

# Academic Highlights, Achievements, News & Notes October 2021

#### FRCS Senior Named Commended Student in 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program



An incredible honor for an academically talented member of our senior class. Kusumita Savaram has been named a commended Student in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program!

On September, 27<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Soria presented Kusu with a Letter of Commendation. Students entered the National Merit Scholarship Program, a nationwide competition for recognition and awards by taking the 2020 PSAT. Kusu is one of just 34,000 students nationwide to earn the distinction of Commended Student. Congratulations, Kusu!

## FRCS Elementary, Middle School Students Complete MAP Testing

We've introduced an exciting educational tool to better support learning and track student growth. MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) is a computerized adaptive assessment tool. Students take this three times a year. We will measure their progress this year and over future years as they progress through school.

For the first time this year, scholars in grades 2-4 completed NWEA MAP assessments in reading, math & language.

Our scholars in grades 5-8 completed these assessments for a second straight year.



## "Falling" Into Learning!

Our scholars seem to be enjoying Fall, and thanks to their fabulous and creative teachers, their lessons are matching the season!

Ms. Howell's scholars have been learning about apples and pumpkins. They learned about the life cycle of each and compared apples and pumpkins using a Venn Diagram!



This Grade 1 Scholar in Ms. True's class is working on his key vocabulary for Fall!



## **Fascinating Science!**

In Anatomy & Physiology class, High School scholars denatured salivary amylase with acid and heat! Students did an amazing job demonstrating enzyme action on starch.



Grade 4 scholars in Mr. Fauvelle's class are learning about the scientific method and are practicing the process. They recently conducted an experiment to find out if popcorn sinks or floats. Scholars had to come up with a question, a hypothesis and a procedure. The class discovered that popcorn floats and doesn't have the best smell when its wet!



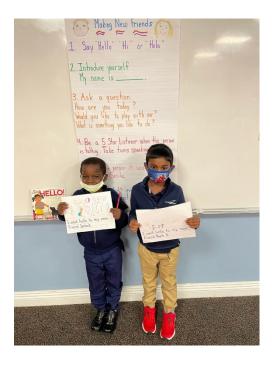
#### **Start With Hello Week**

Our Elementary School recently took part in Start With Hello Week.

The week promotes community, kindness, diversity, and friendship. Each day had a theme, and an activity to complete. Our scholars enjoyed activities, made new friends, built a sense of community and discussed the importance of including others!

Start With Hello Week was started by Sandy Hook Promise, an organization founded and led by several family members whose loved ones were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy on December 14, 2012.







#### Thank You, Teachers and Staff!

On September 29, FRCS teachers and staff got to enjoy an ice cream treat! The Palagi ice cream truck was invited to campus as a way to thank our hard working and very well deserving teachers and staff for an incredible first month of school. We appreciate all they do!



## **FRCS Sports Update**

Our FRCS Fall sports teams are off to a great start!

Despite challenges including COVID-19 precautions and inclement weather - the boys and girls soccer teams, girls volleyball team, and the cross country team have had a lot of success during both home and away games/meets.





Each Friday, we will be featuring a "Scholar Athlete of the Week" on our FRCS Facebook Page.