

Dear Kilmer Community:

Oh my!! What a fabulous PTA Science Fair we had here at Kilmer. I was truly impressed by the originality and focus of the projects. We had well over seventy five entries and our All Purpose Room buzzed with science energy and enthusiasm. As I listened to our Kilmer Cubs explain their projects their seriousness of purpose and their understanding demonstrated how much they had enjoyed conducting and (in many cases) building and researching their question. The projects included physical (rocks, erosion, earth's land to ocean ratio, quality of markers we buy, among others), chemical (volcanoes, eggs, penny cleaning, among others), electrical (batteries, circuits, among others), medical (blood circulation and make-up, bone structure and functionality of bird wings, among others) and ecology (condensation, terrariums, importance and role of wetlands and soil filtration) as well as many other fascinating topics and genres. The Fair highlighted for all the fun of exploring science and the role science plays in our everyday lives. A sincere and heartfelt thank you to our PTA for organizing the event. A special thank you to our teacher volunteers and to those who served as judges (an extremely difficult responsibility!). Can't wait to see next year's Kilmer Science Fair!

As I walk around our school, the student work displayed showcases our children's thoughts, hopes and desires for the future. The children have been exploring the meaning of Martin Luther King's life and message and defining Kindness for Kindness Week. The children's responses to Martin's Big Words and to the message and hopes embedded in his I Have A Dream speech are inspiring and remind us, adults, that often it is our children who have the most insight. It is a joy to read them.

Ms. DeMarco's class presented me with a poem entitled: Kindness has a Color. Each student in the class, provided a line to the poem and the end product provided for individuality and reflection—Some of the lines---Think blue, because when you think of kindness you hear the overlapping sounds of waves and the sand beneath your tickled toes; Rainbow, because kindness needs all the colors and there are so many ways to be kind; yellow, because it shows people happy, red, because hearts are red and stand for kindness, rainbow, because kindness is beautiful and it is fantastic and it is very unique; I think Pink is the kindness color because pink is love. Well done, Room 115! And thank you for signing the back of the poem for me. I will treasure it.

PTA, thank you for the Book Fair!!! We love reading!!

Stay warm and safe,

Love,

Mrs. McLeester