



The Good News

2014 Seniors Graduate with Pride



Colleges that Accepted our Students

- Assumption College
- Bryant University
- Cazenovia College
- Curry College
- Emmanuel College
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Hartwick College
- Johnson & Wales University
- Massachusetts College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
- Mount Ida College
- Newbury College
- Northeastern University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Pace University
- Pine Manor College
- Rhode Island College
- Roger Williams University
- St. John's University
- St. Lawrence University
- Suffolk University
- Syracuse University
- University of Hartford
- University of Massachusetts- Boston
- University of Miami
- University of Rhode Island
- Westminster College

This year's College Visit Schedule

Bryant University	9/24	8:00 AM
Boston University	10/6	8:00 AM
Colby College	10/6	2:45 PM
Pine Manor College	10/8	8:00 AM
Worcester Polytechnic	10/15	8:00 AM
Providence College	10/16	8:00 AM
Alfred University	10/20	8:00 AM
University of New Haven	10/22	8:00 AM
Rhode Island College	10/24	2:45 PM
Johnson & Wales	10/31	8:00 AM

Elementary Students Go Green



This Fall, Acopia Harvest and their partner, The Picture of Children's Health, donated a two-level Green Machine™ hydroponics kit to Times² Academy. The kit uses four square feet of space to grow 64 plants including vegeta-

bles such as basil and spinach right in the classroom — using no dirt, only water (“Hydroponics”). The Central Falls-based urban farm organization uses the Green Machine™ to teach children self-sufficiency & healthy eating at an early age. As part of their Project Sprout program, Acopia Harvest has been visiting schools across Rhode Island and offering interactive presentations to children of all ages about how to grow plants hydroponically, year-round with the Green Machine™.

This hands-on approach will also create a proactive learning environment that expands our children's imaginations and their understanding of new technology. At the conclusion of the growing cycle, the children will harvest the vegetables to take home to their families or donate to the community.

Times² Academy the newest home to the Green Machine™

Health Notes from School Nurse Rachel

Health Screenings

According to RI state law, the following screenings are performed yearly at the school:

- **Vision:** Grade K-5 and 7 and 9
- **Dental:** Grade K-5 and 7 (If your child is regularly seen by a private dentist, please return a **signed** dental card to the school nurse.)
- **Hearing:** Grade K-3
- **Scoliosis:** Grade 6-8

Parents will be notified if their child does not pass a screening. Please contact the school nurse if you have any questions regarding the above screenings.

Our Proud Chorus . . .

Times2's Elementary Chorus is now in its 8th year. Thirty-nine Students have joined so far with more expressing interest. There are many returning members (and many who have been members for



several years!), and a growing interest among the older elementary students. We are rehearsing on Thursdays this season and will be performing in early December. For more information, contact Mr. Partelo at rpartelo@times2.org.

Classroom News

Kindergarten . . .

September is all about routine in Kindergarten! Students are well on their way to learning about the rules and routines to stay safe and happy in school. We are exploring new hallways, the gymnasium, music and art classrooms as well as the cafeteria. Help support classroom learning at home by singing alphabet songs, reading books and sorting laundry by colors or matching socks!! We are off to a GREAT start!

1st grade . . .

It has been great getting to know the students. In Language Arts students learn new vocabulary words. We call them Amazing Words. Ask your child about the words: furniture, tidy, unwind, cozy, banner, patio, active, pavement, overflowing. In writing students are learning about nouns and verbs in sentences. Social Studies is about Citizenship. In Math: the Numbers 0-10 (breaking numbers apart) and Number Bonds. Homework begins in October. Children will be getting Reading Logs, Math, and Family Times homework. ***Please read 20 minutes daily with your child.***

2nd grade . . .

In Reading there will be a focus on non-fiction. In Math students will be learning adding and subtracting two and three digit numbers with and without renaming. Also fractions, time, multiplication and measurement. In Science the students will be experimenting with solids, liquids and plants. They will be responsible for keeping a science notebook while gathering and interpreting data. In Social studies the topics we will be discuss are Citizenship, Symbols, Holidays, Rhode Island and Inventions. This year the second graders will attend a few field studies. As you can see the students will be learning many new things.

3rd Grade . . .

In Reading Street, we are reading a variety of stories and focusing on the essential question. In Math, we are learning about place value and adding and subtracting two digit numbers. The children have been very excited to start Rocket Math. Ask them about it! In Social Studies, we are learning citizenship through a text titled *Little Bill*. Finally, in Science we have begun working on the Water kit. The students are actively involved with the experiments, and love learning more about the properties of water.

4th grade . . .

Our first weeks together have been filled with multiple beginning-of-year assessments. We use the data to measure progress throughout the year, to identify each students' strengths and needs, and to form instructional groups. Data will be available for parent review during Parent Teacher Conferences in November.

Students must record their homework in their planners each day. Check each night that your child's homework is complete and accurate. To ensure safety, please send a note or call the school any time your child's after-school transportation is changing for the day.

5th grade . . .

Every night for an entire month, Ms. Saran is doing nightly journaling on the different phases of the moon. In her class, reading must be done every night as well. Her first field trip, October 16, is to the Planetarium at Roger Williams to see the Skyview Planetarium show. This show is all about our solar system and what you can find in it.

Ms. Brodeur is studying the three branches of government as well as learning about the Democratic and Republican political parties. Students are working on comparing and contrasting essays on these topics.

In Ms. Sevigny's Classroom students are finishing up their first unit on whole numbers. The big topics in this unit are factors, multiples and estimation. The students just took their first quiz and will be reviewing for the unit assessment.

Grade 6 . . .

Ms. Czernicki's students have made a nice transition to sixth grade. Students have already explored the difference between general academic and domain specific vocabulary, which will become an important part of their learning, as well as how to write an objective summary of an informational text. They have begun regular practice on Achieve 3000 and have just completed their first major standardized testing, the NWEA.

Their first of four novels, *The Magician's Nephew*, by C.S. Lewis, is a classic fantasy that will transport the students back to another place and time in history, while teaching them valuable lessons about honesty, character and making good choices.

In Ms. Baccari's class students will be using Glencoe Math which empowers each student to make math class a time that's just about them and allows them to take ownership of their own learning journey. Last week students began to learn Ratios and Rates. The students will learn how to use a ratio table, and how to use equivalent ratios to solve real-world problems.

In Ms. Brell's class, World History, students are learning the core concepts of government, economics, and culture. They will study the early beginnings of civilization — from the Greeks, Romans, and Ottomans.

Physical Education (Gym) . . .

In Physical Education and Health we do Assessments of each student in grades 7 through 12 goes through a quarterly Assessment including: a mile Run, push-ups, sit-ups, flexibility, Body Mass Index, height, weight and shuttle run. Then students submit Reflections. Eventually students are able to monitor progress and how they feel about themselves.

Upcoming Events In October

- 10** Volleyball Tournament 3:30 PM
- 22** Unity Day: Wear something orange
- 24** Haunted Hallway: 4-8pm and \$2.00 dress down day to benefit the Middle School.
- 27** Lifetouch Picture Day for the Elementary; Spirit week begins
- 28** Twin Day
- 29** Historical People Dress Up
- 30** Career Dress Up day

Indoor Soccer Program

Our new soccer program kicked off on Monday, September 22nd with twenty one 7,8, and 9th graders trying out. The team is coached by Joselito Molina, father of 7th grader Bryan Molina. Mr. Molina has extensive experience playing and coaching in various soccer leagues. Coach Molina is assisted by 11th grader Josue Flores as a player/coach. The team will play in an informal league that includes San Miguel School, Gordon School, Rocky Hill, West Bay Christian Academy, and others. Players will practice twice during the week and on Saturdays. The Eagles will participate in their first tournament, the 2014 Small School Soccer Tournament hosted by the Rock Hill School in East Greenwich on Sunday, October 26th. Let's all wish our players luck in their first tournament! Go Eagles!!!