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Teachers for a Day – Part II



In the February 22 edition of the *Paterson Post*, we reported that The Paterson Education Association (PEA) would sponsor a *Teacher for a Day* event wherein various VIPs would spend a day as classroom teachers around the district. “We applaud the participants in our Teacher for a Day program for setting aside valuable personal time to demonstrate their commitment to the teachers and students of this community,” said PEA President John McEntee. “We know it will be time well spent and an enjoyable day for all.”

On Tuesday, February 27, a group of prominent community and district leaders had just such a day, under the watchful eyes of cooperating teachers. The guest teachers had their choice of developing their own lesson plan or utilizing an existing one.

The Teacher for a Day event included quite a “staff” of eminently recognizable names that included our own Superintendent Eileen Shafer (who led a School 28, 3rd grade physical education class) and County Superintendent, Former Paterson Board of Education President, Dr. Christopher Irving. State Assemblyman Wimberly was particularly surprised with 80-minute class blocks, while Board Commissioner Dr. Jonathan Hodges gained a new appreciation for the length of the school day at School 2! [Click here for a list](#) of all participating VIP “teachers.”



STARS Academy Takes School Attendance Seriously

During the month of February, each class at STARS Academy developed creative ways to boost attendance. Teachers rewarded the students that came ready to learn each day - rewards included, computer time, snacks, weekly certificates, homework passes or the opportunity to pick from a classroom “treasure box.”

There was also a school-wide “Door Contest” with the district attendance promotion, #PPSShowUP! – *Attendance Matters*. Students decorated their doors to show the importance of being in school. On report card night, families were encouraged to view each class door and vote for their favorite. Families were thrilled to see the amazing work on each door. The winner of the “door contest” was Mrs. Pakovics’ class, which received a pizza party. Their *superhero* theme was a big success with staff and parents.



“Rosa Parks Principal Lyde, School 13 Principal Booker, PANTHER Principal Holder, and Cora Quince, Principal working with School 24 and Rosa Parks’ fine and performing arts programs, each don African attire in honor of Black History Month.”

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience, the passion to reach for the stars to change the World.”

— Harriet Tubman - American abolitionist, humanitarian

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