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Read Across America - All around the District



On Dr. Seuss's birthday (March 2), schools across the district participated in *Read Across America*, the National Education Association's annual reading motivation program for children. Students at many schools throughout the district commemorated this event in different ways; some participated in weeklong celebrations with festivities such as "Crazy Hat Day" and "Pajama Day," while others had guest readers visit their buildings to read Dr. Seuss books to the classes. Some schools were even visited by the Cat in the Hat himself! According to Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn the more places you'll go."

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School 21 Featured on TV for Read Across America!



School 21 celebrated Read Across America Week in a big way. News 12 featured their daily reading activities with a [video report that you can watch by clicking here!](#)

Teaming Up for Literacy at School 13

The School 13 Action Team (a community/school partnership), held their annual *Dr. Seuss Reading Day*. Parents, community, and staff volunteers read Dr. Seuss books to students in grades K to 3. Guest readers included, Ms. Mykisha Adams, Mr. Cosmo Braico, Ms. Nellie Celli, Ms. Evelyn Demarest, Ms. Cecele Hylton, Mr. Stan Kuziwanza, Ms. Shirley Jordan, Ms. Joyce McKnight-Young, Ms. Cynthia Maynard, and Ms. Joyce Thomas. Staff members Ms. Mona Atshan and Ms. Stephanie Mearizo, along with 8th grade student Franklin Marrero, visited classrooms and greeted students before the reading commenced.



Rutland Center was on the Cat's Itinerary



The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School's *Lester Rutland Center*, which houses the district's K through 2nd grade autism program, celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday in style. The Cat in the Hat made a special appearance to kick off Read Across America activities. Guest readers included, The Paterson Police Department, The Paterson Dental Clinic, a retired Army Ranger, and older students from the school.



The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, Jr. School (MLK) faced Alexander Hamilton Academy in the *Battle of the Books* project. Students read three books related to empathy and answered trivia questions to win Amazon Kindles. (MLK won the battle!)

That Cat was Back at DHA



The Cat in the Hat visited Dr. Hani Awadallah School (DHA), and it was phenomenal! Students seated in the gym listened to, and enjoyed a Dr. Seuss book. They heard a loud knock, and suddenly the world famous Cat in the Hat entered the gymnasium! All that could be heard was the sound of students cheering and clapping! It was a great way to kick off the school's *Read Across America* celebration, and encouraged the children to keep reading and learning.



Jesus Garfias, eighth grade student at the Dr. Frank Napier, Jr. School of Science and Technology received \$1400 to help finance advanced piano lessons (Jesus is self-taught). Twelve fellow students used GoFundMe to raise the money and all received Global Citizenship certificates for their participation.



The Big North basketball league has announced that John F. Kennedy Boys' Basketball has won the 2017-18 Liberty Division title, This is the first time JFK has seized this title in 6 years!

Two JFK Schools Host Holocaust Survivor



In celebration of Women's History Month, The School of Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) and The School of Education and Training (SET) at JFK hosted Mrs. Asia Shindelman, an 89-year-old Holocaust survivor. Mrs. Shindelman recounted her harrowing experiences in the Jewish ghettos and Nazi concentration camps with Mrs. Wojcik's Honors English II, Ms. Gitelle's Honors English IV, and Mr. Solis' TV Production classes.

Kindness Permeates AHA

The Alexander Hamilton Academy (AHA) participated in Kindness Week with kindly activities! Each student wrote a special message on a heart about an act of kindness observed first hand. Principal Galizia and the school's administrative team created packets of activities for students that taught vital messages about kindness. The teachers then made "kindness slogans" that were represented by art teachers, Mrs. Crincoli and Mr. Kasich on an art installation to express, *The Most Valuable Gift is Kindness*.



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