

## Principal's Log 2.10

Good evening TMS families,

As our 1st quarter draws to a close and the beautiful leaves fall off the trees in our reading garden, I can't help but be thankful for all of the time and effort that is put into professional development in our District. This work is like autumn because of its cycle of regeneration. This summer a number of our teachers attended a cutting-edge workshop at the [Jacob Burns Film Center](#). In this authentic setting, they explored digital literacy. This is essential work because so much of our students' experiences are through visual media.

Inspired by the Jacob Burns Film Center's Image Sound and Story Curriculum, Mrs. Cheila Mosa has taken her 6th-grade students on a journey of sight, sound and Geography. She challenged her students to tell the story of a geographic feature of the world by creating a film feature trailer. In these short films, premiered on 11/8/2019, students shared the characteristics of the forms they chose to study. The films personified Geography as students brought it to life through storytelling.

Examples included the Mood of the Alps Mountains, The Temperatures and Deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest, The Dangers and Beauty of the Atlantic Ocean and the Dangers and Beauty of the Zambezi River. Students used sound to assert mood, and images to evoke emotion. My favorite part was how proud they were of each other. They expressed this through generous applause, undivided attention and pats on the back. Mrs. Mosa and her students put on a great show!

The following students deserve recognition for their hard work: Logan Bogetti, Kyle Carney, Nicole Comuniello, Arianna Correa, Catherine DeAngelis, Erick Flores, Avery Garcia, Ryan Gentry, Aleiya Green, Takumi Ishiguro, Sami Jazbeh, Sophia Marano, Dean McCord, Lexi Parsons, Michael Rynne, Ava Salerno, Anthony Sayegh, Bridget Sheridan, Penelope Witt, and Mikayla Zaccagno.

Warmly,

Mr. Gregory Stiefel, TMS Principal

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Please Note:

The National Junior Honor Society is collecting hats, gloves, socks and scarves for the homeless during the month of November. Donations can be dropped off in the box outside the high school guidance office.

Be sure to check out our website for PTA flyers, calendar snapshots, and other reminders.

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