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A Critical Eye at the Dr. Hani Awadallah School



As part of their school's first-ever *Reading Fair*, a very different reading/writing assignment took place at the Dr. Hani Awadallah School. Students from Mrs. Abbassi's 7th grade English Language Arts (ELA) class brought their summer reading assignment books to life by writing critiques about their novels. Then each reader chose one character to portray from the book he or she had read and created speeches by completely immersing themselves into their characters' personas. Once their writing assignments were completed, they were visited by Ms. McKinney's 6th grade ELA classes and Ms. Al Hossien's 5th graders

who then used assessment rubrics to provide instant feedback for the students.

Building a Better Tree at School 9

Students in the Pre-K classes at School 9 have been learning, exploring, and investigating trees as part of the *Creative Curriculum*. As part of their *Tree Study*, students had fun participating in a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics (STEAM) activity with a *Tree Building Challenge*.

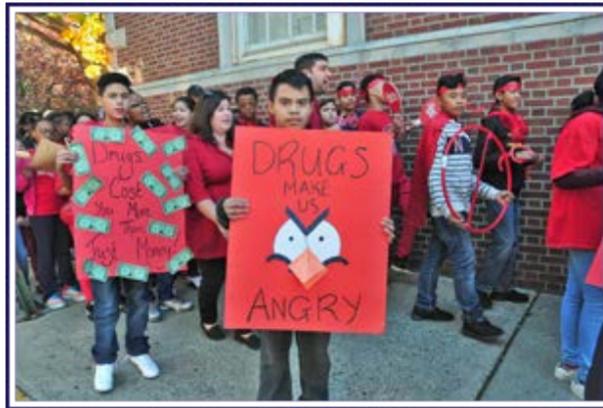
The students were encouraged to use critical thinking skills and cross-disciplinary tools to solve a basic challenge inquiry by engineering a tree using two simple supplies: *Playdough* and craft sticks. By integrating STEAM activities such as this, preschoolers gain new knowledge that they can take with them beyond the classroom and apply to problems found in their everyday world.



Command Holiday Performance for NRC



Mr. Nathan Webb, music teacher at the New Roberto Clemente School (NRC), and his 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students who are part of the school's music program, have been selected to perform on News 12 New Jersey's Sounds of the Season program. On Monday, November 27th, NRC Music will travel to the legendary Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank, NJ to record their holiday selections. Sounds of the Season will air on News 12 New Jersey the weekend before Christmas, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.



Red Ribbon Week is one of the oldest and largest drug prevention campaigns in the United States. Norman S. Weir School's annual culminating Red Ribbon Week activity took to the streets once again with a powerful anti-drug message—Your Future is Key, So Stay Drug Free!



Classrooms at School 3 had 2 hours to decorate their classroom doors for Red Ribbon Week; the class with the winning door received a pizza party!



Kindergarten classes at School 19 drew self-portraits with a theme of, *Proud to be Drug Free*, for Red Ribbon Week.

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