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A Strong Start for Young JFK Wrestling Team

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The John F. Kennedy Knights varsity wrestling team started their season on a high note by placing 2nd at the *Wrestling Varsity Invitational Tournament* at Clifton High School on Saturday, December 16th.

Two wrestlers, Jayden Cornish, who wrestled at 170 pounds, and Jerry Nolasco, who wrestled at 182 pounds, earned 1st place medals. Nolasco, a School of Education and Training senior, has wrestled since his sophomore year and hopes to continue wrestling in college. He hopes that his hard work in high school will translate to a successful wrestling career in college.

According to Head Wrestling Coach Brandt, placing so well in a tournament early in the season was a good feeling. It was unexpected because they have a young team made up of new wrestlers. “We have a young team with novice wrestlers and this shows the toughness of the team. If they stick with it, our team will just get better,” said Coach Brandt about the upcoming season.

Reading Tastes like Pizza at Eastside

Mrs. Alina Toporivska’s Eastside Campus (EHS) class, *Developmental ESL II (2B)* has won the *Achieve 3000 Read to Succeed* reading contest. Her class earned the most reading points per student since entering the contest for the months of November and December. The Achieve 3000 program provides a customized version of informational articles that match the reading level and vocabulary of each participant. As readers progress, they track their own progress using hand-drawn graphs.



Students have a wide variety of subjects to choose from and their process involves these key steps: a poll before each reading; reading of the article; activity questions; a poll after the reading; and then a final “Thought Question.” Achieve 3000 fosters independence in the individual student and encourages the entire class to log into their online articles from home as well as at school.

By winning the reading contest, each student receives a certificate and the entire class gets a pizza party in celebration of their success.



Eighth grade students from the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School learned more about the National Park Service during their trip to the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Presidential House and Library with Mr. Cardillo.



After a few months of hard work and good behavior, School 20 students were rewarded with the showing of a holiday movie!

“Books are teachers. Good books go right on instructing in odd moments when teachers and parents are not on duty.” — Anonymous

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