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# The Beebe Bulletin



### What's Going On at The Beebe

By: Jodi

As the second quarter comes to a close, the students are in a frenzy to get their grades up and cram their heads with information in preparation for midterms. Despite the tense environment, there are events that brought light to the situation.

Just a couple weeks before the stress, the Celtics had worked together with the kids at the Beebe school, alongside with General Electric, to introduce possible STEM opportunities and jobs. At the end of the event, the entire Beebe school was able to meet a Celtics player, Al Horford, and retired player, Dana Barros at a rally taking place in the Beebe school gymnasium. This helped encourage school spirit throughout all the grades.

Besides the event with the Boston Celtics, the Beebe student council worked on organizing a Kindness Week to help promote kindness and friendship between students. For every day of the week, there was a small activity for the students to partake in, which helped spread kindness throughout the week. Hopefully, people were able to take something away from this week long event, helping Beebe's school community.

With these events, students should have found school more enjoyable during this transition from two quarters. May third quarter bring as much fun as second quarter did.



#### **Kindness Week**

By: Rebecca Playford

Each and every day the Beebe Bulldogs focus on being loyal, brave, kind, determined, respectful, trustworthy, and awesome! During the week of January

22nd, Beebe held a special "Kindness Week" in which students engaged in a number of inspiring activities! The good vibes began with writing kind notes to each other as a classroom activity. This was followed by a random act of kindness day on Wednesday. Kicking off Thursday was, "Be Kind to a Teacher Day." Kind acts were in abundance and teachers reported them so they could be typed up and displayed throughout the school.

The week ended with a bang on Friday as students showed their school spirit and creativity. Many students were seen wearing the Beebe bulldog shirt with pride. Students also created art demonstrating positivity or kind acts that will be displayed throughout the school.

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#### **Grade 8 Plays**

By: Kaoutar

For the past month, Beebe 8th graders have been working on their ELA plays. First, Mrs. O'Bryan and her students read a few short stories. Then they formed into groups and chose a short story to base their project on. Groups could switch the play up later and were instructed to make a script, a playbill and a play poster.

The students were able to work together and use communicating skills to complete the project. After almost a month of hard work and concentration, the 8th graders were able to perform in the auditorium stage in front of their classmates. Juliana, an 8th grader says "At first, looking at my friends performing in front of everyone was a little nerve-racking, but when it was my turn to go up and show people my play, I felt confident." Christel a friend of Juliana, added "I guess you don't understand something until you do it yourself. It's been a very challenging month but it was worth it!"

## **STEM with the Celtics and General Electric**

By: Ryan

From January 4 through the 18th, the seventh and eighth grade students had a really fun time with the STEM career week and events. Sponsored by the Boston Celtics and General Electric, the Brilliant Career Play Association is a non-profit organization that travels to schools around the world to teach students about STEM careers and create activities that you could use in an engineering career. First, we practiced teamwork activities that helped us to work with each other.

The following week, the eighth graders spent the

entire week working with Aidan, from Brilliant Career Play. Using the Engineering Design Process of STEM, we first had to Identify a problem. We used an example of a Celtics Player losing his shoe in the middle of the jump. Then we researched the problem by looking at the video and figuring out what we could do to keep the shoe on his foot. We created prototype inventions using pipe cleaners, popsicle sticks, tin foil, index cards, and straws that held the shoe on the owner. Monday through Wednesday we used Inkscape to familiarize ourselves with the design app. Our first task was to create a name tag using the design software and used the laser cutter to cut out the wooden name tags and attached magnets for

us to wear. Thursday and Friday we made one of the wearable shoe devices that will help keep the shoes tight and on the owner even when the shoelaces were loose. Our devices were then able to be shown in 3 Dimensions on the website, www.TinkerCAD.com, a free website. The Seventh graders worked on their STEM activities January 14-18th. Like the eighth graders, they also had to develop a prototype on a product to help a Celtics player establish more balance and support while playing basketball. Students used a





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website called Tinkercad to be able to design 3D products. Students also used a 3D Doodler to create 3D designs such as their names, 3D geometric shapes, and many more products.

On January 15, the Celtics Rally was a fantastic site for all at the Beebe School. First some students from grades seven and eight met with basketball players Al Horford and Dana Barros along with the General Electric representative David Barash and Superintendent John Oteri in the small gym. One group showed our guests how the laser cutter and the 3D printer worked and how they created their new



devices. Another group worked together to create an electric circuit using copper tape, a light bulb, and a battery cell. Finally, everyone met in the gym, where we saw David Hoffman who was the announcer and ran the event as well as, Al Horford, Dana Barros, David Barash, and Superintendent John Oteri. This event was amazing, Al Horford sat in the stands with the students and answered questions, Dana Barros spoke to the students about perseverance and never giving up on your dreams, one of our students sang, and some students even came up to shake the players hands. The whole school enjoyed the Brilliant Career Play GE/Celtics STEM events. What an awesome time!



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