



Prairie-Hills Elementary School
District 144 ~ Spring
S.Y.K.E.S. Enrichment Program

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CHATEAUX SCHOOL



Greetings from S.Y.K.E.S. at Chateaux. The students have been studying different forms of communication. They started this project by researching the history of communication. Our first and second graders created two short videos on Scratch Jr., a computer coding system, to demonstrate what they learned. Our older students became more interested in emoji creation. The students began by reading about African American innovators in history. Then they developed an emoji to represent that person or their accomplishment. Videos were created to report on the person and to explain the emoji.





On April 20th, the Chateaux S.Y.K.E.S. students said hello to Spring and hello to our Community service activities. We are kicking off our season of community service with a Spring Bash to raise money for “Autism Awareness.” With all the excitement surrounding the Black Panther movie, the students thought it would be a good idea to have a superhero theme this year. We are excited to be a positive active part in our community. **THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING.**

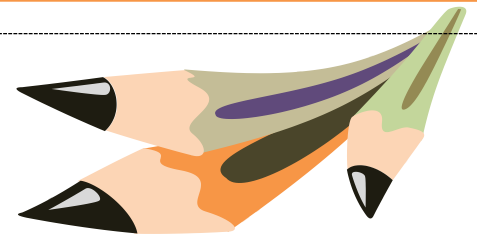
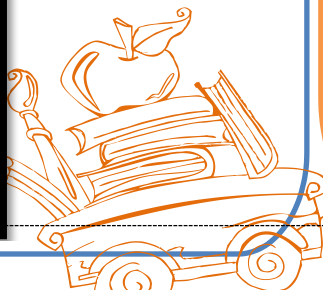
FIELDCREST



“The future is something which everyone reaches at the rate of sixty minutes an hour, whatever he does, whoever he is.”

- C. S. Lewis

The Fall season brought a cool change in weather and even cooler exploration for our S.Y.K.E.S students! We explored diversity and examined our moral precepts through our book study of R.J. Palacio’s, “Wonder.” We concluded the unit with a fun trip to view the movie. As the weather became colder we analyzed different countries and cultures, learning all about different political systems, economies and social structures.



Students also broadened their view of culture and what it means to form a cultural group by determining how customs, pop culture and background play a factor.



Fieldcrest S.Y.K.E.S. students also hosted the 2nd annual Mother/Son and Daddy/ Daughter dance to raise money for “Autism Awareness.” We would like to thank our parents for their overwhelming support. The dance was a huge success! The students will conclude the year by learning about finance and working on their individual passion projects.

Ms. A. McGee, Coordinator

Ms. B. Lenore-Woods, Coordinator

Upcoming Events:

**Paint the Town Blue for Autism-
April 27th**

**Culminating Activity - May 16th,
6:30 p.m. at PHJH
(All parents are invited to view their
child(ren)’s passion projects.)**



**Prairie-Hills Junior High
2018**

**8th Grade S.Y.K.E.S. Enrichment Program
Mrs. Page**

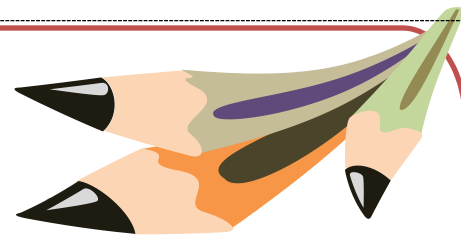
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The Junior High S.Y.K.E.S. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have had an exciting year and are now anxiously looking forward to the big events: the 2018 Dinner Dance and their GRADUATION in May!!

The year started off with a challenge as the students read M. Shelley’s “FRANKENSTEIN” and then pondered and debated about who the *real* monster was, the scientist/creator or the creature? The jury is still out on that one!

A trip to the movies is always a fun time. Especially when the book has now become a movie and it supports a cause. The students had been discussing the anger that exists in the world and the need for being kind. The story “WONDER” captures beautifully the book’s central premise that we should choose to be kind and inclusive to people. It is necessary to be kind to others, like Auggie Pullman, the protagonist who was born with facial deformities in a world, that unfortunately, highly values beauty.

During the Christmas season, we were filled with joy as we visited the David Webb Jr. Senior Living Complex. We baked and ate cookies, and assisted the elders in decorating their own Christmas stockings.



All the while, having lively discussions and listening as the seniors revealed their Christmas wish lists! Afterwards, the students enjoyed lunch at one of their favorite places, McDonalds!

At one of our S.Y.K.E.S after school meetings, while enjoying pizza, the students were discussing their role models: who they looked up to, who they felt was an important member of our “society” for what they have done or are doing, basically who inspires them. The gathering after researching role models quickly became a comparison of choices and a proving ground of whose choice was the most worthy!

Finally, the students have recently been passionate about the unfortunate incidents of “Gun Violence in America”. The entire junior high participated in a silent walk-out march on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful group event and we were very proud to participate in it! Afterwards, the students did further research on the many incidents of gun violence dating back to 2013. Then the S.Y.K.E.S. students decided to choose three different schools to research about the incidents that happened at those schools. They also studied Jim Brady and his campaign and finished their focus on the subject by writing reflection papers expressing their thoughts and feelings about gun violence, the ramifications, and finally how they feel these tragedies can be prevented!

Finally, the students posted these awesome papers in our hallway on our wall as a dedication to the many lives that have been lost... the title of our wall is called.....  
“WHAT”S GOING ON!”.....by Marvin Gaye!



## MARKHAM PARK SCHOOL



Our S.Y.K.E.S. Enrichment Club members continue to be shining superstars here at Markham Park! We've already attended several field trips, including doing arts/crafts with seniors at the David Webb Senior Living Facility in Markham. We also went to see the movie "Wonder" and took our scholars to McDonald's afterwards. In May we will be taking the 5th grade S.Y.K.E.S. members on a college tour, so stayed tuned for more details!



During our weekly sessions we conducted a live trial of "The TRUE Story of the 3 Little Pigs" which our scholars really enjoyed! We also continue to work on problem solving skills while keeping learning fun and engaging! We will continue to utilize "Who Dunit" books, perform math problems, work collaboratively in teams and use puzzles to assist in solving scientific problems.



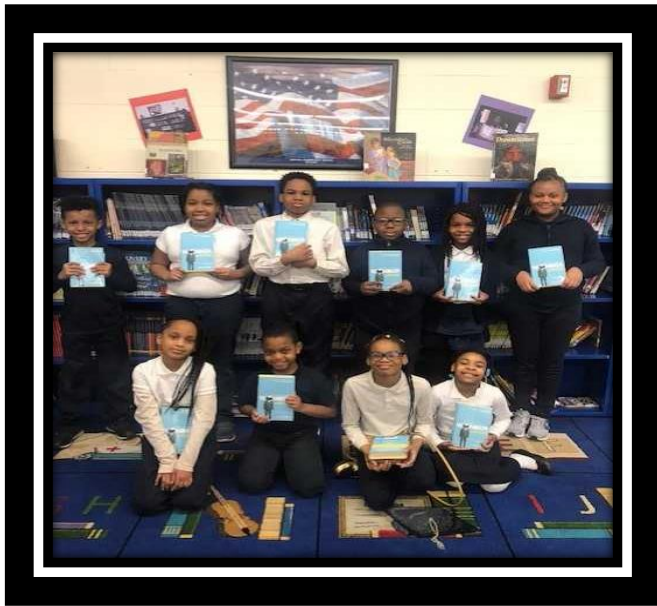
Lastly, we're gearing up for our culminating activity which will take place on May 16<sup>th</sup> at PHJH. Our Markham Park scholars have taken on the challenge of putting together a "Living Museum" where they will become their chosen characters for the entire day, complete with costumes and memorized speeches!

*Ms. K. Beamon, Coordinator*



## NOB HILL SCHOOL

As many of you may know, our S.Y.K.E.S. program took a field trip to see the movie “Wonder” on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Since then, we were gracious to have received hardback books based on the movie, “Wonder” from our school principal for each S.Y.K.E.S. member! Our book study has been very effective and great so far! The students have enjoyed reading and discussing different scenarios while comparing the book to the movie. The students have stated that to their surprise, the book is better and more interesting than the actual movie.



Along with our book study, we are in the beginning stages of our “Passion Projects”. Students have been working cooperatively in groups and are excited to be taking full autonomy over the projects chosen. S.Y.K.E.S. students will be researching and creating products that they’ll be presenting at Prairie Hills Jr.

As you may know, April is Autism Awareness Month. We will have two fundraisers to raise money towards the Autism Awareness cause. Once again, we will be hosting “Paint the Town Blue: A Walk-a-thon for Autism” on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>! Last year was a GREAT turnout and we are looking forward to it once again this year. Along with this fundraiser, we will be raising funds by donating money towards an Autism ribbon to be displayed throughout our building.

“Go, Nob Hill S.Y.K.E.S.!”

*Ms. S. Watkins, Coordinator*  
*Ms. M. Bibbs, Coordinators*



## PRAIRIE-HILLS JUNIOR HIGH

### 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Grade S.Y.K.E.S. and Enrichment Program

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We are in the midst of several activities and events. The History Fair was a huge success for some of our students. This year "The History Fair" used multimedia to enhance education via projects called "AT THE MOVIES"! The students completed documentaries, animated movies, as well as historical comics. The students were asked to find their passions in history and complete a project on them. Students received medals for their winning efforts and S.Y.K.E.S. participated and won in several events!

Our students participated in the discussions surrounding the shooting in Parkland and the impact of gun violence in our community. Spend time discussing current events with the children. You would be surprised by what they "think" is happening and they have many questions and definite opinions.



Currently, the student's are working on what they are PASSIONATE about... some are CODING....many of our students enjoy music and have decided to complete passion projects on the subject. Yamuna Nair, winner at the Invention Convention is spearheading a group. They are putting something together for the parent see. They are excited....so are we!

Ms. D. Jernigan, 6th Grade Coordinator
Ms. T. H.B. - Chipley, 7th Grade Coordinator

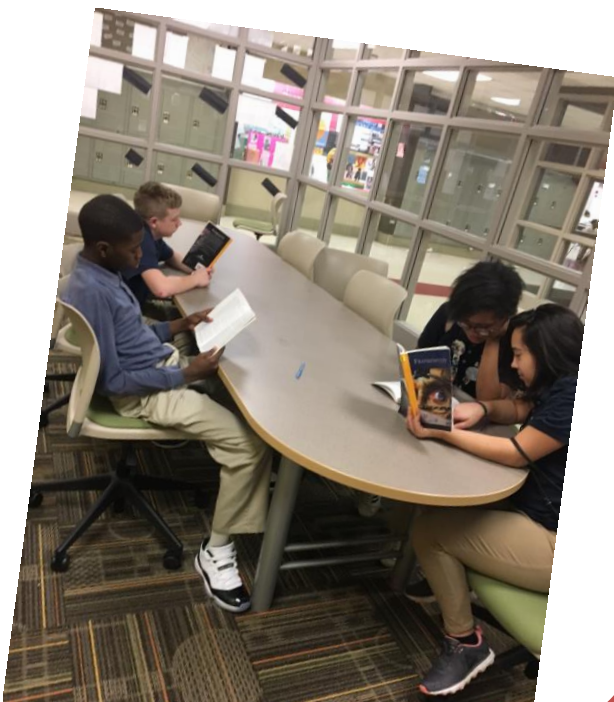
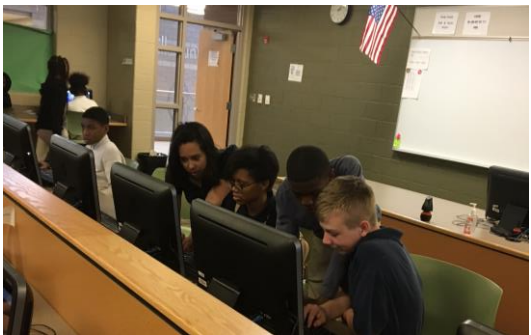
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Jump-a-thon Contest
Building Field Days

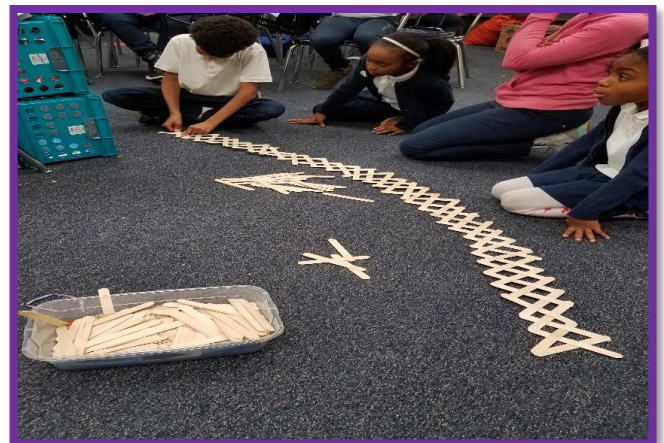
PHJH HIGHLIGHTS



MAE JEMISON SCHOOL



The S.Y.K.E.S. program at Mae Jemison School is soaring! Within the past quarters, we have been working on building structures by creating tall and sturdy buildings using only paper and tape. We've learned about structure bases and which design would allow for a taller structure. Students have also created catapults and chain reactions using jumbo craft sticks. With the chain reactions and catapults, we have been able to delve deeper into the study of scientific tension within structures as well. Recently, our members have grown interested in the Middle Passage and slavery in the south. With research of videos, excerpts from newspapers in the 1800s, and visual aids, students are working to create a "museum gallery" of their findings and interests in the topic.



Ms. J. Hawkins, Coordinator

