

# Paterson Post

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## A Collective Reading Experience

This year marks the fourth year Paterson Public Schools has participated in the nation-wide “Read for the Record” reading exercise. *Read for the Record* brings together millions of children and adults around a preselected children’s book. For 2017, the Liz Wong book, *Quackers* was



selected, which follows a kitten who mistakenly believes she is growing up as a duck. Here at our district, administrators, supervisors and central office staff were invited to come to individual schools and read for a class. At the conclusion, the number of children who have been read to is reported to the official *Read for the Record* website. This year’s totals are still being tallied, but across the nation, it is expected that the total number of children will exceed 2,000,000!

## School 28/PAGT Family Rises to the Challenge

At School 28/Paterson Academy for the Gifted and Talented (PAGT), Hispanic Heritage Month commenced in celebration of the heritage, culture and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans to the United States. This year, as a result of natural disasters, the school’s celebrations quickly turned to the relief efforts to aid victims in Puerto Rico and Mexico. The School family and community joined forces to participate in a month-long relief effort to help victims. These



natural disasters resulted in shortages of everything from day to day necessities, shelter, and food. As a unified force, the School 28/PAGT family was able to assist in rebuilding these communities that are in desperate need. School 28/PAGT partnered with Paterson native, football star Victor Cruz, who will directly send the school’s donated materials to Puerto Rico, as well as a local community agency which will forward donations for Mexico.

## School 25 Puts the “Brakes” on Violence



In honor of Violence Prevention Week, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at School 25 pledged to “put the brakes on violence.” They all agreed to sign the anti-bullying, *Stop-a-Bully Contract*.

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