

First Lady At Lautenberg School

New Jersey First Lady Tammy Snyder Murphy was welcomed by Superintendent Eileen F. Shafer and other Paterson Public Schools officials to the Senator Frank R. Lautenberg School on Sunday. Murphy, who was hosting her New Jersey Families Festival at the school, spoke about her commitment to combating infant mortality in the Garden State.



Police Pilot Programs Set To Launch



New Roberto Clemente School Principal Hector Montes hosted Superintendent Eileen F. Shafer, Mayor Andre Sayegh, and Police Chief Troy Oswald who announced pilot programs of two new initiatives aimed at keeping young people off drugs and inspiring them to consider careers in police work.

“These programs offer excellent drug prevention education, and expose our young people to police work, but what I like are the ancillary benefits,” Shafer said. “They open young peoples’ eyes to

look beyond the present and see the possibilities of their own futures.”

The Law Enforcement Against Drugs (LEAD) program is a kindergarten to 12th grade drug prevention education curriculum taught by specially-trained police officers in public schools that will soon be launched at The New Roberto Clemente School, the Roberto Clemente School, Public School 12, the Urban Leadership Academy, and the Great Falls Academy. The Paterson Police Explorers program will provide to students ages 14 to 18 the opportunity to explore a career in police work by working alongside Paterson police officers. The Paterson Police Explorers pilot program will soon be launched at schools to be named later.



Day of Smiles



SET Principal Nicolette Thompson poses with SET senior Irvina Gee and SET Language Arts teacher Elisabeth Gitelle in front of the World Smile Wall.

To recognize “World Smiles Day” (October 5th), the School of Education & Training (SET) had students write down one thing that made them smile and displayed their thoughts on a wall in the school. Each teacher was given a set of smiley face stickers to give out to the students who smiled the most or displayed the most positive behavior. The student with the most stickers was awarded a Dunkin Donuts gift card. Principal Nicolette Thompson also rewarded positivity among staff members and recognized Cleavans Robinson and Richard Solis for their constant positive attitudes. The day was a success and the academy smiled so much, their faces hurt afterwards!

Student-Artist Makes Mark



Mackiah Henry, a 10th grade student at the School of Business, Technology, Marketing & Finance (BTMF), won first prize in a "Flash Art" poster contest sponsored by Montclair State University's The Public Good Projects, an organization that promotes healthy lifestyles for young people.

Henry's poster, which encourages students to make healthy food choices, will be distributed and displayed all over Paterson.

Orville Morales, community campaign manager for The Public Good Projects, organized the poster contest and announced Henry as the first prize winner on Sept. 18, 2018 at special award ceremony held by Paterson Mayor Andre Sayegh at City Hall. As a winner of the contest, Henry was awarded a \$100 gift card.

So Yoon Lym, who taught Henry when he was a 9th grader in her Foundations of Fine Arts class, was very proud of her student for his success and determination.



Learning To Never Forget



Public School 7 students marked the 17th anniversary of 9-11 with their own written reflections on the tragic day. After listening to Principal Rebecca Cecala briefly summarize the heartbreaking details of that day, students were asked by Stephanie King, a language arts and literacy teacher, and other teachers, to write their own thoughts about what they had learned in response to the phrase, “Always remember, never forget.”

Art teacher Sara Ciccone used the students' responses to create a poster of a metropolis skyline similar to New York City's out of construction paper and paint. The students' responses comprised the skyline's foundation and formed the shape of the World Trade Center's twin towers that collapsed after they were attacked on 9-11. The artwork is currently on display at the school's auditorium.

Here are a couple of the students' reflections:

"We should always remember 9/11 because people lost their lives and they made a lot of sacrifices for their family and friends in 9/11 17 years ago." - Grade 7 Student

"For me, in general, I do tend to forgive but never forget. The phrase 'always remember, but never forget' in this situation is important because we can improve what our security is like everywhere. We shouldn't forget events/disasters like these because we can improve on our alertness to make sure these events never happen again." - Grade 8 Student

What's My Line?

Line is an element of design. Students in Christine Keppel's class at the School of Education & Training (SET) became familiar with this concept by creating art by using only lines: straight, curved, parallel, intersecting, thick, thin. Students had to maintain proper composition in their artwork, and used outlining and coloring to enhance their art.

Display by: Donny Ortiz, Lana Cahil, Emely Guillen and Tayna Perez



Meet the Parents



Yolanda Simmons, parent coordinator at Public Schools 13 and 20, greeted parents at School 13's recent Back to School Night. Parents received a Back2School samples package courtesy of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and information regarding upcoming community events.



Affirmative Action Training

Affirmative Action Officer Houry Yeganeh conducted the district's first Affirmative Action training for building-based representatives on September 14th. Attendees learned the latest information about Affirmative Action policies, procedures and protocols. Building-based Affirmative Action representatives are volunteer staff members who go beyond their contractual duties to assist school and district leaders in investigating student-on-student discrimination cases, ensuring bias-free education for all our students, sharing Affirmative Action-related policies with their school staff, and ensuring the Affirmative Action program is implemented effectively.

Bags By Amani

Former New York Giant Amani Toomer came to Paterson's Tyrone Collins Memorial Park and sponsored a book bag giveaway to local students. The event was planned with the help of Shawn Collins, a 21-year veteran teacher at International High School, and Bridget Arrick, Paterson Public Schools community outreach and special projects coordinator.



Upcoming Events

Oct. 17: Board of Education Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Educational Complex

Oct. 26: Staff In-service

1:00 p.m. Student Dismissal

Nov. 1: High School CHOICE Fair

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Educational Complex Gym

Nov. 3: Family & Community Engagement Conference

8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Passaic Community College

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