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## GOPA's Hamlett Recognized for her NHD Efforts



Ms. Michelle Hamlett, social studies teacher at the School of Government and Public Administration (GOPA) at Eastside, has been recognized as the *New Jersey National History Day Outstanding Teacher for the Senior Level*. She has also been nominated for a national award for her work with her students as they prepare projects to compete to win at National History Day (NHD) competitions.

In recent years, Ms. Hamlett's students have been consistent winners at the regional and state-level. She has received strong feedback from judges who have stated that the depth of her students' research and meticulous presentation is unparalleled. Ms. Hamlett has become a mentor to other teachers at Eastside and has shared her expertise in creating a culture of excellence and high expectations.

## Immersed in Chinese Culture at DHA

Seventh grade students from the Dr. Hani Awadallah School (DHA) celebrated the Chinese New Year with their social studies research projects on Ancient Chinese Dynasties. The school's community room was set up like a timeline of ancient China where educational centers and crafts were displayed. Adults in attendance were offered a selection of teas from China to sip on while enjoying the China Fair.



By creating the fair, students learned about the history of fortune cookies, painted Chinese characters, made ancient coin good luck necklaces, wrote New Year messages of hope and faith (including giving of red envelopes), created Chinese lanterns and Chinese fans, learned about the Chinese Zodiac by embracing personal animal signs, the history of ancient martial arts and more. A reading corner that included stories about Chinese Emperors, the "Silk Road" and the Great Wall, tangram puzzles, math in Chinese, and a geography of China game. Part of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students' grade was made by re-teaching what they had learned to the school's younger students.

## School 2 Spelling Bee Results



Congratulations to School 2's first grade Spelling Bee winners! The top three spellers were: 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Athena Perez; 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Jonathan Gray; and in 1<sup>st</sup> place Samuel Estevez. Samuel will represent School 2 at the upcoming district Spelling Bee.

Classroom teacher, Domenica Goteh coordinated the event and retained the services of special guest, Delores Catania from the reality TV show, *Housewives of New Jersey*, who served as the caller along her friend Karen Esa.

## Vote for a JFK Lady Knights' Rising Star

Taniesha Gilbert of the JFK Lady Knights is among high school basketball stars from around the state named a poll by nj.com ranking the best junior players. You can support this tremendous young lady by casting your vote her way! [Follow the link and give her your support.](#)

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