

## **Newsletter**

**4-27-18**

### **Biology~**

This week the students read an article that focuses on the research process used on animals to help the discovery and future research to cure diseases. The article is called “ *Finding Freedom*”, Chimpanzees that were once used to study human diseases and are getting a new lease on life beyond the lab. The reason we focused on this article was more so for its essential question: Do you think it is ethical, or morally right, to use animals in scientific research? This question gave the students the opportunity to persuade us with their opinion and research. We have been and will continue to work on this persuasive essay. It is important for the students to understand the human-animal interaction, endangered species, as well as animal anatomy. The students are using their new knowledge on anatomy and the animal cell to see the direct connection between animal and human cells.

### **Windy City Greek~**

On Tuesday, Maria A. Karamitsos the creator and editor of the online resource, WindyCity Greek. This site is known as the only Greek media outlet committed to 100% positive Greek news. Mrs. Karamitsos reached out to all Greek American schools in the Chicagoland area in hope to support National Poetry Month. Our school sent in poems and two students from our class have won! Ella’s poem, Halloween Night, made it on the site and is now being displayed with a picture of Ella on the sites welcome page.

~ Please take the time to check out Ella’s poem as well as the other winners!

<https://windycitygreek.com/>

### **Scholastic book~**

For the past few weeks the students have been working alongside Mrs. Bia’s class in creating a short book. The topic for our book focuses on kindness, each of our students have teamed up with one of Mrs. Bia’s students in writing a short 1 page story that displays an act of kindness. The students also drew a picture to go along with their stories. It has been a fun experience for the students to work and develop ideas with the younger students as well as become editors within the writing process.

## **CropLife~**

On Friday morning we were given the opportunity to hear from a CropLife ambassador about the water cycle and crops. The students were able to learn about the water cycle and agricultural life by participating in interactive activities that gave them the opportunity to see the importance/ techniques used to keep our water & food clean!

## **Reminders:**

5/1 : Depart for Washington DC ( **Please be sure to be at the airport by 5:30 am the LASTEST!**)

5/4: **Return from Washington DC @ 10:45 am!**

5/10: Lyric Opera Late dismissal time!

5/17: Law Day winners attend event @ 4pm

5/24: 8th Grade Graduation!!!!

5/28: Memorial Day - **No School!**

6/1 : End of Year Program 10 am @ The Bridge / **Last Day of School**

Hope you have a great weekend,

Mrs. Alexandra