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Young Poets Roar



The Cougar Poets Club at School 18 is now celebrating its third year thanks to its dedicated founders, Ms. Sandra Nunez, school counselor and Ms. Jennifer Rey, Grade 2 teacher. The school created this club after noticing that many students were having difficulty expressing themselves verbally. Through poetry, the students now have a unique way to share their feelings while becoming even stronger writers. It certainly seems to be



working because selecting the winners of this year's poetry reading contest was extremely difficult for the judges! The winners for the morning show (grades 2-4) were Kiara Florian (1st place), Emily Almonte (2nd place) and Valentina Cruz (3rd place). For the afternoon show (grades 5-8) were Ashley Peralta (1st place), Dayshawn Bernard (2nd place) and Iris Rios (3rd place). The school is extremely proud of all of their poets and would like to thank all who helped support this special day. We can't wait until next year!

Autism Awareness Grows

Although the weather doesn't feel like April, district schools have been gearing up for Autism Awareness Month. The Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School considers "Autism Awareness" a part of every day; but on April 13th, the MLK Rutland Center held its 3rd Annual Autism Awareness Celebration. Families and administration were invited to take part in a number of different activity centers run by the students and a great time was had by all! Meantime, School 1 celebrated in their own way through a school-wide project focused on Autism Awareness. Every Pre-K through Grade 5 student completed a puzzle piece in the school's "Growing" tree. The tree is on display to remind everyone about the different "abilities" of all students. Next up, School 2 will be holding its annual Autism Walk to City Hall on Thursday, April 26th.



Young Men's Leadership Academy is PARCC Ready



The Young Men's Leadership Academy (YMLA) students have been focused on their academic course of study all year. Yet knowing that PARCC testing was approaching, the Academy decided to use its character education classes as an opportunity to engage their upper classmen (grades 5-7) in helpful discussions on "Overcoming Test Anxiety". Ms. Ayoka Clifford, YMLA guidance counselor, has been working with the students; and in addition to classroom discussion and group activities, she beautifully summarized the many points she covered on the school's guidance suite door. YMLA students can now easily reference the many topics that were covered: 1) What is test anxiety?; 2) Signs of Anxiety; 3) Has this ever happened to you?; 4) Why do I get anxiety?; 5) Coping Strategies; 6) Learning styles and Study Tips; 7)

Testing Strategies; 8) Test Anxiety Tips; 9) Pre-test Exercise; 10) Positive Self-talk; and 11) Focused Breathing. What a great way to get "PARCC ready"!

Rookie All-Stars

We previously mentioned in our March 26th issue that our very own International High School's Robotics Team competed at two Robotics Mid-Atlantic District events where they won the Rookie All Star Award, the Rookie Inspiration award and came in second overall. Since then, they moved on to Lehigh University where they won the Mid-Atlantic Robotics Rookie All Star Award for the entire Mid-Atlantic District. Now these exceptional students have qualified for the FIRST Robotics World Championship which will be held on April 24-28 at Detroit's Cobo Convention Center.



Paterson's International High School team will compete with teams from around the world...and are in contention for possible "Rookie of the Year". We are all routing for you!

Around the District



March 29, 2018 – JFK Architecture & Construction Trades (ACT) students from the PLTW Civil Engineering and Architecture class volunteered to assist the local Habitat for Humanity with refurbishing some houses to aid future owners. This hands-on project is part of their Engineering curriculum where they make connections with blueprint projects they are working on in the classroom using the REVIT program.



April 12, 2018 - J.P. Morgan provided the Urban Leadership Academy students, staff and teachers with t-shirts featuring the slogan "Banking on the Future". Students were also given piggy banks and the FDIC curriculum was presented to the students in grades K-4th grade. Discussion was held around the topic of finance and the importance of saving for the future.



April 17, 2018 - New Jersey's Teacher of the Year, Amy Andersen, visited JFK's Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) Academy. Ms. Andersen taught our STEM students some American Sign Language (ASL) and discussed the role of language in deaf culture. She also spoke to our teachers about her career and the wonderful work that she does promoting ASL programs, giving every student a voice, and advocating for acceptance of deaf culture in today's society. STEM wishes to thank Ms. Andersen for spending her day with us!



Baseball Outing - The PBA Local 197 Eagles of The Paterson Old Timers Youth Baseball League enjoyed a fantastic 2017 season. Both the Pee Wee and Major teams displayed good competitive spirit and excellent sportsmanship. The Pee Wee team posted a record of 6 wins and 3 losses and the Major team 7 wins and 5 losses. The team is comprised of many School 25 students.



National Library Week - For National Library Week, MLK's School Librarian scheduled a "play date" for the school's second grade students. It is a program where the books get wrapped and then students pick a random book, meet new characters, and summarize the story.

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