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## Berry Hill Weekly Buzz



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### Fifth Grade Cell Catalogue Project



The Fifth Grade Microworld Science Unit was enhanced this year with the Cell Catalogue Project. Fifth Graders used their many, varied, and unusual ideas to create “catchy” cell catalogues that demonstrated their knowledge of organelles and their functions. Their presentations were enriched by the use of the document cameras and projectors in their classrooms. Each student in the class was able to have an up-close view of the illustrations presented in the catalogues from their desks. Student presenters were able to zoom in and out of their projects when pointing out important aspects and/or answering questions posed by the teacher and their peers. Using this technology to present the project deepened students’ learning experience.

### Berry Hill School Celebrates Peer Mediators



Berry Hill Peer Mediators completed their training with a celebration of their accomplishments. Each Peer Mediator was presented with a certificate by Berry Hill’s Peer Mediator Mentors, Mrs. Alena Kupferman, Psychologist, and Mrs. Eva Kaplan, First Grade Teacher. The certificate exemplifies the students’ on-going dedication to our Peer Mediation Program. This district-wide program originated as a vehicle to empower elementary students to assist peers in peacefully resolving conflicts that arise through the use of problem solving techniques. At Berry Hill School, fifth grade students were taught about the nature and types of conflicts, along with how to be fair and neutral while listening to various points of view. Students were trained in various skills in helping others prevent and work through solving conflicts including recognizing the non-verbal communication people use and open ended questioning in aiding in understanding the feelings and actions of others. Congratulations to all our Berry Hill Peer Mediators!

Have a wonderful weekend!  
Sincerely,

Joanne Mannion, Principal