

Mott School News | February 2023

MUSTANG MEMO

QUARTER 2 EDITION

A MESSAGE FROM DR. GEDEON MOTT SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year 2023 Mustangs Families and Community Leaders!

Welcome to the second half of this school year! One of the nice things about school is that every marking period we get a fresh start. Now is a great time to talk to your Mustang students and reflect back on the first two marking periods. Ask them what went well. Ask then what did not go so well, and talk about what they learned from that experience. Most importantly, talk to them about how they are going to apply what they learned, and what they are going to do differently for the remainder of this school year to make it a better experience. Don't limit it to classes and grades either. Ask them about their relationships with peers, and with adults. You might not get answers, but at least you will give them something to think about.

I am thrilled and humble to serve as your principal of this great community. Please continue to support your child in his/her school success by ensuring a bed time is maintained at a reasonable hour. Adequate sleep supports learning, brain development, concentration, and mood and so directly affects children's success at school! Although we've had a relatively warm fall and early winter, I fear that the snow and ice are just around the corner. As a reminder, please ensure that your child and the classroom teacher are aware of the plan in the event school has to close early.

The staff of Mott Elementary School is working tirelessly to deliver an educational program that prepares our children with the critical 21st century skills needed to be globally competitive.

Happy Valentine's Day and Black History Month Mustangs Families!

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ACADEMIC SUCCESS STRATEGIC GOAL #1 – ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

Our Mustangs have improved greatly in ELA and Math from marking period one to marking period two, based on our LinkIt data.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS:

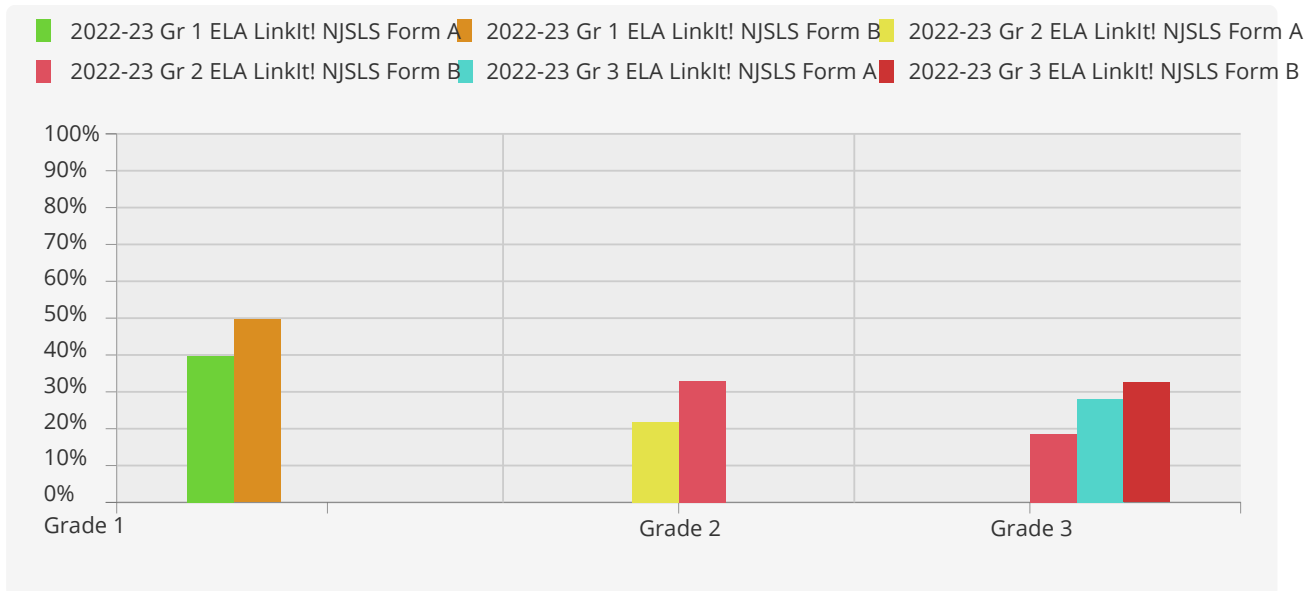


Custom Report

Selected tests 2022-23 Gr 1 ELA LinkIt! NJSL Form A, 2022-23 Gr 1 ELA LinkIt! NJSL Form B, 2022-23 Gr 2 ELA LinkIt! NJSL Form A, 2022-23 Gr 2 ELA LinkIt! NJSL Form B, 2022-23 Gr 3 ELA LinkIt! NJSL Form A, 2022-23 Gr 3 ELA LinkIt! NJSL Form B
Grouping Student Grade, Test

Student Grade	2022-23 Gr 1 ELA LinkIt! NJSL Form A	2022-23 Gr 1 ELA LinkIt! NJSL Form B	2022-23 Gr 2 ELA LinkIt! NJSL Form A	2022-23 Gr 2 ELA LinkIt! NJSL Form B	2022-23 Gr 3 ELA LinkIt! NJSL Form A	2022-23 Gr 3 ELA LinkIt! NJSL Form B
Grade 1	39.8	49.6				
Grade 2			21.9	32.9		
Grade 3				18.5	28.1	32.5

Percent



MATH:

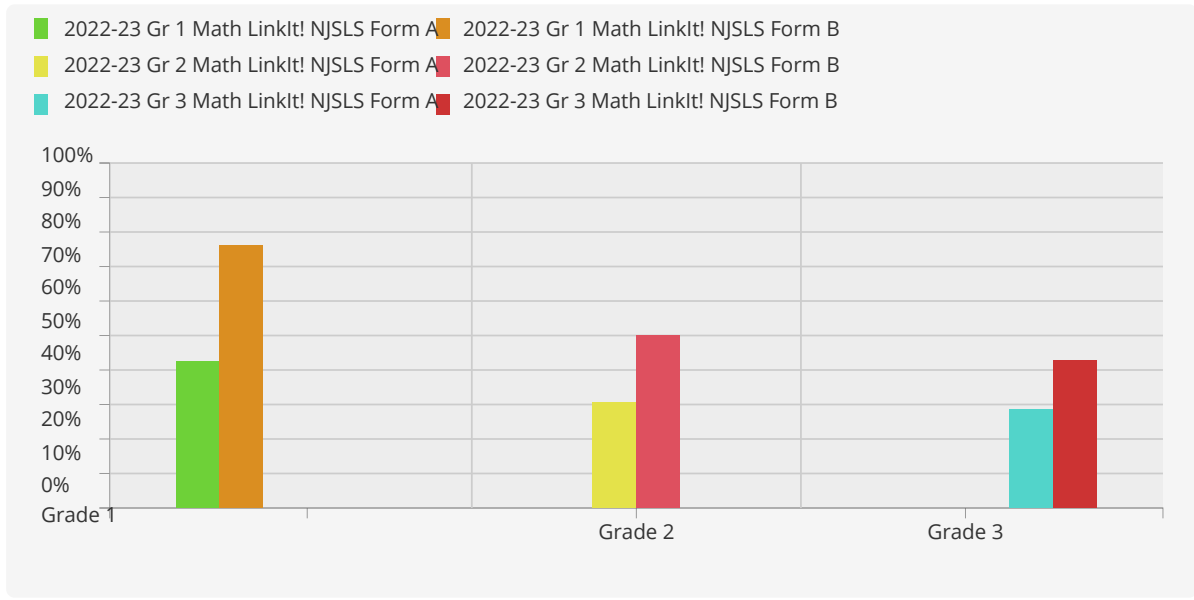
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Grade 1	43	76				
Grade 2			30	50		
Grade 3					28	43

Percent



Students who have made significant gain in their academics will be celebrated, as well as teachers who have pushed their students to success!



3RD GRADE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

STRATEGIC GOAL #1

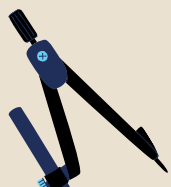
Marshmallow Bridges

Students worked in teams to design a bridge using straws, toothpicks and marshmallows that would be strong enough to hold a toy car. Students learned how to build important structures through this STEM project.



Pinball Machines

Students learned about forces in motion. They were able to recognize the patterns and design a pinball machine that would cause the ball to move in a predictable way. Students had a lot of fun building and practicing on each other's machines!

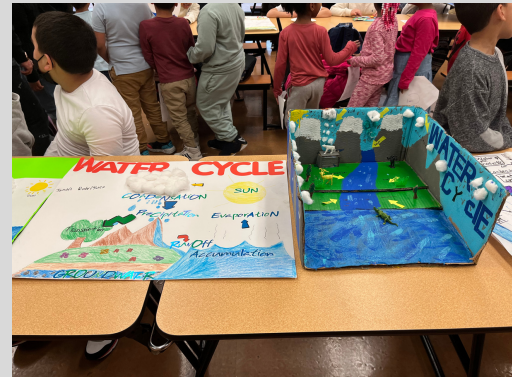


3RD GRADE LEARNING ACTIVITIES



Water Cycle

The students learned about water and the water cycle. This project helped them to understand the different stages of the water cycle.



Fundraising

The 3rd grade students will be fundraising for multiple activities which will take place throughout the year. We have sold different snacks throughout the school. We have enjoyed being able to socialize with our school community as well as use the skills we have learned in Math. We can't wait to see the outcome of our fundraising and all the fun stuff we will do throughout the 2023 school year.



LAWRENCEVILLE PREP STRATEGIC GOALS #1 & 2



Once again, Mott Elementary School has partnered with Lawrenceville Prep students. This year, the Lawrenceville Prep students have been working with our youngest (Kindergarten) students at Mott. Together they read, write, draw and chat.



READING FOR A CAUSE STRATEGIC GOALS #1 & 2



The Trenton Literacy Movement President read his new book to the first and second grade students.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

STRATEGIC GOAL #2 - PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Each month, Mott School has a perfect attendance parade for students who earned perfect attendance for the month. The parade is a way to recognize students who come to school every day, and encourages other students to be present so they can participate as well!



CLOTHING DRIVE

Mott Student Government organized a clothing drive during the month of December. Students had the opportunity to donate clothing they no longer wear. These donations were given to Vietnam Veterans of America. VVA was established for struggling Vietnam Vets after they came home from the war. Now, it is available to all veterans and their families that need assistance.

Besides, clothing, they collect items for all aspects of life: furniture, vehicles, appliances, etc.



HOLIDAY FUN

Strategic Goal #2

Mott Elementary hosted its annual holiday show, which included singing, dancing and sharing fun during the holiday season! Students of all grades performed in front of parents, staff, and students. They worked hard practicing their routines throughout the month of December!



Ms. Smith and Ms. Velazquez's class celebrated Three Kings' Day!

Mott staff had a blast at our holiday party this year. It was a nice gathering involving laughter, conversations, and fun!



DEVELOPING THE WHOLE CHILD

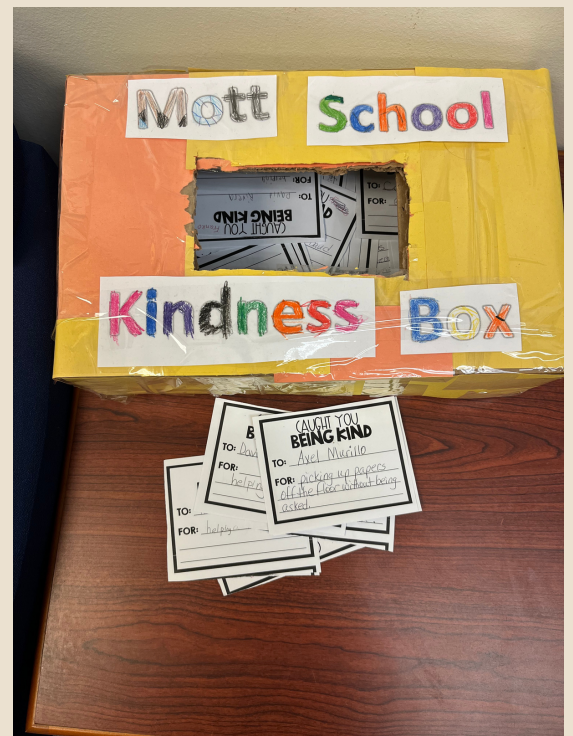
STRATEGIC GOAL #3

Mott Elementary recognizes teaching social emotional learning is as important as teaching academics. Campfire, PEI Kids, and Trenton PEERS have assisted with teaching concepts such as bullying, being assertive, staying safe, talking to only people you know, and other important topics all students should learn and practice.



KINDNESS IS KEY

This quarter, students learned the importance of kindness. Students participated in The Great Kindness Challenge, which included activities, books, and lessons related to showing kindness. Additionally, students were able to earn Kindness Tickets, which they dropped off in our Kindness Box. Students earned a prize for their acts of kindness throughout the month of January.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGIC GOAL #4 – STAFF DEVELOPMENT



Mott staff engaged in a number of professional development workshops on our districtwide PD day.

Schoolwide representative provided demo lessons to our teachers to help assist with the new program. She taught a variety of strategies to help support our students and teachers.



STAYING HEALTHY AND SAFE STRATEGIC GOALS #3 & 5

Nurse Minott shared the importance of staying healthy and safe this winter. If you are sick, stay home until you are better. Be cautious of the following signs so you know when to stay home:

- Fever that is greater than 100.4 degrees or chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste and smell
- Cough
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose

