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JFK Asks, "What is Your Drug Abuse I.Q.?"

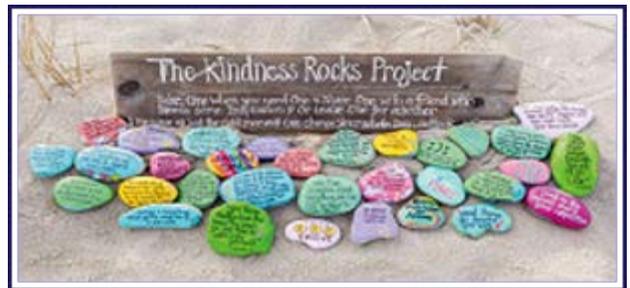


During Red Ribbon Week, JFK Educational Complex students, staff and administrators had the opportunity to heighten their knowledge of drug and alcohol addiction by taking a drug I.Q. test. The school's Student Assistance Coordinator (SAC), Ms. Judith Beckmeyer, was able to implement the test with assistance from School of Education and Training (SET) student interns. The interns ran a table during lunchtime and gave the short test. Each participant's results were reviewed and every participant received a

giveaway. They were also asked to sign a pledge stating that they would remain drug free.

DBTA Rocks When it comes to Kindness

Great things are underway at the Don Bosco Technology Academy (DBTA), thanks to a newly funded Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation arts integration grant. Principal Cecilia O'Toole-Frederick has created the school's first arts integration project inspired by an article she read entitled: "Rutherford Hit with Rocks that Spread Kindness," by Marc Lightdale. The *Kindness Rocks* movement is based on the Massachusetts *Kindness Rocks* movement started in 2014.



The project has over 17,000 participants in several different countries! Anyone can join the project for free. Its stated mission is simple: "To promote random acts of kindness." The rocks, painted and emblazoned with messages of kindness, are set in random places where someone might find them, read the uplifting message and place the rock in another spot to be found yet again.

Students in art teacher Patti Kaminski's class have already started painting their Kindness Rocks as a great way to promote Paterson Public Schools' Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) policy.



The School 26 Wildcats family took part in a *Pink Power, Fight Strong Breast Cancer Awareness Parade*. Students and teachers donated to the cause and were invited to wear pink and participate in the parade. They have already raised \$360 towards their \$500.00 goal!



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, Jr. School (MLK) and School 3 Special Education teachers attended a DOE workshop in East Orange entitled: "Transforming Your Students into Highly Motivated Successful Learners" and they used *Universal Design for Learning (UDL)*, *Choice Menus* and *Small Group Instruction*.

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