



Reading Across America

Cherry Lane students held a weeklong celebration of literacy in conjunction with Read Across America Day, held in March. K-2 students paraded into the gymnasium for a schoolwide readathon and also recognized Dr. Seuss' birthday. They recited an oath and pledged to read for a sustained period of time. Staff members also dived into their favorite books and thoroughly enjoyed the celebration of reading.

Reading specialist Danielle Emmel coordinated this and several other fun, literacy-based activities during the week. Among them were a Storybook Character Day in which students and staff dressed like their favorite character from a book, a Curl Up With a Good Book Day in which students came to school dressed in their pajamas, and a "Fox in Socks" crazy socks day, which paid homage to the popular Dr. Seuss book.



Having Fun and Raising Funds

Rushmore Avenue recently held Spirit Day to kick off the school's fundraising efforts for Chris Pendergast's annual Ride for Life, which has benefited ALS research and services since it began.

Students and staff donated \$1 for the right to wear their favorite baseball team's hat or jersey to school. Rushmore students are working hard to "strike out" ALS through a variety of fundraisers. The annual Faculty Feud, scheduled for May 6, will pit staff against each other in a hilarious and competitive game in the spirit of the game show "Family Feud." Last year the community generously donated close to \$6,000 for the feud.

Pendergast visited Rushmore earlier this year and traditionally passes by the school during his ride.

Additionally, Rushmore held its annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser in February to benefit the American Heart Association. More than 270 students jumped rope in the gymnasium and raised an impressive \$21,366 for the cause. Amazing job!



Battle of the Classes Raises \$23,000

The Middle/High School's Battle of the Classes once again made a huge impact for a great cause. Sponsored by the Key Club and Student Organization, this year's event raised approximately \$23,000 for the Long Island chapter of the Tourette Association of America.

Funds were raised through online and direct donations from the community, as seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen pledged to battle for bragging rights in a series of challenges. Events included badminton, basketball, coin wars, a class skit, spelling bee, spike ball, tug of war, volleyball and more. The seniors took first-place bragging rights.

Long Island Tourette Association was selected based on sophomore Victoria Argenzio's work with the organization. Victoria is inspired by her brother, Stephen Argenzio (Class of 2018), who lives with Tourette Syndrome.



Trips to Remember

Carle Place Middle/High School seventh-grade students recently visited West Point for a combined bus and walking tour, where they learned about the present-day academy as well as its famous history. Students viewed canons, mortars and other artillery and monuments from the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War and the Spanish-American War. The tour also covered the main Cadet Chapel, which includes the largest pipe organ in any house of worship in the world, as well as the West Point Museum, where students learned about famous graduates that shaped our nation. Student Blake Lyon is pictured during the tour.

Eighth-graders also took an interesting trip of their own, with more of a cultural twist. They journeyed to New York City for lunch, toured some of the city's most iconic landmarks and shops, and later took in a Broadway show. Students, who were broken up into three different groups, were amazed by the dancing in "Aladdin," the costumes of "Anastasia" and the puppetry performance in "King Kong." It was a fun day and, for many, a memorable first experience on Broadway.