



Wildcat Weekly

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Celebrating St. Patrick and St. Joseph

This week marked the feast days of two of the most recognized saints in the Catholic faith, St. Patrick (3/17), patron saint of Ireland and uncle to St. Mel, and St. Joseph (3/19), husband of Mary and foster father to Jesus. These saints are widely celebrated in the Irish and Italian communities. We celebrated St. Patrick's day a little early. The children wore green and I even hear there were a few leprechauns running around the building causing all kinds of shenanigans. For the Feast of St. Joseph, the children wore red, we attended the 9am mass and in the tradition of honoring St. Joseph, Father Fonti treated the children to pretzels. It may not have been the traditional bread or pastries traditionally served, but to our kids they were the perfect snack. Thank you Father!





Our School is a Zoo!

On Monday and Tuesday, we had some very special visitors from the Alley Pond Environmental Center. They brought some of their scaly and furry friends to visit our 3K and PreK classes at St. Mel's. The children loved getting up close and personal with the animals. They also had the opportunity to learn about the animals' habitats, their eating habits, why they are important to our ecosystem, and how to conserve their environments so that their populations can thrive. It is important for children to appreciate the other living creatures that we share our great planet with. This was an important educational opportunity for our children, and tons of fun too! Thank you Alley Pond!!

Looking Ahead

- Monday 3/25—\$3/NUT dress down day
- Tuesday 3/26—Easter Egg Hunt Students can “dress up” for Easter
- Wednesday 3/27—Half Day K-6 @ 12, 3K @ 12:50 and PK @ 1pm
- **Thursday 3/18-Friday 4/5—School Closed for Easter Break**
- Monday 4/8—School reopens \$3/NUT dress down
- Tuesday 4/9—Grade 2/3 trip to Queens Farm
- Wednesday 4/10-Thursday 4/11—NYS ELA assessments (Gr. 4 and 6)
- Thursday 4/18—Gr. 4-6 Citifield trip
- Friday 4/19—PAA Snack Sale

