David Paterson strives to honor Dr. King and his memory.



David Paterson Gets to Reading!

By: Alan Bourne

This year from November 8th to November 22nd the Scholastic Book Fair took place at David Paterson IB World School. The book fair was in the Tech Center. For two weeks, the students at David Paterson got to shop for books during their Ed Tech classes. There were holiday books, action books, adventure books, comedy books and many more genres. At the fair, you could also buy pens, pencils, and other accessories. Accessories like gummy bear highlighters, panda pencils, and scented cupcake pencil sharpeners were a big hit! The most popular item at the book fair, besides the books, were the UV pens. These pens write in clear ink and use a UV light to reveal the writing. The book fair also had a lot of fiction books this year - those books were fan favorites! Overall, our school purchased \$4,000 in books and merchandise from the book fair. This is a great accomplishment for our school.

When I interviewed Ms. Molinari about her work on the school's book fair, I asked "Would you want another book fair next year?" Ms. Molinari said, "Yes, I would love to do another book fair next year! It is so important to get books in the hands of the students here at David Paterson. Plus, all the funds raised go to buying supplies for our school." I also asked her what books she would like to see more of next year. She replied, "I love a good fiction book. I also think the students of David Paterson enjoy reading literature with funny characters. Books like Dairy of a Wimpy Kid and Captain Underpants are always a big hit." Ms. Molinari also stated that our students love to read gaming books. Thank you, Ms. Molinari, for all of your hard work! The students really enjoyed the Book Fair and we can't wait until the next one!



The David Paterson Book Fair display in our Tech Center



Meet Our Journalists



Grade 3

Errol Brown
Kelisia Rose

Grade 6

Yonielys Blanco
Alan Bourne
Ingris Martinez

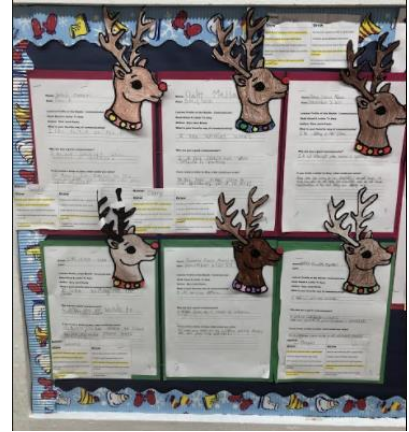
Grade 4

Asha Celestine

Hallway Happenings



Ms. Sarro and Ms. DeTrano's Class "Cozy Up with a Newspaper"



"Oh Deer! It's Ms. Tavernise's Class!"



A Pot of Kindness at David Paterson



Ms. Vaca's Class created a Quilt of Kindness



Winter Fun in 6th Grade

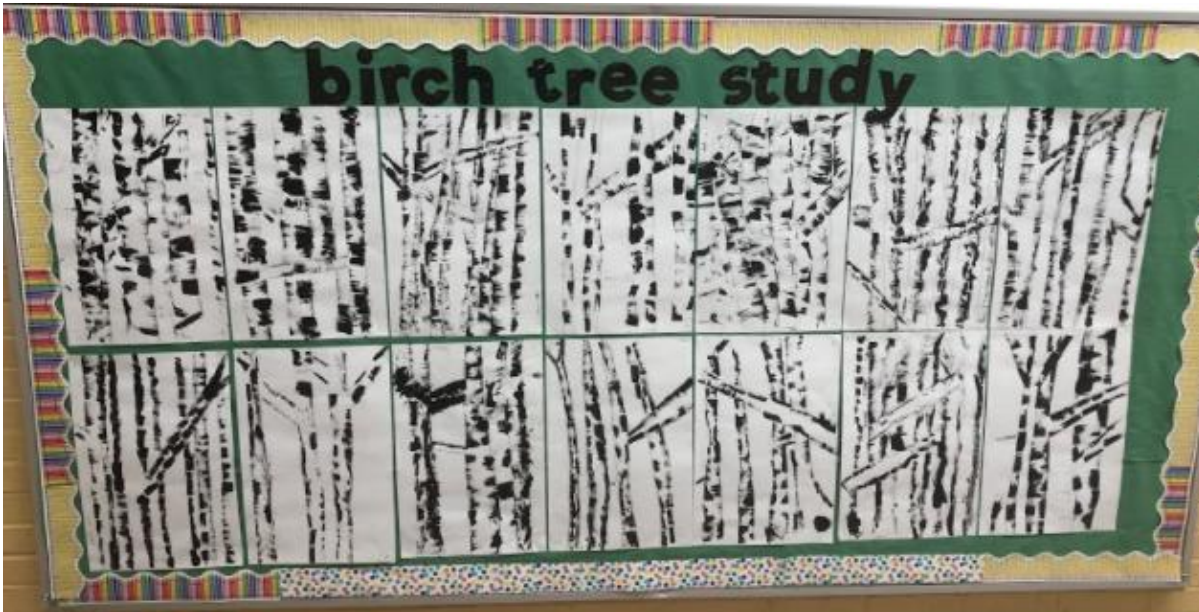


Ms. Basantes's students are communicators

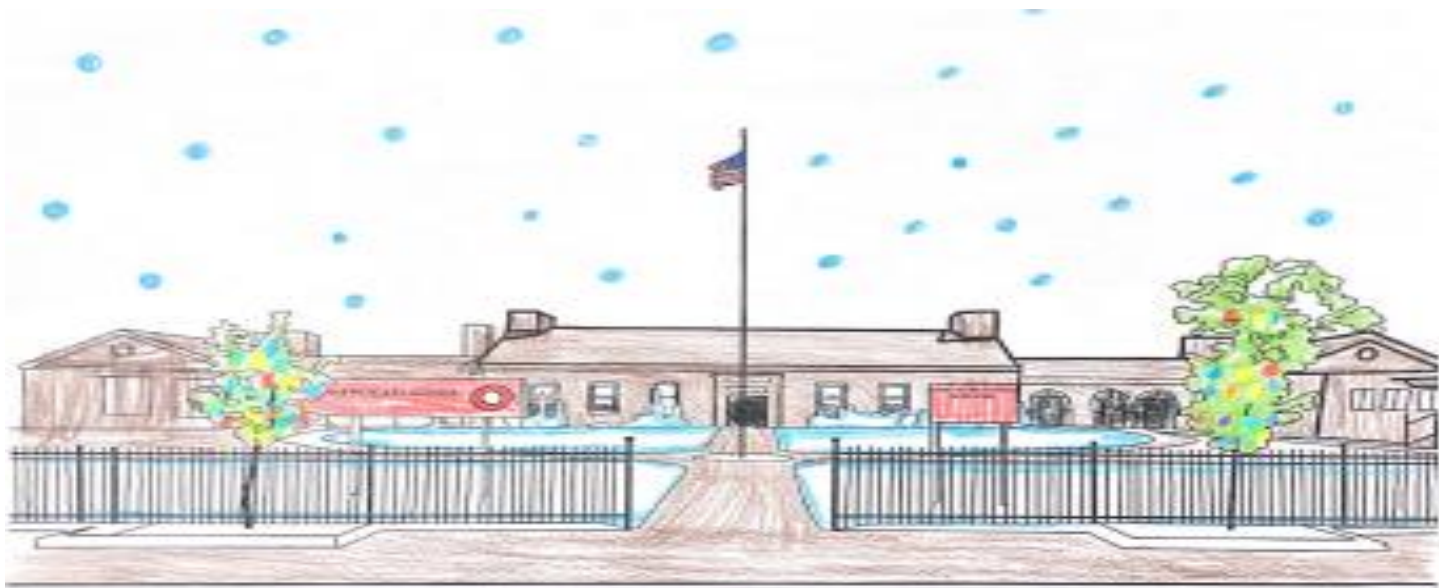
PATERSON ARTISTS AT WORK



Check out what Ms. Piercey's artists have been creating!



Artwork by:
Elianys Lemus
Grade 2



This issue of “The Paterson Inquirer” is dedicated to Ms. Adams.
Thank you for all you have done at David Paterson.
Good luck with your new position!

