

# Falcons Flying

Middle school keeping kids busy with extracurriculars



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Members of the Feinstein Middle School band (above) and others played and presented for the Coventry School Committee And others at last night's school committee meeting.

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COVENTRY — There was a strong showing by students that participate in extra-curricular activities at Feinstein Middle School presented Tuesday during the school committee meeting held at the school.

“We’re here tonight to showcase all the great work the students are doing here at Alan Shawn Feinstein Middle School,” said Princi-

pal Dr. Arthur Lisi. “These students really put their best out there.”

A presentation was shown, featuring the first day of school, the mentoring program, the robotics program, art, drama, band, performer David Place coming and mentoring the students about being their best selves both academically and personally.

David Bolger and Grace Starosciak, sixth-graders, presented a bit of what they’ve been learning including through Google applica-

tions including Screencastify, which captures screen images in real time as you conduct research and a presentation using the Google Slides program — similar to PowerPoint, but featuring voice recording along with slides.

“It’s a great tool to practice writing both inside and outside the classroom,” Lisi said. “It takes technology out of the hands of the teachers and into the hands of students.”

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# Falcons talk extracurriculars

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Teacher Christine Konkline shared some of what her students have been working on in the school's greenhouse. With Angelina, Owen, Steven, Colby, Shawna, Jack and Kristin.

"Google helps the students put into words what they're working on and allows them to be able to share with staff what they're working on," she said. "It's another way to use Screencastify and they grow tomatoes and Marigolds among other things, which they sell to the students where the proceeds go to the Special Olympics."

Eighth-grade science teacher Alicia Simus showcased her students who have been learning how to podcast news and other school news broadcast

though technology.

She explained how throughout the course of their learning, they've learned about writing, recording, lighting, editing and troubleshooting.

"They write the scripts, they edit the scripts and it's really, really amazing," Lisi said.

Gym teacher and coach, Dennis McGovern recognized the athletic teams, boys' and girls' basketball and wrestling, boys' and girls' soccer and girls' softball.

"Playing sports here teaches you to multi-task, be a leader and good sportsmanship," said one student.

"Sports gives students extra motivation to go to school and meet friends they may not otherwise meet and keep them out of trouble, which will help guide them in their future, how to help teamwork and how to

work for what you want and sports pushes you to meet your goals," said another.

"Athletics is so important to a growing child," Lisi added.

"We learned it's okay to make mistakes and learn from them and if we work together we can achieve anything," another student intoned.

Some of the cast members who took part in the school's production of *Beauty and the Beast* offered their perspectives on their experiences.

"I think it was a great experience for all of us, I learned a lot about them and they've learned a lot about me," said one drama student. "It was really cool building those friendships."

"These programs have made me strive for the best grade I can get and I'm so grateful to be a part of these programs," commented another student.