

# PYP NEWSLETTER

## First Grade Unit 3



### All Those Heroes!

Central idea: Our lives are influenced by people who shaped history.

In Unit 3 students studied several historical figures which included Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Sacagawea, Theodore Roosevelt, George Washington Carver, and Ruby Bridges. Students learned about the lives of these historical figures and the changes they made to our world. They also learned about the characteristics these historical figures demonstrated and connected these traits to our learner profile! Students had many engaging classroom discussions during which they shared their ideas of how and why these historical figures changed our world. Students also inquired into how these changes have maintained an impact on us today. At the end of the unit, students participated in an interactive and fun Wax Museum for parents and other students! Students dressed up as one of the historical figures and gave a presentation on their historical figure's life and the impacts they made!

### Lines of Inquiry

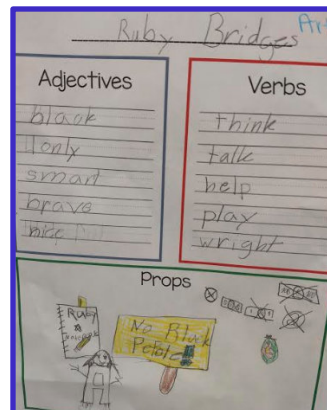
How do historical figures continue to influence our lives?

What are the characteristics and learner profiles those historical figures were demonstrating?

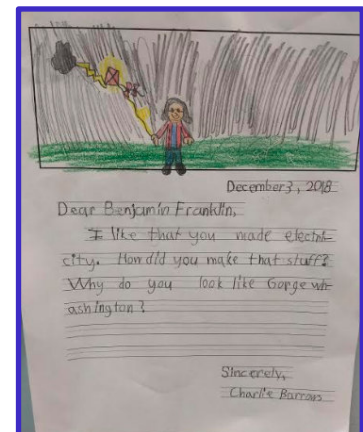
What motivated those historical figures to change the world?



In Art class, students drew portraits of Ruby Bridges.



1st grade sorting what adjectives and verbs can describe Ruby Bridges!



1st grade wrote letters to Benjamin Franklin!

### Upcoming Unit

In this upcoming unit titled "Show Time!" students will learn about the cause and effect of light and sound. Students will also inquire into how shadows change depending on the time of day. In math, students will also be learning about time. Throughout this unit there will be many learning engagements for students to explore the wonders of light, sound, and shadows!