

Paterson Post

May 14, 2018

Full STEAM Ahead



School 7 brought together students and parents for their second annual STEAM Night. During the May 3rd event, everyone enjoyed engaging in “station” activities that involved problem-solving and collaboration. The first station required the students and family members to design and build a boat which they would then race in a friendly competition between families. The second station included connecting and planning circuitry to create electricity through motion and use electricity to create motion. And in the third station, all participants were provided with recyclable materials to design and paint birdfeeders, which will be used to feed our neighborhood birds and to decorate their highly anticipated School 7 garden. All participants had a wonderful

experience and are looking forward to next year’s STEAM Night!

A Parade of Words

The creative minds keep on flowing at School 18 as they introduced their “First Annual Vocabulary Parade” on May 4th. Orchestrated by second grade teacher, Mrs. Jannelle Herbert, the vocabulary parade featured students from grades 1 and 2. It followed D.E.A.R (Drop Everything and Read) month, and its goal was to showcase the student’s love of reading and of specific words in a fun, creative and adorably cute way! The School 18 staff recognizes that vocabulary impacts every part of a child’s school experience – including writing, speaking, reading, and comprehension. They know that every minute a teacher uses to strengthen a child’s vocabulary, is a worthwhile, long-lasting investment!

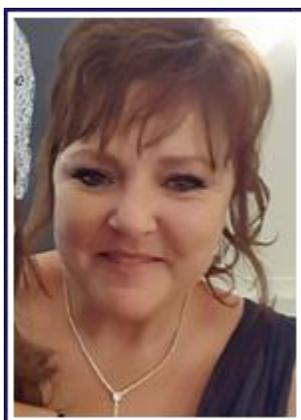


Getting Fit at the Academy of Earth and Space Science

Shaquan Powell, fitness coach and owner of “I Breathe Fitness”, visited the Academy of Earth and Space Science (PANTHER) on April 27th to speak to the students about health and wellness. Mr. Powell explained the importance of making healthy lifestyle choices and the impact these choices have on your body. As someone who lives what he teaches, he wrapped up his presentation with a workout session that had the students actively engaged and feeling inspired! They realized how important it is to lead a healthy and balanced lifestyle – which includes making the right meal and snack choices, as well regular exercise. As members of a community combating childhood obesity, the PANTHER students found Mr. Powell’s discussion extremely valuable. They now understand that the earlier you start making healthy choices, the better off you will be. Thank you, Mr. Powell!



Around the District



NJ National History Day Teacher of the Year Award – Ms. Michelle Hamlett, Social Studies teacher for all three academies at the Eastside High School Campus was named the 2018 New Jersey National History Day Teacher of the Year award. She is now nominated as a candidate for the national James F. Harris Teacher Award in DC. Congrats Ms. Hamlett!



May 5, 2018 – Mr. McCollum, School 12 principal, volunteered to spend the day serving as a judge at the National History Day State Competition at William Paterson University. Middle and high school regional contest winners from around New Jersey (including some from our city) competed for the opportunity to attend the National Competition in June at the University of Maryland. This year's theme, "Conflict and Compromise," inspired a rich range of documentaries, exhibits, papers, performances, and websites. Mr. McCollum thoroughly enjoyed judging and appreciated gaining new insights from the high quality projects.



May 5, 2018 – School 9 hosted a culminating activity of a Gallery Walk displaying STEAM projects created by their students across grade levels. The participating students had the opportunity to showcase their hard work while students from other classes asked questions and engaged in rich discourse regarding their inventions!



MLK Visitor - Dr. Cardillo, a former PPS Executive Director, visited MLK's second graders to read a story for Mother's Day. They also made bracelets with her for their mothers.

Upcoming Events

May 16: Board of Education Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m. at John F. Kennedy Educational Complex

May 17: *To Broadway* - An Epic Vocal Music Showcase

7:00 p.m. at Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts

May 25: Early Dismissal

1:00 p.m. Dismissal Students & Staff

May 28: Memorial Day

District Closed

May 30: Community Forum on Local Control

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at The Frank R. Lautenberg School

May 31: Community Forum on Local Control

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at School 25

June 5: Community Forum on Local Control

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Eastside HS Campus

June 6: Board of Education Workshop

6:30 p.m. at the District Offices, 90 Delaware Avenue

June 7: 2017-2018 Math Olympiad

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Charles J. Riley School 9

June 7: Superintendent Meeting with Parents

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at International High School

Effective Academic Programs • Creating & Maintaining Healthy School Cultures
Family & Community Engagement • Efficient & Responsive Operations