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Ms. DeLuca Honored by Fort Lee VFW

Each year, the Cairola-Barber-Viola VFW Post 2342 in Fort Lee invites our schools to nominate classroom teachers who educate our youth on the importance of American history, traditions, Americanism, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.

I am happy to announce that Ms. Christine DeLuca, S4 Kindergarten teacher, was recognized at a ceremony at the Fort Lee Post on March 7, 2023. She received the Smart/Maher VFW Citizenship Teacher of the Year Award! Ms. DeLuca was honored for her hard-work and long-standing tradition of connecting with Veterans, inviting them to her classroom and participating in events that support our troops and those that served!

Ms. DeLuca has qualified for the New Jersey State Award and possibly the National award. We congratulate her and wish her luck as she moves through this process!

Click the link for more info:
<https://youtu.be/0Au2KvTRKEg>



Mr. Tony Lione, Vice Commander Fort Lee VFW Cairola-Barber Post 2342; Ms. Christine DeLuca

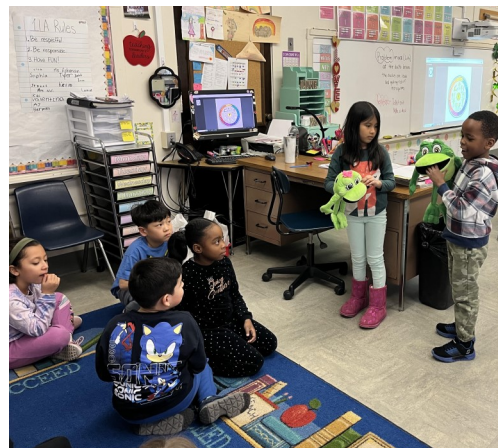
Counselor Corner: Mrs. Fusco

As we move away from “sweater weather” and advance into spring, it’s high time to grab our sunshades and tee shirts and enjoy fun in the sun during recess! In Springtime, our energy is high as we feel rebirth in the natural environment around us. This holds excellent motivational power for our students but also can lead to another side effect: conflict. Conflict is a normal part of life and is healthy in any relationship, but it can also get in the way of our students' well being and learning. Since conflict has a tendency to ramp up a bit as we enter spring, I have visited classrooms to foster team building and build upon conflict resolution strategies we have introduced throughout the year. This year, students learned about how to handle small conflicts on their own with Kelso’s Choice, using the “Choose 2 and De-fuse” strategy to handle conflicts peacefully. The students were given the opportunity to act out role playing scenarios that demonstrate how a small conflict can turn into a bigger problem when it escalated,

and how to choose ways to handle the conflict and de-escalate it effectively.

For more information, click the link:

[Kelso's Choice Wheel](#)



Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

March Theme

“Trustworthiness”



March 21 - World Down Syndrome Day

March 27 - National Scribble Day - Classroom Activities

March 30 - Baseball Opening Day (Wear your favorite baseball Jersey or Team Shirt)

Reminders:

- Trimester 2 Report Cards now on Genesis
- Please do not block/park in the teachers parking lot/drop off students on Rt. 5
- Respectfully, we ask that no food is dropped off for parties or celebrations.
- Please feel free to have your child bring a refillable water bottle to use at our water filling stations
- Spring Break : 4/3-4/7 School Closed Enjoy the much needed break!