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*What's Right with
Spackenkill!*

March 9, 2018

*A tradition of excellence
with a vision for
tomorrow*

Dear Spackenkill Community,

Just an update on school cancellations and our calendar. We have used our allocated days of weather emergencies (6). Any additional days will require losing planned vacation days per the calendar formula listed on our web page.

Congratulations to the many students who continue to excel in science, math, geography, and the arts! Impressive. I also want to thank our first graders and their teachers for the outstanding Presidents Day program at Nassau. The patriotic music along with the great gusto of our first graders made this event one of my favorites so far in the school district. As a judge for the Hagan Science Fair, I was thrilled with the event and the enthusiasm of our fifth graders.

My best,

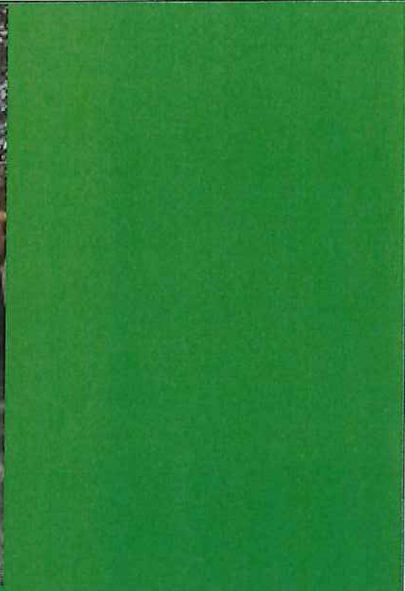
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Villanti".

Mark Villanti, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools

District Shines at St. Patrick's Day Parade

On March 3rd, the Spackenkill Marching Band and Varsity Cheerleaders made an appearance in the 23rd Annual Dutchess County St. Patrick's Day parade in Wappingers Falls. The talented groups entertained some 10,000 spectators!



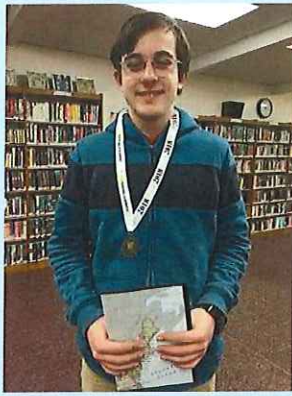
MathCounts Team Going to States



The Todd MathCounts team took 3rd place in a recent regional competition. They'll be moving on to state level. Stay tuned!

Geo Bee Contestant Advances

Eighth grader William Mortell has been notified by the National Geographic Society that he is eligible to be a semifinalist in the NYS Geographic Bee! He will represent Todd Middle School on April 6th in Albany. Best of luck!



Hagan Science Fair Brings Out the Community

On March 6th, the annual Hagan Science Fair took place in the gymnasium. Judges included community volunteers, high school students, administrators, teachers, and staff. There were some truly fantastic projects representing the culmination of months of work! Congratulations to all students who participated. On Friday, March 9, an awards ceremony took place in the cafeteria. All students were commended for their projects, and everyone received participation certificates. The following students have the opportunity to move on to the Dutchess County Regional Science Fair:

1ST PLACE - Finn Lynch	- Which Hand Cleanser Works the Best?
Clara Chapin	- Crystal Clear
Katie Park	- The Power of Preservatives
Daniel Campbell	- From Trash to Gas – BioMass Energy
Daniel Johnson	- Which Ice Will Be Sacrificed?
Thit-Sar Kyaw	- Levers – The Lifters
2ND PLACE – Davis Barnes	- Acid Effects!
Lev Hayman	- Beyblades: Putting a Spin on Science
Brody Heraghty	- What Floats My Boat?
Noah Bogdan	- You're a Hit
Chase Bosko	- How does sight effect taste?
3RD PLACE – Dylan Breslow	- The Detergent Decision
Jacqueline Gill	- Molecules on the Move
Bianca Mazzarelli	- Which Brand of Salt Melts Ice the Fastest?
Sophia Turk	- Great Degrading

Mr. Farrell presented gift certificates from the STA to a student from each class:

STA Certificates:

Nicholas Jordan	- Mr. Murray's Class Salt Solution
Maryclare Parker-Stark	- Mrs. Skerritt's Class Parachute Plunge
Cora Polakowski	- Mr. Simmond's Class Which Fabric Is the Most Flammable?
Bryan Hoyt	- Mrs. Wilson's/Mrs. LaGasse's Class Thieves Stealing Bacteria's Power
Max Krakowski	- Mrs. Auger's Class Shell Smackdown



First, second, and third place winners, as well as STA winners of the Hagan Science Fair with their projects. Each student presented his or her hypothesis and conclusion at a fourth and fifth grade assembly.

SCENES FROM THE SCIENCE FAIR



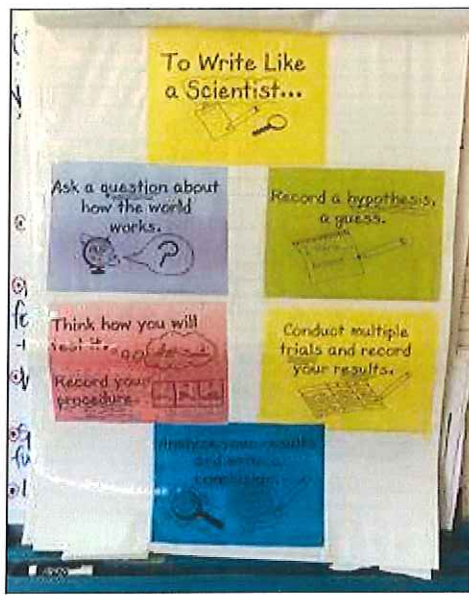
[Please click here or on the image above for Hagan Science Fair pictures from the judging event.](#)

On Your Mark, Get Set, Go!

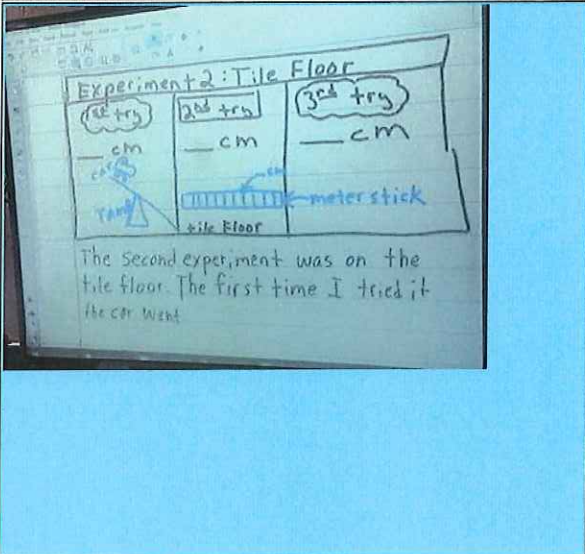
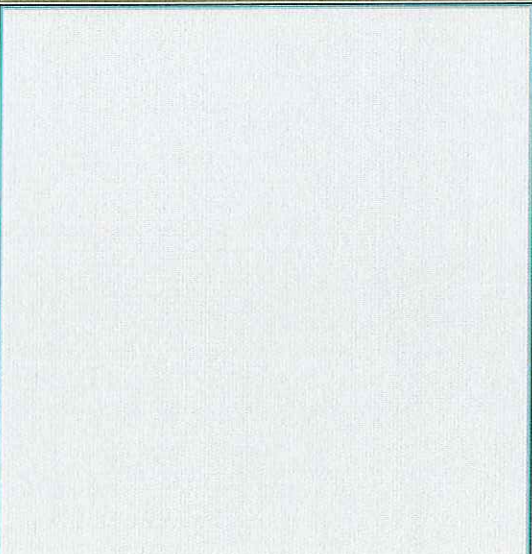
Second Graders Scientists and Writers at Work

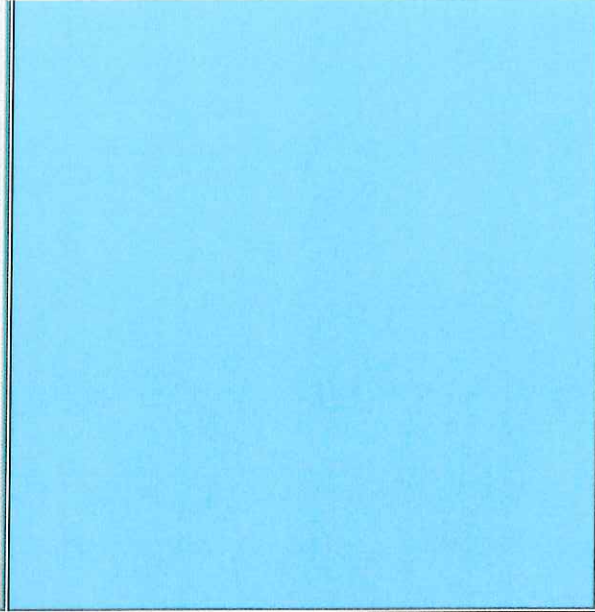
Mrs. Strapec's and Mrs. Turner's second graders have been busy learning how to write like scientists and wrote their first lab report last week!

The students learned about the scientific method and then began an experiment. They were testing to see if a car would go farther on a rug or on a tile floor. The students worked together to test out their hypotheses. Then the students



recorded their results and discussed their conclusions. The classes had fun doing science and writing together! It turns out that cars go farther on tile, by the way. They are excited to begin another experiment this week.





Art Show Begins This Weekend



The annual Iyoya Children's Art Show, which showcases work by young artists from the Hudson Valley, will kick off this weekend at Vassar's Palmer Gallery with a reception at 2 pm on March 11th. This free show will run to March 16th and highlights young children's interest in the visual arts while it encourages their use of the arts to express themselves. The exhibit's namesake, John Iyoya, was a Vassar student known for his creativity and love of children. Students from the elementary and middle schools of the Spackenkill District are well represented in the show, such as the artwork shown here by Todd Middle School sixth grader Anna Chiarieri, which has been made into a postcard to promote the show.



Come see the HS Concert Band, Concert Choir,
Chamber Orchestra and
String Ensemble with

PROJECT Trio

Music Concert: Tuesday March 13
7:00pm
Spackenkill High School

Free admission
Snow date March 14

Stars, Stripes, and Songs at Presidents Day Play



The First Grade Presidents Day Play took place this week. A large number of family and friends turned out to see all the classes sing patriotic songs and recite interesting presidential facts. A highlight of the pageant was when all of the classes sang "The Presidents Song" together, naming every president (above). [See more moments by clicking here.](#)

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Mission: Inspired by a tradition of excellence and a spirit of continuous improvement, the Spackenkill School District will provide all of our students with the academic and social skills necessary to pursue their goals and become responsible citizens in an interdependent global community.

Vision: All Spackenkill graduates will be lifelong learners who are inspired to pursue their dreams and contribute to the global society.

[Please submit story ideas to mary.forsell@sufsdny.org](mailto:mary.forsell@sufsdny.org)

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