

Bi-weekly Adolescent Update VI



The past two weeks have seen the end of our first term, and the beginning of our second. Last week, the students spent the majority of the week preparing for Coffee House. In the course of the week, they put an impressive amount of time and energy into preparing for the show, including choosing what they wanted to present, balancing academic presentations with artistic presentations, choosing the order of performances, designing, scripting, and putting together their presentations, and finally rehearsing (and rehearsing, and rehearsing, and rehearsing...). They spent Thursday morning giving the Great Room a makeover. Finally, I won't say too much about Thursday evening, as you were there to see the outcome!

Although the students would have preferred to prepare for Coffee House all day, every day last week, we still saved time for math and language work. The students continued their work in various topics, including linear equations, simplifying expressions using the order of operations, signed numbers, and the Pythagorean theorem.

Last Friday, to celebrate the end of term, we took the students to World Café Live in Philadelphia to hear the Free-at-Noon concert, featuring Tony Joe White, a singer/songwriter who plays Swamp Rock, a.k.a. "the old guy who was friends with Elvis." After the show, we went to Sabrina's Café, where the students enjoyed sweet potato fries and stuffed French toast for lunch. It was a great end to a great first term!



This week, we kicked off our second term with the beginning of our second Occupations unit, the Chemistry of Cooking. The students are continuing their chemistry work with Ms. Louise, and have started to apply their knowledge of chemical reactions to the processes that occur in cooking and baking. They continue their work in math and French. In seminar this week, the students did a thorough job discussing Robert Frost's poem, "The Road Not Taken." The guitar students are continuing their work with Mr. Moore, and Music Appreciation this term will focus on the history of Rock and Roll.



On Wednesday, the students practiced some drama games, and then the Elementary students came upstairs to perform several skits, which they had written. In the afternoon, the students played a game of soccer, and a game of ultimate Frisbee. We're looking forward to a great term!