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## Getting Proactive at Dr. Hani Awadallah School

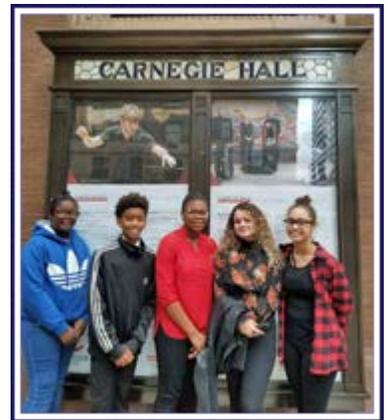


For School Violence Awareness Week, Dr. Hani Awadallah School hosted a thought-provoking and informative presentation by Detective Corporal Krygsmann and Detective Mack from the Passaic County Sheriff's Department. Seventh and eighth grade students were taught prevention skills to help them make intelligent and informed decisions when using social media. The presentation focused on proactive steps for protection against cyber-bullying, the consequences of harassment, and the need to keep an open communication with parents and guardians. The assembly was organized by Mrs. Pohl

who addressed School Violence Week and the Red Ribbon Week by providing various resources to educate students about the dangers of violence, drugs and various kinds of bullying.

## NSW Students Learn how to "Get to Carnegie Hall"

Students at Norman S. Weir School (NSW) who participate in the *Paterson Music Project* were recently accompanied by their music teacher, Mr. Bernie Visto, to attend a concert at Carnegie Hall featuring the *Sphinx Virtuosi*. This critically acclaimed all Black and Latino group is comprised of alumni of the *Sphinx Competition*. The performance included repertoires of a solo violin piece *Paganiniana* by Nathan Milstein, the Beethoven *Grosse Fuge*, and Vivaldi's *Concerto in B-flat Major* for violin, cello and continuo. The concert also featured the New York City premier of works by a Latino and African-American composers, Jimmy Lopez and Michael Abels. The Norman S. Weir students sat front row and absorbed the beautiful acoustics of Carnegie Hall!



By-the-way, how do you get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice!

## Immersed in Hispanic Culture at School 1



During Hispanic Heritage Month, School 1 engaged in thematic learning across the curriculum in pre-K through grade 5. Each grade focused on a Hispanic country, and engaged in research on that particular nation. Students created PowerPoint presentations, made flip books, learned dances such as the Argentine Tango, created artwork, and gave oral presentations on their countries. During the week of October 15, the entire school "toured" a country each day and the students shared their knowledge with the whole school community.



"Otto the Auto" visited School 25, teaching the students in grades 1 to 3 the importance of buckling up, wearing bicycle helmets, and looking all ways before crossing the street.

"Children are notoriously curious about everything – everything except... the things people want them to know. It then remains for us to refrain from forcing any kind of knowledge upon them, and they will be curious about everything."

— Floyd Dell, American Novelist, Poet, Publisher and Playwright

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