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Honoring 40+ Years of Service



Following an invitation from Acting Superintendent Eileen Shafer, 32 current employees of Paterson Public Schools came to the John F. Kennedy Educational Complex auditorium to be honored for their 40+ years of service to the district during the September Board of Education meeting. Loud applause reverberated around the theater as each name was read along with his or her total years serving the children of Paterson. When combined,

the service of these dedicated district employees equals more than 1300 total years! Leading the pack in most years served is JFK Secretary, Phyllis Hamer, who has 61 years on-the-job! Running a close second, is JFK Supervisor of School-Based Science, Jane Silverstein, who has accumulated 56 years with the district. [Click here for a chart](#) listing all of our dedicated staffers with 40+ years of service.

A Master “Tinkles the Ivories” at School 24

Rosa L. Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts (and School 24) piano virtuoso, Vladimir Zaitsev has introduced the art of live piano performance to students at the School 24 Academy of Fine and Performing Arts. Mr. Zaitsev’s performance was intended to inspire School 24 students to eventually audition for admission to Rosa Parks themselves. Maestro Zaitsev is now spending a half day at both schools, as part of a proposed plan by acting Superintendent Shafer to get arts education back into all of our schools.



Caricaturist Valory Canfield has been engaged to help support English Language Arts 6th grade curriculum on *character trait development* at School 16. Ms. Canfield’s work will focus on the physical traits of characters in literature.



Jersey Cares is an organization that brings together individual and corporate volunteers for charitable endeavors around the state. Recently, Jersey Cares brought a group to School 28/Paterson Academy for the Gifted and Talented painting murals and beautifying the playground.

"Life's challenges are not supposed to paralyze you -- they're supposed to help you discover who you are."

— Bernice Johnson Reagon, composer and social activist

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