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## Berry Hill Weekly Buzz



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### Berry Hill's Schoolwide Enrichment Program



Through the Schoolwide Enrichment Program, Berry Hill students are offered a variety of opportunities to enhance, extend and enrich their learning. Our Brown Bag Seminar Series is scheduled during select recess periods. Guest speakers are invited to address volunteer groups of students on topics of interest as identified through student interest inventories. Fourth and fifth graders had the chance to attend a Brown Bag Seminar with author/illustrator Betsy Lewin. Ms. Lewin's books include Click Clack Moo, Cows that Type as well as Duck for President. In addition to live speakers, technology is used to expand the offerings and connect with experts and places of interest that would not otherwise be available logistically through both webinars and Video Conferences. To celebrate Pi Day, our fourth and fifth graders had the option to attend a Brown Bag Virtual Field Trip to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the nation's oldest physical science laboratories where Pi is integral to the work to develop, use, and apply precise measurements and standards. Kindergarten and First Grade students recently participated in a Brown Bag Seminar, "Healthy, Happy Hearts." The seminar focused on both the structure of the heart and how blood is pumped throughout our bodies. Students had the opportunity to utilize a "teaching stethoscope" to listen to a beating heart.

Our Schoolwide Enrichment Program has expanded to include online offerings as well. By utilizing the website Edmodo.com, students have safe, online opportunities to participate voluntarily in enrichment activities. Edmodo.com is an online educational website for students to share ideas. Between the Berry Hill Detective Agency and the Who's Out Players, over 100 kindergarten through fifth grade students are participating in online enrichment.

#### Dates to Remember

- ❖ Third Grade Field Trip to Queens Theatre: Monday, March 23, 2015
- ❖ PTA Book Fair: Tuesday, March 24, 2015
- ❖ Fifth Grade Field Trip to the Nassau County Art Museum: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
- ❖ PTA Snacks for Seniors: Wednesday, March 25, 2015
- ❖ PTA Ladies Night Out: Thursday, March 26, 2015

Have a wonderful weekend!  
Sincerely,

Mrs. Joanne Mannion, Principal