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Guess Who's Coming to Breakfast



The New Jersey Department of Agriculture Secretary Douglas H. Fisher marked "National School Breakfast Week" by visiting Paterson schools on Tuesday, March 27. School Breakfast Week, an initiative of the School Nutrition Association, was launched in 1989 to raise awareness about the availability of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's School Breakfast Program.

Secretary Fisher had heard great things about our "Breakfast After the Bell" program and visited

Schools 1 & 26 to see it in action (School 1 for the younger grades, and School 26 for middle school grades). N.J. Commissioner of Education, Dr. Lamont Repollet, was a surprise guest at this event and they both praised Paterson for our commitment to this highly beneficial program. Paterson successfully implemented our breakfast in the classroom program districtwide in 2015.

School 12 and WPU Inspire Young Minds

School 12 and William Paterson University (WPU) are working together to inspire creativity and critical thinking in their students. Principal Mr. McCollum and teacher Mrs. Decker recently joined their Professor in Residence Dr. Golden at WPU's annual New Jersey Makers Day event where selected students participated in hands-on engineering and building activities. Additionally, WPU Professors in Residence Mrs. Sandler and Dr. Golden recently visited Mrs. Kreitz's third grade class to share some lessons about states of matter. Mrs. Sandler demonstrated the effects of mixing hydrogen peroxide, yeast, dish soap, and food coloring while Dr. Golden created a song to help the students to understand how molecules move in gases, liquids, and solids. Now that's an "A" for creativity!



Giving a Voice to an Important Cause

In response to recent protests on gun violence in public schools, Dr. Frank Napier Academy students were asked to write their thoughts on the topic "Can You Hear Me? I too stand with you!!". One 6th grade student, Jahmeir Addison, put his thoughts into a poem entitled "Put your guns down" which includes this powerful excerpt "We really need to stop the violence. Then we won't have to write peace treaties. And give moments of silence."

Alpha Men on a Mission



On March 27th, the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity held a special "Go to High School Go to College" event at Norman S. Weir (NSW). During this event (which included students from School 2), Superintendent Shafer, NSW Principal Giglio, and School 2 Principal Van Liew (via Skype) thanked the men of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Paterson Chapter, for successfully helping these young male students (grades 3 - 6) with tutoring, mentorship, recreational activities and much more. The Paterson Chapter (Delta Mu Lambda) is also assisting at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

elementary school. The Delta Mu Lambda Chapter plans to work with this same cohort of boys through the 8th grade in a focused effort to help ensure these students remain on the right track for high school and college.

The Verdict is in on Art Contest

This year's statewide Courtroom Artist Competition found Rosa Parks Junior, Fatma Tas' sketch rendition of a courtroom scene extremely impressive and earned her second place honors. Fellow schoolmate, Jeffery Jack-Perry, a sophomore, received "honorable mention" for his work. Now in its third year, the Courtroom Artist Competition, sponsored by the New Jersey State Bar Foundation, has been giving these art students an opportunity to stretch their artistic muscles while supporting their school's mock trial team.



Early Introduction to College



School 28/Paterson Academy for the Gifted & Talented (PAGT) has had a long standing partnership with Ramapo College that includes a mutually beneficial arrangement between their students and ours. Ramapo College students who are working towards their Teacher Education Certification come to School 28/PAGT and support the academic growth of our students, while the college students gain clinical experience. Dr. Ellen Kaiden, Ramapo College Professor, and Mrs. Louise Albert, Reading Intervention teacher, have been facilitating this program every year. As a culmination to this

partnership project, a select group of students (grades 1 – 8) are given the wonderful opportunity to visit Ramapo College for the day for an "Introduction to College Life". These students were given an in-depth tour of the campus, visited classes, spoke with professors, and were treated to lunch in the student cafeteria.

Psychologically Positive Presentation

John F. Kennedy's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Academy teachers Charles Coronato, Julie Vysotsky, and Andrew Santiago, along with WPU Professor-in-Residence Carole Bruzzano, recently presented at the National Association of Professional Development Schools Annual Conference in Jacksonville, Florida. Their session's presentation centered on using Positive Psychology strategies such as scaffolding, peer modeling, two-part feedback, and self-assessment (in a lesson on juggling) in order to demonstrate how to incorporate these strategies to promote resilience and grit.



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