



Tales of The Traveling Vice Principal October 2016

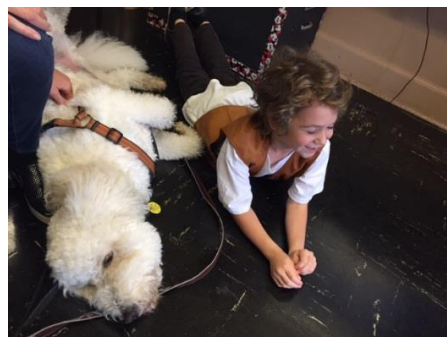
Greetings! October has certainly been a busy month. I have had the pleasure of experiencing some amazing things throughout the district. I have spent most of my time observing teachers over at Stillman and Maugham and have witnessed some amazing teaching and learning. In addition to observations, I have been meeting with district supervisors across several content areas to discuss best practices across the four schools. I have attended several professional development workshops this month to solidify my understanding of the curriculum and have met with teachers to discuss new teaching strategies.

Here are a few highlights from the month of October:

The month started on the soccer field where my son's U11 travel soccer team played the Tenaflly U11 boys team!! The Tenaflly boys brought their "A" game and played a great game. They won 6-2 and were extremely gracious. What a great group of boys!



Over at Stillman, I had the privilege of meeting, Snickers, the therapy dog in Mrs. Agner's class. The smiles on the children's faces were PRICELESS.



Also at Stillman, Mrs. Lander and I celebrated Fire Prevention Week with the entire school. With the help of Mr. Gansel, Mrs. Lander and I went up on the fire ladder and were able to see our amazing students lined up in the form of an "S". The kids were so excited to participate in the day's events.



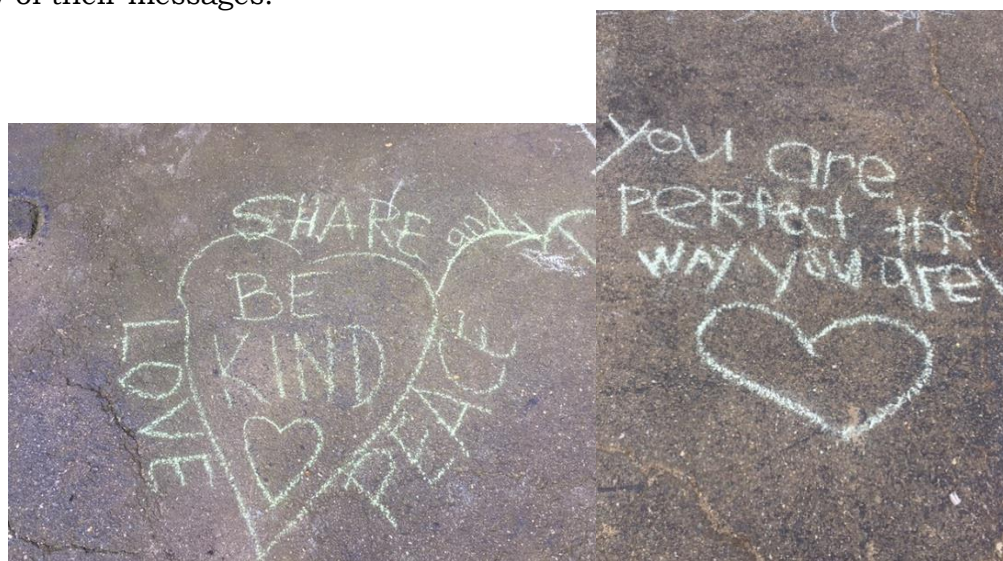
At Maugham, I had the privilege of being a part of the Student Government elections! Students in grades 4-5 actively campaigned for over two weeks. The entire school was decorated with beautiful campaign posters and on Election day, each candidate gave a speech to the student body. I was amazed by the creativity of the candidates as they gave their speeches (some of them even sang!) Once the assembly was over, students in grades 3-5 voted for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Congratulations to all of the winners!!!



Also at Maugham, Ms. Breakfield and her 4th grade students have been working hard on their own campaign, their COOKIE CAMPAIGN! In the spirit of election season, Ms. Breakfield taught her class the election process by using cookies! Each group of students had to persuade others on why their cookie was the best. For weeks, I witnessed students collaboratively working together to come up with slogans, posters, and speeches to present to the class. After each group presented, students had to vote on which group presented the strongest argument for their cookie. Sugar was the winner! This was such a creative unit. Kudos to Ms. Breakfield and her class!



At Mackay, to celebrate the Week of Respect, each class participated in a number of activities. During Mix It Up Day, each student was asked to sit at a different lunch table and make a new friend. One of my favorite activities, was when each student went out onto the blacktop to write inspirational phrases and quotes. Many of them brought tears to my eyes and I think all of us can appreciate the sincerity and humility of their messages.



Lastly at Smith, Team Makers presented to grades 3, 4, and 5. These high-energy assemblies focused on respect, cooperation, and team spirit. Students engaged in a variety of games designed to stress fair play, critical thinking skills, and fun! Go Smith!!!

