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We Bring News From FCS Lower School

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## A Step Back in Time

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If you stopped by the Lower School on December 17th you might have thought that you had gone back in time to the Greco-Roman age. You would have seen live performances, a working aqueduct and an archaeological dig.

The Greco-Roman festival was a fifth-grade research project where every student studied a topic and put together a presentation with a hands-on project. The research included a trip to the Penn Museum. Students, teachers and parents came to enjoy the presentations. One of the parents was overheard saying, "All of the fifth-graders showed outstanding performances with high quality and originality. We were so amazed and it was totally beyond our expectations! I loved all the projects."

The fifth grade presentations were on horses, Cleopatra, women's lives, archaeology, sports and Olympics, coins, and food and cooking. One of the fifth-grade students, Dev, did a working aqueduct because he was doing archaeology. Another presentation was on food and cooking which allowed people to lay on the stage and be fed grapes and foods as though you were living in the days of Rome. This may be surprising, but even the Greeks and Romans had their own sort of technology! They had aqueducts and carriages, as we have iPads and cars.

The fifth-graders wrapped up the enjoyable day with a feast of Greek and Roman foods that the parents provided. The foods were the same foods eaten by the Greeks and Romans in ancient times. The menu included olives, pita chips, hummus and baklava. It was a real Greco-Roman bash.



Fourth and fifth graders put on a spectacular holiday performance on Friday, December 11, 2015!

Author Mac Barnett visited us last week to talk about his *Terrible Two* series. Here he is with Principal Kelly Pierre!

# MLK Assembly at FCSLs

Story by Max Schuster and Roman Levant  
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"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that". This is one of Dr. Martin Luther King's powerful sayings. It was a quote from 3A's part in the Martin Luther King assembly on Friday, January 15th.

The assembly included poems, singing, and facts about Dr. King's life. First grade sang and played guitar to *What Can One Little Person Do* and PreK recited a heartfelt poem. Fourth grade mesmerized the audience with the famous *I Have A Dream* speech, and 5B presented Civil Rights math-related facts.

The assembly ended with an uplifting John Legend song called *Glory* from the movie *Selma*, sung by the upper school chorus. The LS audience left talking about the inspiring assembly and what service they would do on Monday.



Pre-Kindergarten



4th graders



Upper School Chorus

# Winter Showcase Features Kindergarten through 3rd

By Alexander Krey 3A

Guess what first, second, third and kindergarten did on December 17, 2015 in the lower school gym? It was the Winter Showcase! Our great music teacher Mrs. O. played the music on the piano and led the children in singing. Ms. Storm taught the students to learn Spanish songs.

My favorite song was *Paz* which means peace and liberty in Spanish. This song is good for a Quaker school because we teach about peace and liberty for all people.

After the music, parents and children visited the first and third grade hallways to see the kids' artwork. Some art was on iPads, some created stop motion videos and the third grade showed off their rice experiments.

This was a good way to start winter break with Art, Peace and Liberty in everyone's heart!

