

# NEWSLETTER



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## Junior High School A8





## CREATIVE COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

### Grade 8 Learning Highlights – This Month

#### Language Arts

- Finishing and polishing literary device analysis essays on Romeo and Juliet
- Exploring creative writing inspired by F. Scott Fitzgerald's style in The Great Gatsby (brooding, reflective, sharply observant) in a modern context

#### Mathematics

- Mastering fractions, decimals, and percentages (converting between them and using in real-life contexts)

#### Science

- Exploring states of matter: solid, liquid, and gas
- Recording observations and reflections through hands-on experiments

#### Social Studies

- Developing debating techniques and public speaking skills
- Practicing building arguments supported by evidence

#### Art

- Studying Vermeer's Girl with a Pearl Earring
- Practicing observational drawing and painting, focusing on light, shadow, and detail

#### PSPE (Physical Education)

- Basketball unit: dribbling, passing, shooting, and teamwork
- Special project: Dental health awareness
- Teaching Kindergarten students how to floss through hands-on demonstrations

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Parent Teacher Conference**

**Monday, July 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Crazy Week**

**Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

**End of Spring Term**

**Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup> ~**  
**Summer Break Begins**

**Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup> –**  
**Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Session 1 : Summer School**

### Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well.  
As we finish the Spring Term, I want to thank you for your support.  
Wishing all students a happy and relaxing summer holiday!

Warm regards,

Rune Kondo-Buick





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Today we taught B-4 how to brush their teeth and how to floss! We even had a patient made out of cardboard named Isabelle. The children learned new words like floss, plaque, toothbrush, and brushing teeth.

We made the lesson fun by using games and hands-on activities. One of our favorite parts was when we printed and laminated smiling mouths, and then used dry-erase markers to draw plaque on the teeth. The Pre-K students had to “clean” the teeth by erasing all the plaque!

Teaching children to floss first, then brush—building habits for healthier, long-lasting smiles!

## TWO STARS AND A WISH DENTAL CARE

BY JULIA RIYA CROSBY





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**What was surprising for you today while teaching Pre-K?**

I was surprised how easy and fun it was to teach Pre K because I thought it would be hard to lead and talk to younger kids however they were very well behaved and kind to me when I entered the room.

**What would you do differently next time to improve the activity?**

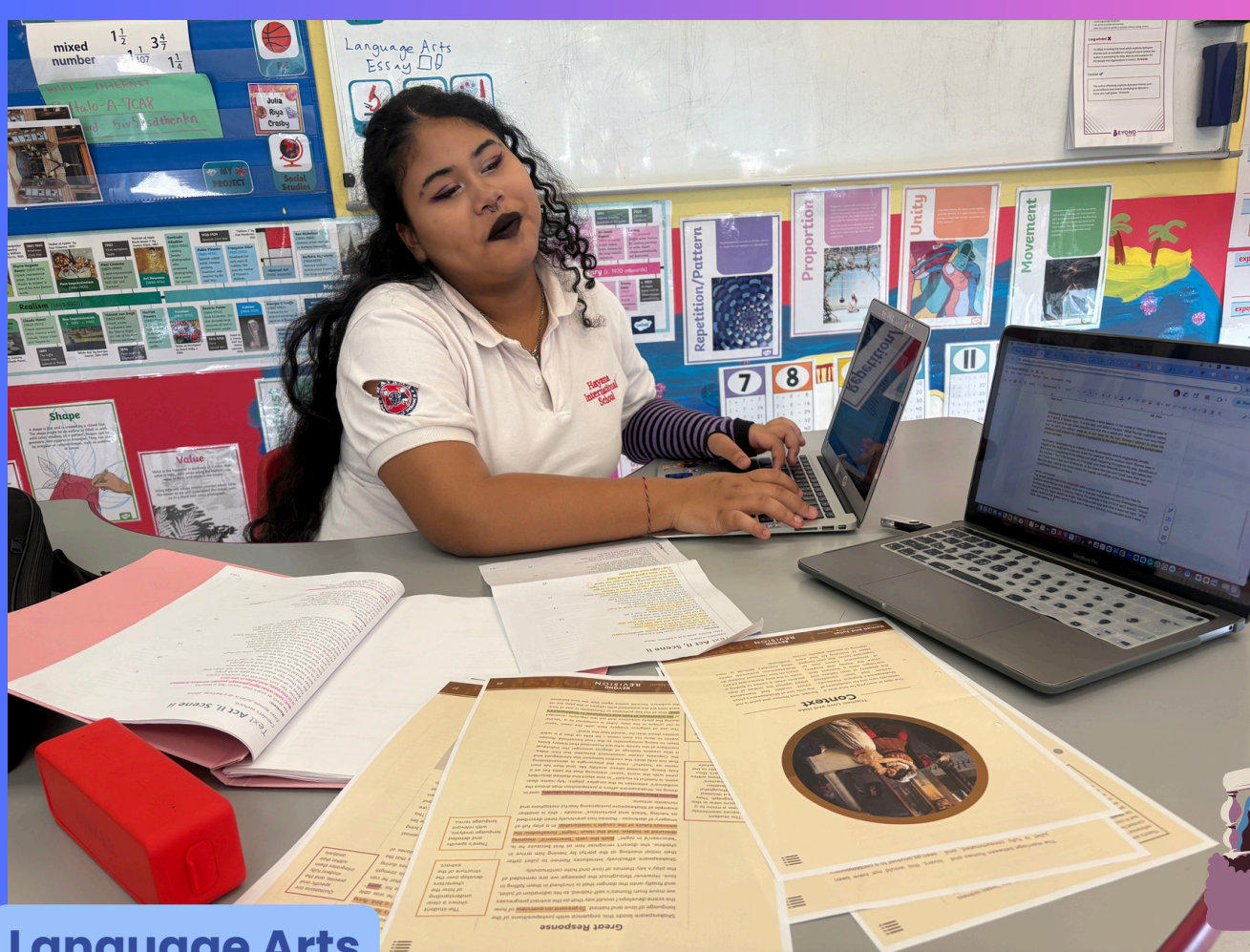
I would be louder and try not to be as shy since I was a little nervous.

**How did it feel to be the teacher today instead of the student?**

It was fun and made me think maybe I could teach Pre Kinder one day. It made me reminisce about the memories I myself had when I was in pre kinder and it makes me happy to help them learn and feel a sense of community.

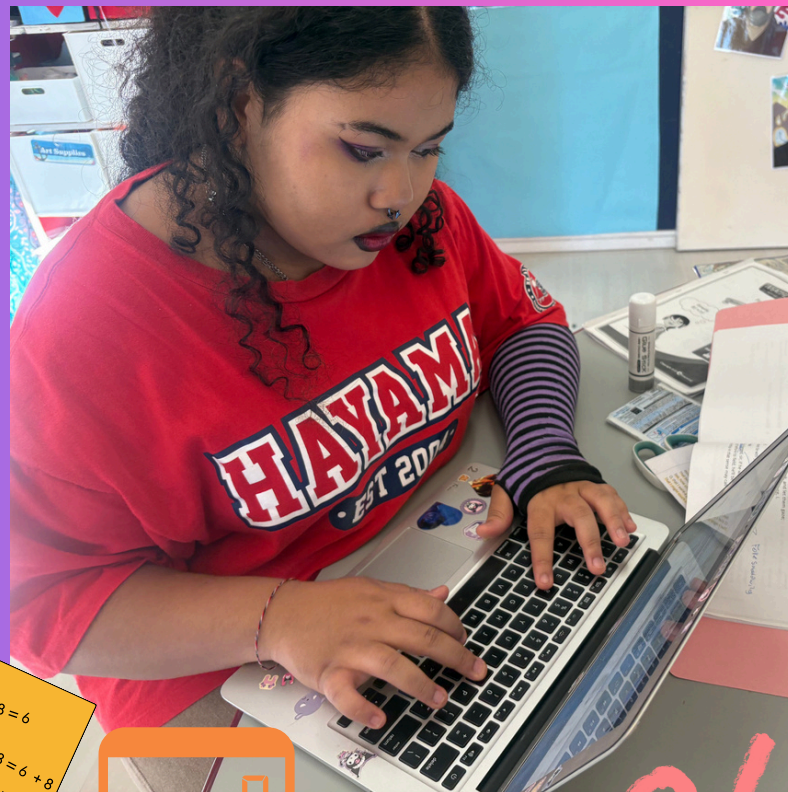






## Language Arts

Julia completed an organized analytical essay on the literary devices in Act 2, Scene 2 of Romeo and Juliet. She explained in detail the techniques used in the soliloquy, demonstrating strong analytical thinking and clear expression.



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## Mathematics

Julia has begun exploring percentages and learning how to convert decimals with confidence and ease.





# CRAZY WEEK!

July 7<sup>th</sup> ~ July 10<sup>th</sup>

To celebrate the end of the Spring Term, Julia has made a variety of costumes, including a Mad Hatter top hat and a champion belt inspired by the World Boxing Council (WBC). Her thoughtful creations have added a unique touch to this week's activities.



## Julia in Wonderland

As an homage to Alice in Wonderland, Julia is preparing to decorate her top hat with a variety of fabrics, adding her own creative touch to this whimsical project.





## Science

Julia explored the properties of soap by designing and curating different scents during our unit on the periodic table.



## Art

Julia completed an observational study of Van Gogh's Sunflowers and is now exploring Vermeer's techniques through a hands-on painting of Girl with a Pearl Earring.

Additionally, she designed a large-scale display to support her teaching activity on dental health for Kindergarten students.

Thank you for reading the A8 classroom newsletter!

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