

# 411 on the S.A.R.S.

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## Forest Fairies Fiasco



*Jhokasta Marmolejos, Eishla Quiros-Ramirez, LeKeisha Torres, Josmery Pina, Karisma Tucker and Amos Jackson*

Monica Bean

Ms. Mixon's drama group's performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* won the Spirit of the Festival award at the Shakesperience:NJ Festival at Drew University in Madison.

Festival organizers told students they "epitomized a true Shakespearian play" and that there was good communication between actors and audience, excellent stage combat and a

clear presentation of the story, according to Ms. Mixon.

The sixth graders selected the play in October and worked throughout the year on language, blocking, props and costumes before moving to the stage for full rehearsals and finally their winning performance.

Ms. Mixon has taught theater to children for over 20 years.

### Progression of the Playground



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# Sussex Renew: A Phoenix from the Ashes





# Remembering Al-Shakeem

Life is but a stopping place,  
A pause in what's to be,  
A resting place along the road,  
To sweet eternity

We all have different journeys,  
Different paths along the way,  
We all were meant to learn some things,  
But never mean to stay...

Our destination is a place,  
Far greater than we know.  
For some the journey's quicker,  
For some the journey's slow.

And when the journey finally ends,  
We'll make a great step forward,  
And find an everlasting peace,  
As our special reward.



Fare you well, my honey  
Fare you well, my only true one  
All the birds that were singing  
Have flown except you alone

Going to leave this broke-down palace  
On my hands and my knees I will roll, roll, roll  
Make myself a bed by the waterside  
In my time - in my time - I will roll, roll, roll

In a bed, in a bed  
By the waterside I will lay my head  
Listen to the river sing sweet songs  
To rock my soul

River gonna take me  
Sing me sweet and sleepy  
Sing me sweet and sleepy  
All the way back home  
It's a far gone lullaby  
Sung many years ago  
Mama, Mama, many worlds I've come  
Since I first left home

Going home, going home  
By the waterside I will rest my bones  
Listen to the river sing sweet songs  
To rock my soul

Going to plant a weeping willow  
On the bank's green edge it will grow, grow, grow  
Sing a lullaby beside the water  
Lovers come and go - the river roll, roll, roll

Fare you well, fare you well  
I love you more than words can tell  
Listen to the river sing sweet songs  
To rock my soul

-Robert Hunter



# ~ASPIRE ASTROLOGY~

**Aries** – March 21-April 20 – Pharrell, Peyton Manning, Ms. Jara – Technology will help you solve a great mystery.

**Taurus** – April 21-May 21 – John Cena, Queen Elizabeth, Mr. Alvarez – Is art a reflection of the world or is the world a reflection of art? Only you know the truth.

**Gemini** – May 22-June 21 – Tupac Shakur, Prince, Ms. Marflak – The universe is really one enormous math equation. Can you solve it?

**Cancer** – June 22-July 22 – Khloe Kardashian, 50 Cent, Mr. Porcelli – If the numbers add up, follow where they lead.

**Leo** – July 23-August 22 – Jennifer Lopez, Mila Kunis, Mr. Constantino – Use your voice to lead others through the abyss.

**Virgo** – August 23-September 23 – Michael Jackson, Ronaldo, Ms. Hernandez – You make multitasking look easy and your friends depend on you.

**Libra** – Sept. 24-Oct. 23 – Snoop Dogg, Gandhi, Ms. Cruz – You hold the most important role in your immediate environment and your peers are grateful.

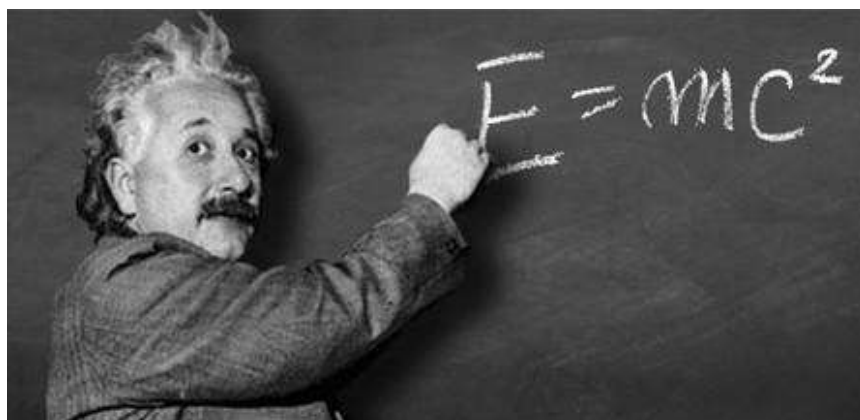
**Scorpio** – October 24-November 22 – Bill Gates, Leonardo DiCaprio, Ms. Gearhart – You will reach all your goals both professionally and recreationally.

**Sagittarius** – Nov. 23-Dec. 21 – Jimi Hendrix, Nicki Minaj, Ms. Pakos – What is all Greek to others is clear to you.

**Capricorn** – Dec. 22-Jan. 20 – LeBron James, Muhammad Ali, Ms. Baskerville – Hypothesis may lead to theory but laws cannot be changed.

**Aquarius** – Jan. 21-Feb. 19 – Bob Marley, Jackie Robinson, Ms. Cunha – Always practice before embarking on a new adventure, lest you strain yourself.

**Pisces** – Feb. 20-March 20 – Rihanna, Albert Einstein, Ms. Mixon – The course of true love never did run smooth.



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# Kids in the Hall *interviews*

*What is your favorite thing to do at Sussex Renew?*



**Guadalupe Vega 6-305**

*My favorite thing is playing in the playground with my friends in the other class because we don't see each other inside.*



**Richard Garcia 2-206**

*I like to play outside because there's a playground and it's really awesome.*



**LeKeisha Torres 6-305**

*My favorite thing is doing Shakespeare with Ms. Mixon because I could learn more about Shakespeare language.*



**Christian Moran 2-206**

*My favorite thing is to do work because learning is fun. I like reading, science, math and coloring.*



**Azariyah Leonard 4-200**

*My favorite thing to do is to go to recess and play tag with my friends because you get fresh air.*



**Angelica Maldonado 3-202**

*My favorite thing to do is to play gym. Sometimes we run around the track and we do exercises on the grass.*



**Jeremi Torres 3-202**

*My favorite thing to do is multiplication because it's easy. I also like to play outside and read when I'm inside.*



**Anais Lopez 4-200**

*My favorite thing to do is math because it's very fun when we get split up and work on different things.*



**Emiliano Rodriguez 2-206**

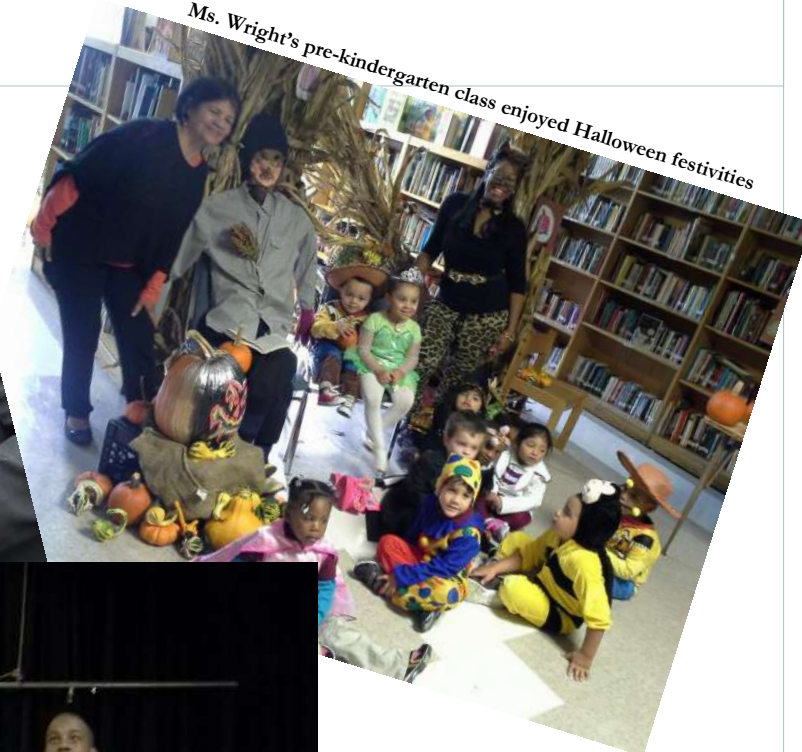
*I like to learn a lot of math because it teaches a lot of things.*

# *What's Happening*

Student journalists reported on campus news stories



Ms. Wright's pre-kindergarten class enjoyed Halloween festivities



Seventh grade  
Alvin Ailey  
dance troupe  
performed



Artist-in-residence Kit Sailer taught mural sketching techniques



Ms. Hong's design team created playground plans



# at Sussex Renew?

Mr. Alvarez's art students constructed sets and puppets for live performances



My Very Own Library book fairs sent ten books home with every student



Career Day brought over 40 presenters to our school



Students created a Gratitude Quilt uniting hundreds of grateful expressions



Ms. Narvaez's class set a new standard for door decoration contests

# Sussex Renew School of Math

## Math Team Profiles



Math Team leader: Principal Gearhart  
Favorite mathematician:

**Carl Friedrich Gauss**

Favorite branch of mathematics: Logic

Favorite number: 26

Favorite equation:  $z^2 = -1$

Celebrates Pi Day everyday.

Math is important because it is the foundation of the universe. Everything is built on mathematics.

Favorite book: Harry Potter series

Favorite movie: *Breakfast Club*

Favorite TV show: "Bones"

Favorite ice cream flavor: Vanilla



Math Team member: Mr. Constantino

Favorite mathematician:

**Henri Poincaré**

Favorite branch of mathematics:

Discrete mathematics

Favorite number:  $\Phi$

Favorite equation:  $y=mx+b$

Doesn't celebrate Pi Day but is considering it.

Math is important because it helps us understand the natural world.

Favorite musician/song:

"Bye Bye Blackbird" by Miles Davis

Favorite book:

*Antifragile* by Nassim Taleb

Favorite TV show: Prefers libraries

Favorite ice cream flavor: Chocolate chip



Math Team member: Ms. Grossi

Favorite Mathematician:

**Bernhard Riemann**

Favorite Branch of Mathematics:

Numerical Analysis

Favorite Number:  $\infty$

Favorite function:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

The Riemann Zeta Function:

Celebrates Pi Day by drawing circles and dividing the circumference by the diameter.

Math is important because it can explain everything in the world around us.

Favorite musician: Lincoln Brewster

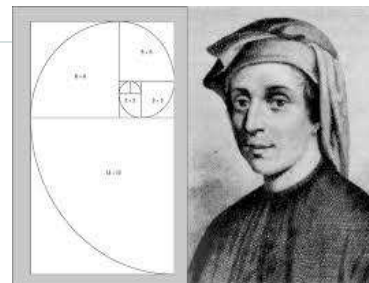
Favorite Book: The Bible

Favorite Movie: *Stand and Deliver*

Favorite TV Show: "Law & Order"

Favorite Ice Cream Flavor:

Pralines with cream



Math Team member: Ms. Marflak

Favorite mathematician:

**Fibonacci**

Favorite branch of mathematics:

Geometry

Favorite number: 7

Favorite equation:  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

Celebrates Pi Day by eating pie (or pizza).

Math is important because it is all around us.

Favorite musician/song:

"Blank Space" by Taylor Swift

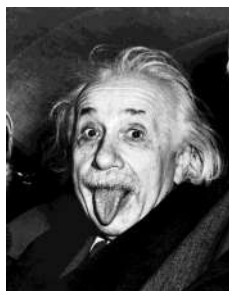
Favorite book:

*The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck

Favorite movie: *The Notebook*

Favorite TV show: "Modern Family"

Favorite ice cream flavor: Vanilla



Math Team member: Mr. Porcelli

Favorite mathematician:

**Albert Einstein**

Favorite branch of mathematics:

Number sense

Favorite number: 716

Favorite equation:  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

Celebrates Pi Day by eating apple pie.

Math is important because numbers are all around us.

Favorite musician/song:

"Quicksand" by Martha & the Vandellas

Favorite book:

*Off the Record: Motown by Master Number*

Favorite movie: *Lady Sings the Blues*

Favorite TV show: "Soul Train"

Favorite ice cream flavor: Rocky road



Math Team member: Ms. Bonilla

Favorite mathematician:

**Pythagoras**

Favorite branch of mathematics:

Geometry

Favorite number: 7

Favorite equation:  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$

Celebrates Pi Day by eating a slice of pizza.

Math is important because it makes the world go around.

Favorite musician: Sam Smith

Favorite book:

*The 5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman

Favorite movie: *Annie*

Favorite TV show: "The First 48"

Favorite ice cream flavor:

Cookies and cream



Math Team member: Ms. Hong

Favorite mathematician:

**John Nash**

Favorite branch of mathematics:

I enjoy algebra.

Favorite number: 2

Favorite equation:  $E = mc^2$

I don't remember how I celebrated Pi Day.

Math is important because it's inevitable in life.

Favorite musician: Regina Spektor

Favorite book: *Flowers for Algernon*

Favorite movie: *The Truman Show*

Favorite TV show: "Shark Tank"

Favorite ice cream flavor: Green tea



Math Team member: Mr. Wolf

Favorite mathematician:

**Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khwarizmi**

Favorite branch of mathematics:

Geometry

Favorite number: 14

Favorite equation:  $\pi = C/d$

Celebrates Pi Day by finding out how many diameters it takes to go around the circumference of a circle.

Math is important because our future is tied to technological advances and math and technology are intertwined.

Favorite musician: Jerry Garcia

Favorite book:

*Jitterbug Perfume* by Tom Robbins

Favorite movie: *Young Frankenstein*

Favorite TV show:

"The Big Bang Theory"

Favorite ice cream flavor: Cherry Garcia