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GILLEN BREWER SCHOOL

QUASARS

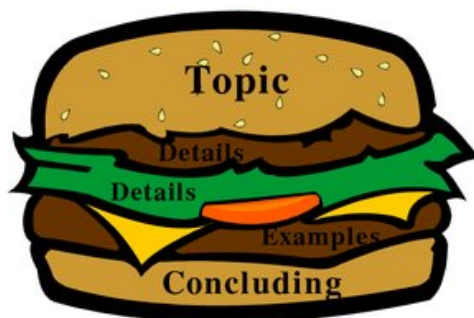
**“It takes a village
to raise a child.”**

Jazz at Lincoln Center comes to Gillen Brewer!

The Quasars were thrilled to see a private concert from La-Frae Sci & the Swing Messengers on Monday, Oct. 26! The band, whose members have worked in and around the Jazz at Lincoln Center scene, showed the Quasars and the Asteroids how Jazz can be used to tell stories and bring us together. The students got to enjoy tunes from Duke Ellington, Cedar Walton, and Mary Lou Williams, among others. The musicians demonstrated how they can use their instruments to express themselves and their emotions. We were lucky to have such talented artists perform for us!



Hamburger helpers!



In writing, the Quasars are learning how to introduce their main idea, support it with details, and end their paragraphs with a conclusion sentence. To help them do this, some students are using the juicy hamburger model (at left). The next time your Quasar eats a hamburger, be sure to have him or her explain what each part represents!

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Reminders/

Mini Calendar

- Our Quasars are growing! Check your snack schedule for your family's week to contribute. Plan on **eight** items for your week.
- School closed on Nov. 11 for Veterans' Day.
- Picture day is Friday, Nov. 13.
- On Tuesday, Nov. 24 we will host our annual Thanksgiving Feast from 11:00am to 12:00pm.
- Noon dismissal on Wednesday, Nov. 25, school closed Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving.

Romare Bearden

In Art class, the Quasars have been studying the work of Romare Bearden. Using the medium of collage, the quasars have built colorful images of city blocks, emulating the style of the famous artist while exploring their own creativity!

Fall Family Fun Day 2009

On Sunday, Oct. 25, the Gillen Brewer School held its annual Fall Family Fun Day at Carl Schurz Park at E. 84th and East End Ave. We had a great turnout for the event, including some Quasars and their parents! In addition to some delicious fall-themed treats, students could also participate in donut eating contests and face painting. Lots of Gillen Brewer School alumni attended the event as well. We were fortunate to have a beautiful, sunny fall afternoon for the event. Be sure to keep your eyes peeled for information on upcoming events, like our Thanksgiving Feast, where you'll have the opportunity to meet with the other parents and teachers of the Gillen Brewer community.



Grandparents' Day

On Friday, Oct. 23, Gillen Brewer hosted its annual Grandparents' Day, a chance for our students' grandparents to visit the school and spend some time with their grandchildren. Our students who didn't have any visitors wrote letters and looked at pictures to remember their loved ones.



New York, New York!

In social studies, your Quasars have been learning about New York City's vibrant culture and society. We have been looking at landmarks in the city and talking about the diverse population that is unique to New York. As the mayoral election approaches, we are learning about the city's politics and civil society.