

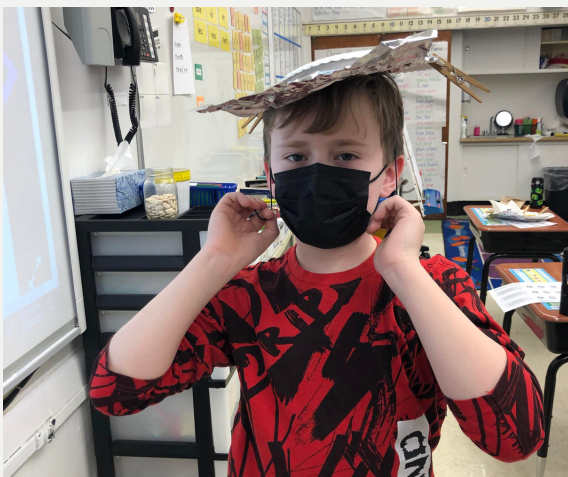
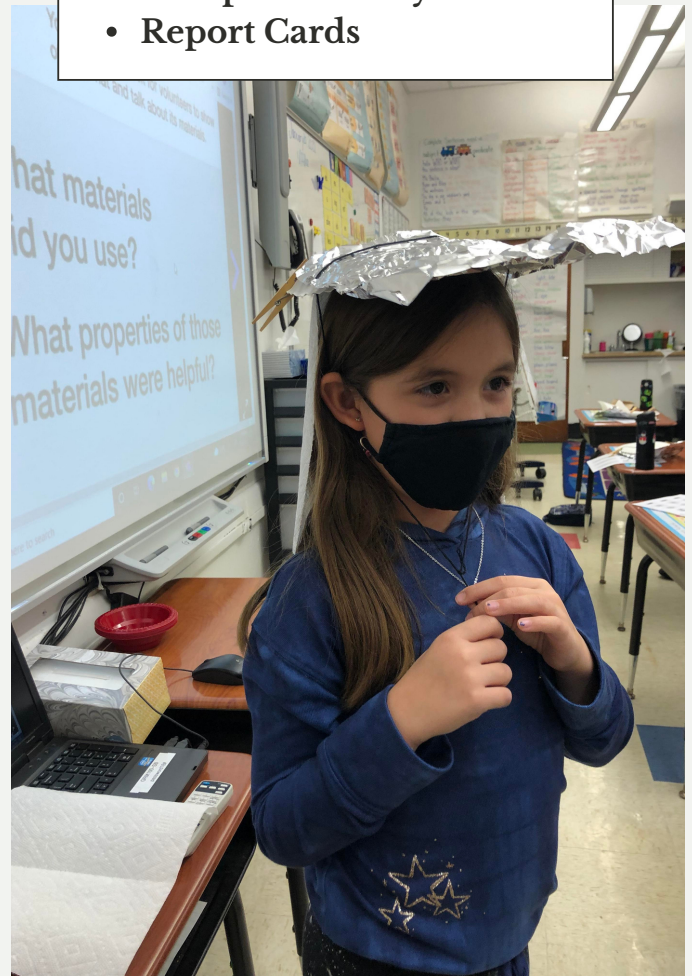
Godwin Gazette

IT IS A MYSTERY!

And mysteries are meant to be solved. Science is one of those subjects most students love because of the hands-on nature of the lessons. Making projects, formulating hypotheses, and solving experiments usually excite students and engage them in the learning process. The Godwin School staff uses Mystery Science to bring science to life with Standards-based, age-appropriate, thought-provoking experiments. Students work through the Scientific Method to solve problems or create prototypes. Most recently in second grade, students were charged with the task of creating protective headgear if stranded on a deserted island. Students needed to decide on the design and select materials from a pre-determined list.

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- **Report Cards**



Upon completion, the students needed to explain why they chose certain materials and how their hats worked. Some chose tin foil to deflect the sun's rays and others chose paper towels to absorb the sweat produced from the sun. No matter the design of the final product, students learned it needed to be sturdy, provide full protection, and be secure on their heads. This project was part of the unit on Matter and this lesson focused on the Properties of Materials.

Be In The Know....Referendum Information

» WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING



The Midland Park Public School District is requesting funding for a Facilities Renovation Program that would include **VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDING ATHLETIC FIELD RENOVATION PROJECTS**, via a targeted Referendum Vote on March 8, 2022.

UPGRADING OUR FACILITIES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

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Existing Field conditions require significant repairs at significant cost to allow continued and proper use of the fields.

- » **Synthetic Turf at Sonny Santorine Field including lighting and modifications to existing drainage, irrigation and fencing.**
(It is understood that this natural turf field was constructed in 2015 through the last Referendum and included infrastructure for drainage and lighting to support the transition to Synthetic Turf - this will be reused, as will topsoil for Lower Sunset, fencing, bleachers, and press-box)
- » **Synthetic Turf Fields - Baseball/Softball/Multipurpose at Schiffer Field including drainage upgrades, lighting & fencing.**
- » **Natural Turf Field at Lower Sunset - Multipurpose field including irrigation system.**

Upgrading our facilities to meet the needs of our community. Synthetic and natural turf fields upgrades.
Copy and paste the link to learn more about the project and how it will impact your children.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QDFEnp0rasIsFYYvrFQ4ImnQQ8G-Rnf0?usp=sharing>

National Compliment Day



On January 24, the Godwin School celebrated National Compliment Day. Last week, Miss Christine taught guidance lessons focused on this special day. The students learned that giving a compliment meant sharing kind words or praise with someone. We can compliment someone on something that we see when we look at them, special personality traits that they have, or unique talents and skills. Giving compliments to others not only makes them feel happy but brings us joy as well. It feels really good to be kind; and remember, when you receive a compliment, it is so important to acknowledge it and say thank you.

The letter 'I' in Godwin Pride stands for "I can make a difference." Giving compliments is a great way to make a difference in someone's life and brighten their day.

On National Compliment Day, the students were challenged to give a compliment to 5 different people. They were encouraged to be creative and see how a little bit of kindness could make the world a better place. The power of a compliment is pretty remarkable: either giving or receiving one can boost your happiness and confidence — making the act a win-win. You never know when someone could use some good vibes, so spread positivity by giving someone a reason to smile!



Next month, on February 17th, the Godwin students will recognize, Random Act of Kindness Day!

Report Card Time

On Friday, January 28, the mid-year report cards will be available online. For kindergartners, this is their first report card and for our other grade levels it is their second. The only way to see your child's report card is to access the online portal. (The PowerSchool Portal Login is: ps.mpsnj.org). You should have established your child's account already, if you have not and need assistance, contact Carole Treta @ ctreta@mpsny.org. Moving to this electronic system allows the school district to store your child's report cards from every grade, but it also means that parents HAVE to access the information online ONLY.

The report card will provide a plethora of information about your child's progress from the start of the school year. Kindergarten - second-grade report cards will include the most recent Fountas and Pinnell reading assessment letter. This letter indicates your child's instructional reading level. The teachers use this information to determine their approach to instruction during reading class. Your child's independent reading level will be one or two levels lower. Keep this in mind when selecting books for your child to read at home. The public and school libraries have leveled a section of their books, so students are able to choose their own reading material. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's report card, please contact their classroom teacher.