



Malden Public Schools Before & Afterschool Program Winter Newsletter 2020

January 30, 2020

Important Dates

- **February 7** Early Release
- **February 18th -20th** Vacation Program. Families must be registered to attend.
- **March 23** Session 3 Begins
- **March 30th –April 10th** Adventure Summer Program Registration

Request for Changes to Daily Enrollment Period (pending space available):

- March 16th -20th

Chinese Cultural Connection

in partnership with **Malden Reads** and **Raising a Reader** will be hosting a celebration in honor of the spring **Lantern Festival** at the Malden Public Library on **2/8/20** from 1:30pm-3:30pm.

Art & crafts and family literacy activities



Salemwood School



Legos Who loves to play and create with LEGOS? WE DO!!!! Our 1st & 2nd graders have been creating some amazing structures, robots and animals. We took a field trip to Salemwood's playground to do some research for our Lego playground creations. The kids had some great ideas in creating their own Lego playground. Stay tuned for more great creations...

In the **Rainforest Club** we learned about animals from all over the world! Our class focused on animals found in all four layers of the South American Rainforest. This week in the Canopy Layer we spotted red-eyed tree frogs, they are carnivores, feeding mostly on insects. We were really hoping to see a monkey, maybe next time!



Students in **Book Worms Club** have story time and are engaged in a new book each week which is read by our high school assistant. In our **American Sign Language** class students have been learning the importance of communicating with the hearing impaired. So far, we have mastered the alphabet and some basic phrases such as hello and goodbye.



SAVE THE DATES for Session 2 Family Nights happening at all sites during the week of March **16th-20th**. Light refreshments, student art work, performances & more!

MPS Before & Afterschool Program

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Linden (LSA) STEAM Academy



The LSA Afterschool Program had the opportunity to start a Food Drive for the Malden Warming Center. We received support from ASP families, LSA students and staff, and the SDG club. We filled up three van loads and are looking forward to next year's Food Drive!



LSA Recycled Art



Students in "Recycled Art" created an Ocean Life picture out of bottle caps featuring a giant whale! The bottle caps were donated by Costco Warehouse in Everett from the Pharmacy Department.



Early Learning Center (ELC)

At the ELC Afterschool Program, we welcomed in January with the theme of Winter. Our groups have been learning about how animals hibernate, adapt and migrate and how the weather changes in the winter season. **Green Group** brainstormed to create "*Chillin' in a Winter Wonderland*", deciding to incorporate sleds, snow, snowflakes, seals, hibernating bears and penguins into their design. The snow is made from mixing glue and shaving cream. **Red Group** continued with its exploration of trees in different seasons, using finger paints for their trees in snow. **Blue Group** used shapes to create houses in a wintry scene and made snowmen with cotton balls and buttons. **Yellow Group** enjoyed reading and then creating their own versions of hibernating bears and sneezing snowmen. Students used a range of materials in their designs.



Students in **Culture Club** have been exploring the culture of Japan learning about their clothing, daily routines, and their food! We discovered that they wear kimonos because it is easier than sewing custom clothing and worrying about size. We got to make our own bento boxes, a traditional Japanese boxed meal and when we compared our traditions in the US with theirs, we found there are many connections!



Beebe School

7th & 8th graders participated in the **Local Government Club** with a focus on Malden City Government, which wards they lived in, and who was running for office. We took walking field trips to see political signs during the fall election, to visit the Malden Hospital site -- which was a big topic in the city election - and to visit other important city places like the Malden library, MATV, and the Senior Center.

Forestdale School

In **Imagination Station**, students made colorful construction paper flowers, and beautiful handheld fans.



Culture Exploration, students made craft Bento Boxes to represent Japanese food and culture.

Focus on ELA at Forestdale!

Students in **Storytelling Club** created their own game and made and developed their own characters to share with the group. In the **Fairy Tales Club**, the students colored, cut out, and pasted a Pinocchio picture to go with the classic story of Pinocchio.



Chinese Cultural Connection at Beebe School

In **Introduction of Chinese Culture** our focus was on the appreciation of the beauty of Chinese art. One of the art techniques we learned about is called *Blue and White Porcelain*. Students not only explored the seven stages of clay through a video clip, but also got a chance to design their own porcelain on the paper. Everybody is an artist and we are so proud of their work!



One of our favorite activities in **Creative Art** was the Magic Mirror. The students glued reflective cardboards on papers and decorated the frames using their imagination. It gave each student an opportunity to express their artistic side and each mirror was unique.

