

# Paterson Post

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## Rapping Junior Sends RPHS Class to Hamilton



January was a momentous month for the Junior Class from the Rosa L. School of Fine and Performing Arts (RPHS) as they received the opportunity to see the critically acclaimed musical, *Hamilton*. Thanks to the efforts of social studies teachers' Ms. Brown, Mr. Watts, Mr. Cohen and language arts teacher Dr. Thompson, the Junior Class was rewarded with by the Lehrman Institute of American History to attend the Tony Award-Winning Show. "Our students have researched Hamilton and this time in American History and created some great performance pieces as well," explained

Language Arts teacher Dr. Thompson.

RPHS junior, Briana Davis' rap video about Alexander Hamilton was submitted to the Lehrman Institute and won top honors, allowing the juniors to make the trip.

"Not only was it a great experience, it was also interesting to teach this segment of American history through the arts," said social studies teacher Mr. Watts.

## Morning Math Merriment in Manhattan

While hundreds of Paterson children participated in the new *PPS Saturday Academy*, three of their teachers braved frigid temperatures to cross the Hudson for a morning of *Bank Street Saturday Math* in Manhattan. Ms. Watson of School 29, Ms. Sanchez of School 15, and Mr. Skelton of the New Roberto Clemente School joined their William Paterson University Professor in Residence, Dr. Golden, for this unique professional development experience. The hands-on activities centered on mathematical modeling proved so engaging that Mr. Skelton's wife, an accountant, stayed for the entire session! Ms. Watson, Ms. Sanchez, and Mr. Skelton look forward to putting the lessons learned into practice -- and attending the March 3<sup>rd</sup> seminar entitled: *Problems in Math Class: The Nature of the Task*.



## Upcoming Events

### Feb. 7: Board of Education Workshop

6:30 p.m. at the District Offices, 90 Delaware Avenue

### Feb. 8: Community Forum: New Union Avenue Middle School

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at John F. Kennedy Educational Complex

### Feb. 10: 2018 Passaic County Basketball Tournament

4:00 p.m. Eastside "Mighty Ghosts" vs. Wayne Hills "Patriots" at Wayne Hills HS

### Feb. 12: Report Card Distribution (All K-8)

4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

### Feb. 13: Report Card Distribution

(School 7, Don Bosco and New Roberto Clemente)

4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

### Feb. 15: 100% Attendance #PPShowUP Day

### Feb. 15: Report Card Distribution (9-12)

4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

### Feb 19 & 20: Presidents' Day Weekend

District Closed

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