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### 13th Annual Science Fair



West New York PS #3 once again demonstrated their love for learning and sciences. After spending some time in the classroom learning about the Scientific Method, fifth grade students selected an experiment for the Annual PS #3 Science Fair. This hands-on approach allowed them to understand how the Scientific Method really works while enjoying the process of experimenting like scientists.

This was not an easy task. First, students had to present proposals, explain their experiences and findings in class, and then these future scientists prepared to show their experiments to the school at the science fair.

The quality of the experiments presented and the hard work and dedication of the student was seen in the results. They dazzled the crowd and made it difficult for the judge to pick a winner from such an excellent group.

The winning experiments were:

**First Place** - *The Symphony of Plants*: Alondra Cepeda, Dasary Hernandez, and Engie Quevedo

**Second Place** - *Seven Layer Density Column*: Mengsi Chen, Shirley Mendez, and Samantha Rodriguez

**Third Place** - *The Gumdrop Pyramid*: Yoshley Ortiz

**Honorable Mention** - *Colored Eggs*: Oswald Leon

At the same time, this was the second year that the sixth grade students participated in the Annual PS #3 Science Fair. It is our mission at PS #3 to make sure the students have an integral education. Science fairs help our students put into practice the theories learn in the classroom.

Last year, as fifth graders, these students learned the Scientific Method through experiments. This year, the sixth graders got to try something new. The idea was to have the students explored and study different inventors while learning the science behind the inventors' inventions and experiments. Students even had the opportunity to create models of the inventions they studied. This led to the task of creating the students' own inventions and experiments. Not only were students responsible for the science behind their inventions, but they had to create a prototype and market it appropriately as part of their presentation.

It was fun for the judges to meet with each inventor and discuss the concepts and experience of the student. Judging is never an easy task. At the end these were the winners:

**First Place** - *Airplane Balloon Parachute*: Christopher Rodriguez, Fernando Alvarado, Jesenia Rivera, and Linda Gonzalez

**Second Place** - *AHCS - Automatic Heat Conductor System*: Daniel Perez, Reina Hernandez, and Andrea Osorio

**Third Place** - *The Electric Motorized Shoe*: Lorraine Guillen and Lourdes Morales

**Honorable Mention** - *Remote Controlled Garbage Can*: Yarissa Ferreira, Selena Cuza, Sabrina Jara, and Ashley Agudela

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## Ms. Cuervo's Publishing Party



On March 23, the students from Ms. Cuervo's class showcased their creativity in front of parents, teachers, supervisors and their peers.

This project started out weeks before when the students were provided with picture prompts and individual ideas which they had to use to create a story. All students participated in the editing process and peer review. As part of the project, the students had to illustrate, make title pages, and dedications using Microsoft Word. All stories were cleverly written and ranged from horror to romance.



At the publishing party, all students presented their individual projects and they received a certificate and a homemade chocolate ribbon award from Ms. Cuervo. All parents were invited to speak with the authors and take part of the writing celebration with a breakfast prepared for them, by the students.

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