# HARBOR NEWS

NY Harbor Middle School | Leaders Making News

#### **Recommended Read:**

By: Amelia



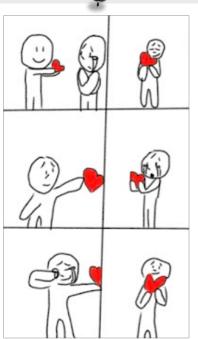
Little
Leaders by
Vashti
Harrison! is
a book
about
amazing

Heroes, Role Models, and everyday women who did amazing things! Little leaders tells all about women of color who fought for there freedom and rights! Weather they went to the streets to protest or flying or even going to desegregated a "White School"! These woman changed the lives of other Black Women everywhere!

#### **Comic:**

By: Joanna





## **Black History Month**

By: Lena



Do you know Black History Month begins on Wednesday, February 1 and goes till Tuesday February 28! So it is a full month! And it has been celebrated for 53 years! Black History Month is based on remembering important

people and events in the history of the African diaspora (culture). Black History Month is celebrated to focus our attention on all the African Americans in the USA like Harriet Tubman, Martin Luther King Junior, and Rosa Parks.

## **Maro the Seal**

By: Yamil

Hi friends! My name is Maro the Seal, or Yamil! I am the new school mascot. I am a part of the attendance welcome team and I like to motivate students to start their day with a smile and encouraging message. I also like to show school spirit and attend basketball games and school celebrations. I am perfect for this job because I have a lot of positive energy so its easy for me to get the crowd excited and eager to join me in showing school spirit!

# **Happy Valentine's Day!**

By: Amelia

Valentine's Day occurs every February 14th. People pass out chocolates, candy and flowers for friends and loved ones. Did you know that Valentines Day is named after St. Valentine a Catholic saint? Valentine's Day is celebrated in the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia, and other countries too. Hug your loved ones!



# **Life Skill: Self Assessment**

By: Penny and Luna



Self assessment can help students improve their decision making skills by allowing them to analyze and reflect on their choices and actions. One way the 5th and 6th grade classes are practicing self-assessment is through their DOJO tracker. Each period, students take 5 minutes at

the end of the class to self-reflect and self-rate on how well they were able to follow the guiding light during the lesson.

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The self assessment has a



## Guiding Lights

By: Lena

This month we are following

self awareness on our compass!

Self awareness is being able to focus on something positive when you're feeling negative and being able to recognize a bad habit and what it can do to affect you. Ways you can practice self awareness are to keep an open mind, stay focused, and consider how your actions affect others.

#### **Upcoming Dates:**

Feb. 14: Valentines Day

Feb 16: Black History Month Art Night

Feb. 28: Black History Month YMCA Celebration

Feb. 20-24: School Closed-Midwinter Recess

March 1: Middle School DOJO Celebration

March 3: Elementary School DOJO Celebration



scale of 1-3. I equals some of the class and 3 means the student gave themselves an above and beyond score. These scores then get added up and transferred to points that are either used at the DOJO store or during the Middle School Celebrations. Self-assessment is a great life skill that can make your future brighter as you learn how to assess the ways you show up in the world, at school, in your friendships, at home, or anywhere! Also please note that if you know how to self assess and would be interested in helping a peer learn the skill see Ms. Juliana during lunch.

## <u>Ice Cream Fridays</u>

By: Addie

Ice Cream Fridays is a fundraiser for our school production, Willy Wonka Jr.. and other end of year events. Grades 3-6 can purchase ice cream for \$2 during lunch while Grades 1-2 can purchase ice cream after school at the cafeteria door on Huntington Street. Our vendor has raised the price it is our ice cream is now \$2.

# **Groundhogs Day**

By: Zelda



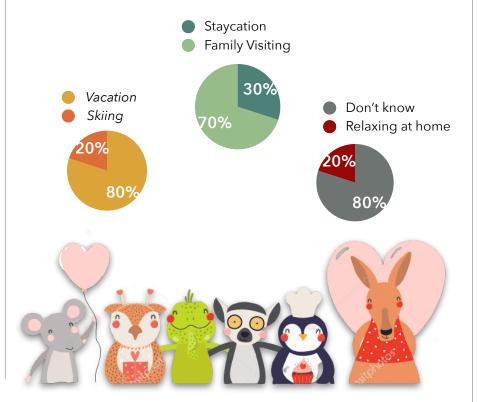
Have you ever heard of Groundhog Day? Groundhog Day is a minor holiday celebrated on February 2 that's all about, you guessed it, groundhogs...and the changing of the seasons! Legend has it that if he's "scared of his shadow" he'll go back into his den and winter will continue for another six weeks. If he doesn't see

his shadow, it means spring will start in two weeks!

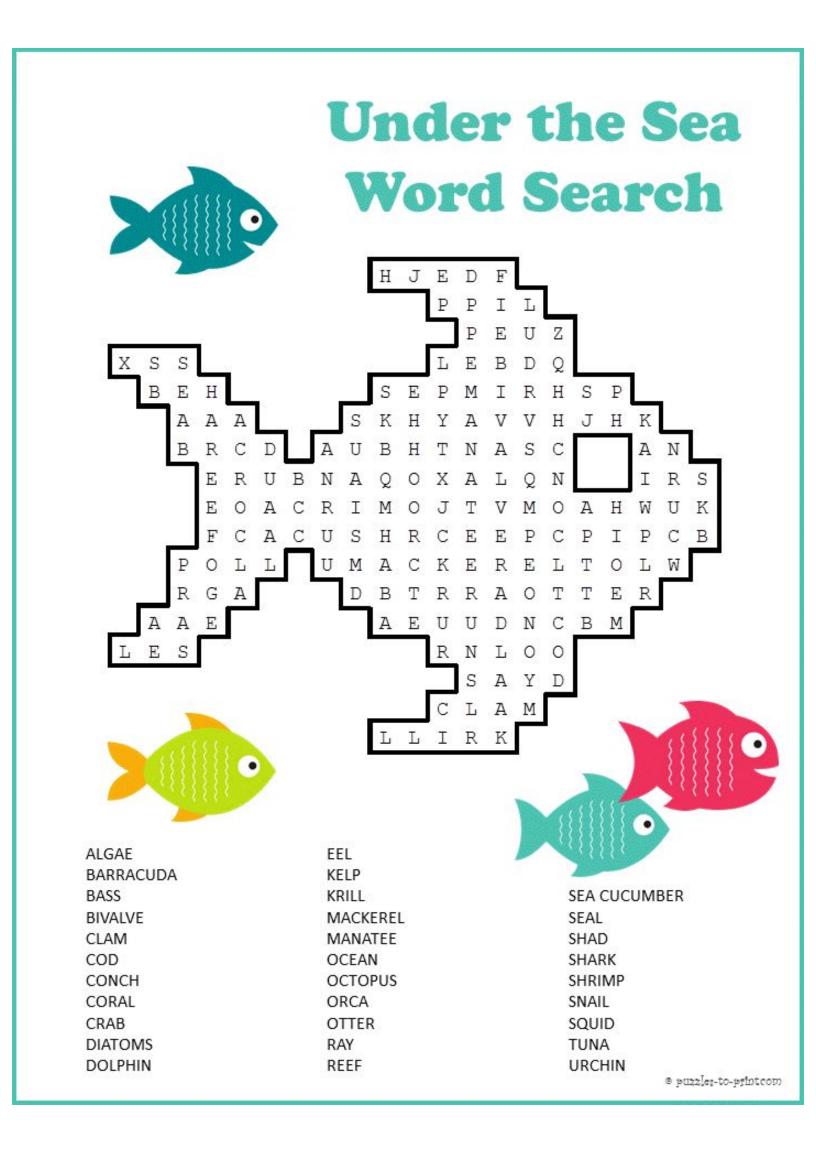
### **Student Poll**

By: Addie

For this month's students poll, we asked the students what they are doing over February break!!



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- I. Play with a friend!
- 2.Cut out the shapes
- 3. Lay face down
- 4. Try to find the matching card by flipping two over at a time
- 5. If you find a match, put it in your pile
- 6. If you don't, put the two cards back in the same place you found them and try again after the other person plays
- 7. Repeat until you've matched all the cards! Whoever has the most matches wins



1.dolphin 2.octopus 3.turtle 4.anglefish 5.narwhal 6.shark 7.whale 8.seahorse