

# Paterson Post

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## Detective Work at JFK



As part of *School Anti-Violence Week*, Student Assistance Coordinators (SAC's) at the John F. Kennedy Educational Complex hosted guest speaker, Detective Nancy Petrara-Stefylaras from the Passaic County Prosecutors Office. The detective spoke about gang awareness nationwide, and particularly in Passaic County. Her talk included ways to discern different types of gangs, as well as deterring gang influence. The students enjoyed the presentation, particularly when the detective answered questions about gang activity within the county.

The SAC's (Mrs. Judith Beckmeyer and Ms. Laurel Olson), highlighted school violence with a different theme each day during the week as a way to educate students about different types of violent acts and the consequences for these acts.

## PPS McKinney-Vento Team Update

As part of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the Federal government requires that public school districts have on staff a *Local Education Liason*. Here at Paterson Public Schools, Ms. Wanda Asmar serves as our McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program District Liaison. Ms. Asmar and her team coordinate donations and obtain services for many of the district's displaced students in need.

Ms. Asmar reports that the department is excited and ready to assist families with many new school supply items which have been recently donated. Among the generous donating partners were: The CARE Ministries non-profit organization from Somerset which donated various school supplies; The Reformed Church of Oradell which supplied backpacks; the Shea Family with a generous donation of school supplies; and the *Jersey Cares* organization of Livingston, which donated both backpacks and general school supplies. The latest and most timely donated items come from *Paramus Moms of NJ* which has provided gently used Halloween costumes! All of these donations will be given to displaced students serviced by the Paterson Public Schools McKinney-Vento team. A big, PPS Family thank you goes to these generous donors!



For more information on the Mc Kinney Vento Program call Wanda Asmar at 973-321-0632 or 973-321-0721.

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## Frank R. Lautenberg Teacher Published

Senator Frank R. Lautenberg School teacher Jaymie Green has had an article published in School Arts Magazine. [Click here to read "The Art of Protest" on page 21 of the publication.](#)

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School Violence Awareness Week was illustrated for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School when they were treated to a special presentation by the Passaic County Sheriff's Department.

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## District Events

**Oct. 23 - 27: Annual Red Ribbon Week**

**Oct. 27: Staff In-Service**

1:00 p.m. Student Dismissal

**Nov. 1: Board of Education Workshop**

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

**Nov. 2: *Content of Our Character***

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

**Nov. 6: High School CHOICE Fair**

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at John F. Kennedy Educational Complex

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