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BTMF, FBLA Club Attends Conference



The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club officers from the School of Business, Technology, Marketing, and Finance (BTMF) at JFK attended the organization’s Fall State Leadership Conference at Pines Manor in Edison. While at the conference, students had the opportunity to listen to the keynote speaker, Kaitlyn Shoeffel, the reigning Miss New Jersey, and learn about her path to success. The club’s officers then attended two workshops: one focused on leadership skills that they can implement in their local chapter, and another geared towards the transition from high school to college. The latter was led by the New Jersey college chapter of FBLA. The BTMF officers returned excited to share all

that they’ve learned with their fellow FBLA members, as well as with students outside the organization!

School 7 Class Forges a “Kindness Chain”

For School Violence Awareness Week at School 7, Ms. Brink’s class acknowledged the instances when students were kind, thoughtful, or complementary to one-another, family, or even strangers. The students used slips of paper to write down each instance and used the papers to create a classroom *Chain of Friendship*. The students really enjoyed the activity and had an abundance of very kind things they could discuss. One student said his mom came home frustrated after a hard day at work -- he suggested she should take a nap while he would take care of his little brother. Another student reported that a group stood up for a friend who was being bullied. Some students brainstormed different ways to be kind in the future! The kindness chain is now on display in the classroom as a reminder of how important it is to be nice to one another and focus on the positive. There is even a classroom area set aside for students to continue to create and add links to the chain!

Latino Heritage Show at SET

At the School of Education and Training (SET) at JFK, Mrs. Belkis Guzman and Mr. Adrian Marte organized and presented *Celebrating Hispanic and American Culture, Heritage and Contributions*, in honor of Latino Heritage Month. The show was an extravaganza of cultural music and dance performed by the school’s students.

The show included a flag parade of various Hispanic Countries, dances such as Cumbia, Reggeton, Bachata, Salsa, Merengue, as well as a special



poetry reading. The students displayed their talents and cultural pride with style and grace. The audience, which included the entire SET community, responded with appreciative cheers.



Norman S. Weir School (NSW) joined the 2017 *Read for the Record* event and became a part of the world's largest shared reading experience! Mr. Cosimo Torello, School Librarian, read Quackers by Liz Wong to NSW students in Grades K-3.

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