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Celebrating Dr. King

By Olivia A. and Alex D.

"It took a wise man to dream big, to dream great, when all around was hate." 5A used these words to kick off our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. sharing assembly on Friday, January 12. Nursery school students marched into the Meeting Room holding up small inspirational signs of friendship.

The first act was 5A reciting *In Memory*, a poem by Erica Northrop. Then 5B recited the poem *Facing the Challenge* by Martin Luther King, Jr. Next, PKB recited a poem about Dr. King, followed by the first graders who took the stage and sang *What Can One Little Person Do*, inviting everyone else to sing along.

Then, really getting into the spirit, fourth graders recited parts of MLK's *I Have a Dream* speech. Finally the Upper School chorus sang three songs: *Ukuthula* (a South African peace song), *Bashana Habanah*, a Hebrew song about looking forward to peace in the new year, and *You Will be Found*, a song written by FCS graduate Benj Pasek for the Broadway play *Dear Evan Hansen*. Some of the grown-ups in the audience were moved to tears!

On Monday, January 15, the Lower School offered a Day of Service in honor of Dr. King. Many of us came to school to participate. Some of us created cleaning kits for a homeless shelter called "Families Forward Philadelphia" while others made colorful, soft, no-sew fleece pillows. It felt good to come together to help others.



Back in Time with 5th Grade

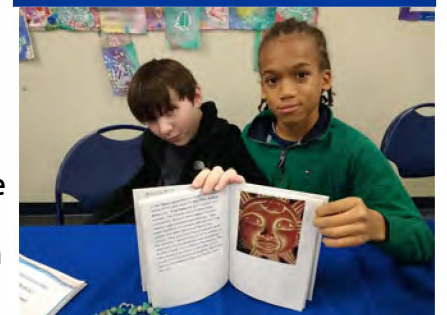
By Sam L. and Duncan M.

On Friday, December 15, the fifth grade shared their ancient civilization projects in the meeting room with their families and the entire school. Each person in fifth grade had paired up with a fellow classmate to research an Ancient Civilization. They used books from the library and websites to gather information. The vision that each pair had was to become experts in an Ancient Civilization and write a book about it for newcomers to read in the library.

In math class, we learned math used by some people in ancient times, and made little square tile patterns out of beans. In humanities, we made jewelry out of beads and stones from our civilizations and we made paper in art class, representing papyrus. We displayed all of these at our Ancient Civilizations Festival.

After the festival in the Meeting Room, the fifth graders and their parents went upstairs to have a feast of ancient civilization foods! There was hummus, chile, Mayan hot cocoa, stuffed grape leaves, buns, biscuits, fortune cookies and much, much more.

Now our books are in the library for anyone who wants to check them out and for next year's fifth graders! We really learned a lot and we hope others do too from our books.



Upper School Drama Class Presents *The Tempest* at LS

On Friday, January 19, the Upper School's "Shakespeare in Performance" class performed its own wonderful version of *The Tempest* for all of the Lower School students. The actors used mostly their imaginations and some carefully chosen sound effects. Lower School children thoroughly enjoyed the show!



The Ultimate FCS debate: Teacher vs. Ms., Miss, Mrs. and Mr.

By Ben H. and Theo D.

You may have known these teachers as Mr. Dubb, Ms. Will, and Ms. B., but now you can call them Teacher Joseph, Teacher Deb and Teacher Tiffany! We have noticed that kids have been talking about this change and we are here to tell you what happened and why.

"By taking Teacher Deb as my name at FCS, I feel that I am not putting myself above other members of the community. Even though Teacher is a type of title, it is based on my work, not my gender or my status in society," said Teacher Deb (formerly known as Ms. Will).

Teacher Deb told us that in the past Quakers didn't use titles such as Miss, Ms., Mrs. and Mr. but referred to people by their first and/or last name. This is because of the Quaker testimony of equality. When you use Miss or Mrs. those titles indicate a woman's marital status, but Mr. doesn't, which is unfair. Why should people know a woman's marital status and not a man's?

We asked Ms. McBee why she didn't switch her name this year. "I decided not to switch my name to Teacher Alice this year because I have a student named Alice and I didn't want it to get confusing," she said. "I would consider changing my name to Teacher Alice in the future, but I would have to discuss it with my 4th grade teaching partner (Ms. Tedesco) first." She said she would want them to both agree on what they should be called.

So if you didn't already know, now you know! This is Ben and Theo signing off!



Ms. Will is now called Teacher Deb.



Mr. Dubb is now called Teacher Joseph.



Ms. B. is now called Teacher Tiffany.

Visiting the Charleston Market

By Parker H. and Benedict T.



Hush puppies, fried chicken, lemonade, chocolate and iced tea! These are some of the foods that were at 3B's Charleston Market which took place before winter break. 3B held this festival to let us know what it felt like to explore one of South Carolina's largest and noisiest markets.

When we arrived at the doorway of 3B, we saw the desks rearranged into a semi-circle to make the classroom have the mood of the real Charleston Market. The merchants had tie-dyed shirts on.

We received three dollars to spend on anything at the market. Everything at the market cost one dollar. There were so many great options to spend your money on, it was hard to choose. We attempted to bargain with the merchants, but only some were open to it. We really enjoyed the amazing fried chicken!

From the looks of it, everyone enjoyed the 3B Charleston Market!

Don't Waste Food!

By Charles K.

