

Mr. Manning's ART Classes



ABOVE: Mr. Mannings' 6th grade artists learned about animation with a visual timeline starting with Walt Disney's Steamboat Willie and ending with Pixar and Dreamworks movies. Students picked their favorite animated character and created a scene of their own.



ABOVE: Coming soon to Pierce Middle School is the game of space travel, mystery and teamwork. Who are your team members, and who is the imposter? Students will get a chance to guess who the imposter is every week as they roam through the hallways and try to figure out what color character is the real imposter. Could it be pink? Could it be orange? No matter who it could be, someone is always "SUS". State tuned for updates.

Latin Valentines (Lupercalia)



SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

Anger is a normal human emotion that we all experience. Anger isn't a bad thing, unless it starts to happen frequently or gets out of control. When that happens, it can cause problems for us at school, at work and with the people in our lives. It can sometimes cause us to think and do things we never would if we weren't angry. Click [HERE](#) to watch a video to help you learn how to recognize your angry feelings and take action, so they don't control you and your choices. Practice these steps next time you feel angry:

- **Awareness:** Be aware that you are starting to feel angry.
- **Breathing:** Give yourself a moment to remember you have control over your emotions and allow the breathing to help you begin to calm down.
- **Counting:** Give yourself time to think before you say or do anything you might regret later.
- **Distance:** Get some space between you and the person that you are angry with.
- **Express:** Once you are feeling calmer, you are better able to express your thoughts and feelings to others and work out your problems.

Please remember, your Pierce Adjustment Counselors are here for you if you need us. Have a wonderful week!

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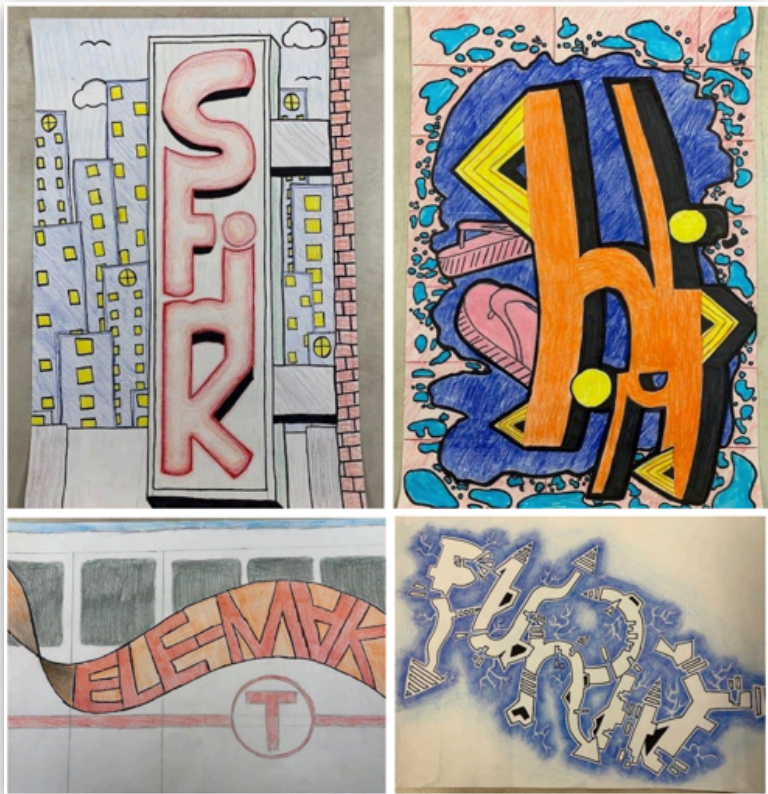
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ABOVE & BELOW: Mr. Mannings' 7th and 8th grade artists became "style writers" and created their own graffiti "TAGS." Students created their very own alphabet and lettering style. The understanding was to create a nickname and then create a colorful piece from that. We looked at several different artists who were creating amazing 3D graffiti and some artists who have successfully created their own graffiti tools and markers. We debated on the vandalism aspect of graffiti from when it originally started to now when artists are commissioned and permitted to do their work. For our wrap up we watched a guided tour of the first ever graffiti museum in Miami, Florida. Students asked if they could "TAG" up the Pierce for real, but I had to politely decline.



EN.G.IN Engineering.Girls.Innovation

EN.G.IN is a fully virtual program taking place every weekend in April designed to introduce middle school girls to four types of engineering, invite women engineers to speak, do fun engineering activities, and provide educational resources for girls' families.

Interested? Click [HERE](#) to learn more about EN.G.IN.

SCIENCE



Last week in Ms. Mitchell's science classes, students were studying properties of liquids and gases. They used water, wax paper and pennies to explore particle bonds, cohesion and surface tension.

Between February 8th and 26th, all Pierce Middle School students will be taking the *i-Ready Math Diagnostic*, an adaptive assessment that adjusts in difficulty for each student individually based on their answer to each question (similar to the *Lexia Rapid* assessment for ELA), in their math classes over two synchronous learning days.



Having Technology Issues? Click [HERE](#) to access the MPS Technology Website



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