



## MAKING WISHES COME TRUE

At right, Zhane Gumbs, president of the Six to Six Magnet School's Student Council, received a certificate from Christina Alt from the Make-A-Wish organization of Connecticut. The certificate recognizes the Student Council's exceptional fundraising efforts to help Make-A-Wish help children with life-threatening medical conditions. The council raised \$665 selling candy canes.

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## MEET THE STAFF | DUSTIN MACUIRZYNSKI, PE HEALTH TEACHER



PE/Health teacher Dustin Macuirzynski helps third-graders set up for a gymnastics competition.

Dustin Macuirzynski, the new PE/Health teacher at Six to Six Magnet School, discovered his love of teaching in an unusual way. After serving in the U.S. Air Force as a military policeman, visiting South Korea, Germany, Africa and the Middle East, he became a shooting instructor when his time in uniform came to an end.

It was then, teaching people how to properly and safely handle weapons, that he realized he wasn't going to be in law enforcement, the career path others in his family had taken.

"I fell in love with teaching and seeing others succeed through my instruction," he said.

The Bethel, Conn., native who graduated from Danbury High School in 2007, then attended Southern Connecticut State University and arrived in February at Six to Six, where the students and staff call him "Mr. Mac."

He's been busy at the school, coordinating many activities and creating new ways for the students to exercise and have fun. For instance, he has created a gymnastics competition that has groups of students in Grades 3-5 choreographing their routines and vying for a trophy. The champions of



each grade are scheduled to compete for the overall title Friday, April 7.

Here's more about Mr. Mac:

**How do you pronounce your name?**

"mac-ur-zen-ski"

**Favorite sport?**

Lacrosse

**Why do you teach?**

I teach because I love seeing students succeed and become healthy adults based on my instruction. I promote lifelong

fitness and really stress the importance of finding different games/activities for students to be exposed to outside of their everyday activities. Basically I love seeing student success!

**What is the best place you've been?**

Capetown, South Africa. The landscape, the people and the atmosphere were something else.

**Favorite singer or band?**

Favorite band of all time is Led Zeppelin. I listen to all types of music but generally stick with classic grunge rock. I love the Doors, Nirvana, Ray Lamontagne, Ben Harper, Pearl Jam, Alice in Chains and pretty much all types of music.

**Favorite movie?**

Favorite movie has to be a tie between "The Godfather" and "No Country for Old Men." Anything by the Cohen brothers or Francis Ford Coppola is worth watching.

**Favorite sports team?**

I am an all-New York Fan: Yankees, Knicks, Giants, Rangers! College team would have to be University of Miami "THE U!"

# FLIPS, ROLLS AND A TROPHY IN PE CLASS

Students in Grades 3-5 took part in a new gymnastics competition created by PE/Health teacher Dustin Macuirzynski, with the champion team from each grade going after the overall title on Friday, April 7. Students were grouped into teams and devised their own routines, including somersaults, rolls, flips and various styles of animal walks. A group of teachers acted as judges. Below are photos from the third-grade competition.



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Third-graders warm up before they compete, then get in some last-minute practice.



The gymnasts nervously watch their rivals perform routines. At right are the kindergarten spectators.



Teachers judge the teams' routines.



A member of the winning team celebrates after the announcement.



Members of the winning team pose with Mr. Mac. They are, from left, Payton Niemiec, Olivia Lee, Christian Mojica and Joshua Green.

# STUDENT COUNCIL'S GOOD DEEDS

**By Abby Campbell**

The Student Council at Six to Six Magnet School has done various fundraisers, such as Jeans 4 troops, which raised \$547 for soldiers and their families. We allowed the student body and staff to wear jeans for a dollar.

The Student Council had an assembly, which is where the school came together with veterans, friends and family who served in the armed services to visit and to talk to students about their life in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard.

After their talk, students had fun playing various games with the soldiers.

The Student Council also raised \$665 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which arranges for children with life-threatening medical conditions to have wonderful experiences. The council raised the money selling candy canes for two days in a Canes 4 Kindness fundraiser. The council sold food and drinks during a middle school dance and received a certificate for raising so much money. This certificate was given



Lysa Sabatino (left) and Assistant Principal Robyn Proto deliver donated goods to the Stratford animal shelter.

to them by Christina Alt, from the Make-A-Wish organization. The council also helped the Stratford animal shelter and Cat Project by collecting dog food, cat food, dog and cat toys, cleaning supplies, and a dog harness.

These fundraisers were a part of the Student Council's "Someone Special" campaign. The Six to Six Student Council and school community has done great things for these organizations. The school community is excited to see what the council will do next!

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## GRATITUDE FOR GRANT

The Six to Six community wishes to extend a very special thank you to the C.E.S. Foundation for awarding our school with a program grant this year!



Elena Silva

Through this generous grant our school has purchased the Fountas and Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention Gold System. This research-based reading resource provides our school with 144 leveled lessons and texts for small group reading instruction for students in grades 3-5. Our school has used the Orange, Green, Blue, and Teal Systems with much success in the past few years

and we are eager and excited to have this addition to our Leveled Literacy Library!

We look forward to seeing our students continue to grow as readers, writers, and thinkers with this resource.

Thanks again C.E.S. Foundation!

*Elena Silva,  
Six to Six literacy coordinator*

## JUMP! JUMP! AND HELP THE DRAMA CLUB



A fundraiser for the Drama Club at Six to Six Magnet School will be held Thursday, April 6, at Rock and Jump, an indoor trampoline park in Trumbull.

The club will earn funds for each hour of jumping that participants purchase from 4-8 p.m. that night. You can jump from 1 to 4 hours. Just mention the school when you pay. And spread the word!

Rock and Jump is at 25 Trefoil Drive. To learn more about the park, click <http://trumbull.rockinjump.com>.



## POLICE DOG SAFER THANKS TO STUDENTS



The Student Council at Six to Six Magnet School helped raise \$1,200 that was donated to the Stratford Police Department so it could purchase a vest for its police dog. Handlers from the department brought the dogs to school to give the students a demonstration.



Betty Deutsch tells sixth-graders at Six to Six Magnet School the story of how she survived the notorious Auschwitz concentration camp run by the Nazis during World War II.

# HISTORY, FROM UNIQUE VIEWPOINTS

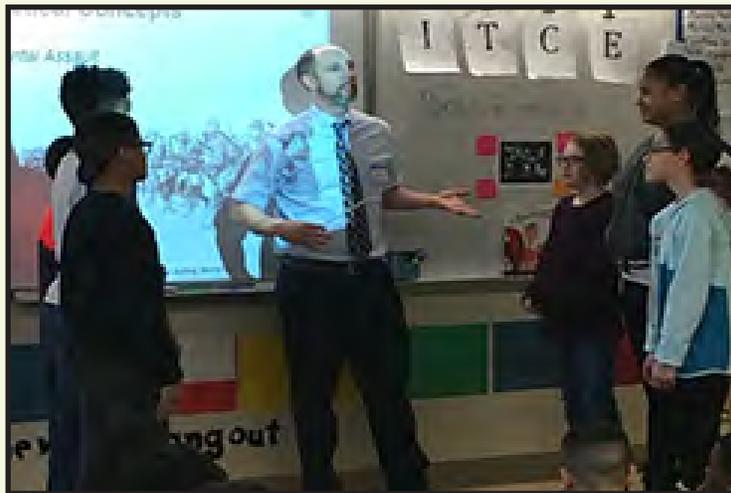
Sixth-graders at Six to Six Magnet School recently studied World War II and the Holocaust through an inquiry-driven unit. This means that at the start of the unit the students were shown images and used these images to generate questions both independently and in groups.

Together they sorted the questions and determined ones that they needed to answer to better understand the images and the history behind them.

The sixth-graders re-searched their questions by reading novels about the Holocaust in Language Arts and informational texts in Social Studies.

In the last weeks of the unit, the students were visited by two important guests:

Daniel Head, a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy (West Point) and a parent of a Six toSix student, used his expertise of World War II



Guest speaker Daniel Head helps students understand World War II by discussing battle tactics that were used.

battle tactics and history to discuss the major battles and progression of the war. The students were engaged by his vast historical knowledge.

Betty Deutsch, who survived the notorious Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz in Poland, talked to students about her life. She was open and shared memories that engaged the students. Students asked questions and

looked at pictures that she found later in her life that were taken by Nazi soldiers at the camp.

The literary and informational reading, coupled with the guest speakers, allowed the students to answer the questions they initially asked about the inquiry artifacts. In the end, students were able to write their own realistic historical narratives, assuming



Sixth-graders listen to speakers talk about World War II.

the role of one of the people pictured in the initial image — displaying their expertise and understanding of WWII and the Holocaust.

**Six to Six Magnet School Musical  
Bits of Broadway  
June 5 and 6, 2017**



Six to Six Magnet School is proud to announce the *first annual performance* of “Bits of Broadway: A Musical.” This production, which involves more than 60 children, is planned for June 5-6, 2017. The proceeds will be dedicated to funding the production as well as funding future drama programs at our school.

Students have worked very hard on showcasing their music and dance talents and have learned about many aspects of stage production. Families have been working together to construct the props and sets.

This fun evening is an excellent way for you to mingle with families from our school community, while enjoying a show. We expect our auditorium to be filled for this spectacular show.

Please support our musical program by advertising in our program book. Simply complete the ad form found on the following page. Make your check payable to **Six to Six PTSA** and mail it to:

Six to Six Magnet School  
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