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## Berry Hill Weekly Buzz

Week Ending December 11, 2015

### PEAK Music Festival



Berry Hill Choral Students participated in the PEAK (Parents, Educators, and Kids) Music Festival sponsored by the Nassau Music Educators Association on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at Molloy College. This year's festival theme was "Music Around the World." The PEAK festival provides an opportunity for talented fourth grade students to discover the elements of music through the creative process and exploring the joys of project performance-based learning. PEAK provided wonderful workshops for students, teachers, and their parents that focused on choral singing, music concepts, All County-Level ensemble experiences, and skills/ techniques facilitated by dedicated and talented music professionals. Thank you to Ms. Melody Hall, Berry Hill Choral Teacher, for providing our students with this wonderful opportunity.

### Sensational Second Graders are Becoming Experts!



During December, Sensational Second Graders continued to be immersed in the *Teachers College Becoming Experts, Reading Nonfiction Unit of Study*. The students noticed that nonfiction readers pay attention to details in various books about the same topic. The students are able to put the details together to grow knowledge about a topic. They continued to add new information to existing information learned from previous books. The students learned the "lingo" of a topic and used text features to notice and understand these key words. Sensational Second Graders are now experts that can read, think, and talk about the topic they are reading about!

Have a wonderful weekend!  
Sincerely,

Mrs. Joanne Mannion, Principal