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Berry Hill Weekly Buzz



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Berry Hill PTA Tennis Program



Thank you to our Berry Hill PTA for bringing instructors from Sportime to work collaboratively with Mr. Scott Segal and Mr. William Lewis, Physical Education Teachers, in kicking off our Tennis Unit. The Sportime Instructors worked with all grade levels during their Physical Education Classes. They incorporated large group games that supported skill development, scoring, and characteristics of the game. Mr. Segal and Mr. Lewis continued our Tennis Unit that concluded with fourth and fifth graders competing in the "Berry Hill Open." Berry Hill students are fortunate to have had the opportunity to be immersed in a wonderful life-long sport.

Berry Hill Students Collaborate with Syosset High School's Advanced Computer Coding Class



As part of our Schoolwide Enrichment Program's "Brown Bag Seminar" series, twenty-two Berry Hill Fifth Graders took a trip to Syosset High School to meet with Advanced Computer Coding Students and get a close-up look at the games they programmed using Java. Under the guidance of the high school "mentor" students, fifth graders had the opportunity to write code of their own in addition to beta testing the games. Berry Hill Enrichment Specialist, Ms. Mary Kolkhorst, arranged the trip in conjunction with High School Teacher, Ms. Christine Owens, and Math Coordinator, Mrs. Angela Kozlowski. The Brown Bag Seminar was a follow-up to a Google Hangout videoconference between the two groups held earlier this year. This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn more about programming and to see the code behind the video games created by our high school students. Our fifth graders had an amazing experience meeting with the high school students, testing their games, and offering feedback.

Have a wonderful Presidents' Week Recess!

Sincerely,

Joanne Mannion, Principal