

# Paterson Post

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## Champs!



The John F. Kennedy Knights Boys Basketball Team defeated the Clifton Mustangs on Saturday, 48-45, in a thrilling game to claim the Passaic County championship title. The victory on Saturday was the team's 13th county championship, a record in Passaic County. The Knights will face Passaic County Technical Institute in the first round of the state championship basketball tournament tonight, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. at the JFK Educational Complex.

## Calling Public School 20 Alumni

Karyn Stephenson, a guidance counselor at Public School 20, is calling out to the school's graduates for a project she hopes will instill "Bulldog Pride" in the school. Stephenson wants to designate a wall in the school to honor Public School 20 graduates. For each graduate, she would like to have the following information:

- a photo
- the Public School 20 graduation year
- the name of the high school attended and the high school graduation year
- the name of the college attended and the college graduation year
- a short description of the current career

"I want to hang this information in the hallway so that the kids can learn about the people who came through the halls before them," said Stephenson. For more information, email Stephenson at [kstephenson@paterson.k12.nj.us](mailto:kstephenson@paterson.k12.nj.us).

## Art Meets Science at Public School 29

Public School 29 students working with art teacher Jeri Elson recently completed a project that gave them insight into the process of weathering. First, the young artists glued together 30 pieces of colorful construction paper. Then, they used sandpaper to rub away the edges, simulating the way rainwater erodes the edges of rocks over time. After Elson applied a layer of sealant to protect the works of art, the students added magnets. Elson learned about this "Sedimentary STEAM Lesson" from a Woodland Park art teacher while attending the Art Educators of New Jersey conference last fall.



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## Hoops For Heart



Brian Olsen, a physical education teacher at the Paterson Academy for the Gifted and Talented (PAGT) at Public School 28, led the school's annual Hoops For Heart fundraiser. The event supports the American Heart Association.

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## Public School 27 Students Step into Dancing



The Carolyn Dorfman Dance Company came to Public School 27 to perform and introduce the art of dance to fifth-graders. Students practiced breathing and positioning, and learned dance terminology and expression. The students created their own dance routine with the assistance of the company's professional dancers.

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## Warm Notes for a Cold Day

In the midst of a cold winter, the cafetorium at New Roberto Clemente Middle School (NRC) radiated warmth as the renowned Brazilian jazz guitarist, Rodrigo Nassif, made his U.S. performance debut. The event was arranged by NRC music teacher and professional musician, Nathan Webb. Webb first met Nassif at a 2014 trip to the International Society for Music Educators in Porto Alegre, Brazil. The trip was sponsored by William Paterson University.



At the NRC concert, Nassif was accompanied by Webb on drums, and Jacob Webb (Nathan's brother) on bass. Jacob Webb is himself an award-winning producer, bassist, pianist, and multi-instrumentalist. The trio later played at the Shanghai Jazz Restaurant in Madison, N.J., where Nathan Webb frequently performs with his jazz group.





For Black History Month, Renaissance School 1 students danced, sang, read poetry, and presented a slide show highlighting what they have learned about the Harlem Renaissance.

## Upcoming Events

### **Feb. 25: State Championship Basketball Tournament**

5:00 p.m. JFK Girls vs. Morris Knolls at JFK  
7:00 p.m. JFK Boys vs. PCTI at JFK

### **Feb. 26: Report Card Distribution**

4:30-6:30 p.m. at School 7, Don Bosco and the NRC

### **Feb. 26: 2019 School District Budget Community Forum**

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at School 28

### **Mar. 1: Staff In-service**

1:00 p.m. student dismissal

### **Mar. 6: IB Diploma Visual Arts Exhibition**

4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at International High School

### **Mar. 12-14 Bilingual Teacher Recruitment in Puerto Rico**

### **Mar. 13: Board of Education Workshop**

6:30 p.m. at the 90 Delaware Ave Administrative Offices

**Mar. 15: PEA and Student Early Dismissal**

1:00 p.m. dismissal for PEA and students

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