

# Paterson Post

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## Eastside's Williams Pens Political Piece



Erica Williams, a senior at Eastside High School's School of Government and Public Administration, is scheduled to be featured in an upcoming story by The Record about high school females and their thoughts about the upcoming midterm elections. Williams, who is vice-president of the Student Government Association and aspires to be a criminal justice attorney, was asked to write about her political activism as part of the story. The story is slated to run on October 30.

## Vote for Shaqir!

Shaqir Herbert has been nominated for the "Heart of a Giant Award," which honors high school athletes who inspire greatness on and off the field. Herbert, a senior who plays for the Kennedy Knights football team was nominated by Head Football Coach Ron Jackson and Athletic Director W. Scott Durham. Herbert was featured in stories by The [Paterson Press \(northjersey.com\)](http://northjersey.com) and [News12 New Jersey](http://news12.com), in which he talked about how football helped him overcome the adversity in his life. Herbert has been growing up not knowing his biological parents. His foster mother died this past December. She was Public School 28 kindergarten teacher Sylvia Herbert. Everyone in the Paterson Public Schools is encouraged to [vote for Shaqir at this link](#).



## Superintendent to Meet with Clergy and Teachers This Week

Paterson Public Schools Superintendent Eileen F. Shafer is scheduled to hold meetings this week with two important stakeholder groups: Paterson clergy and Paterson public school teachers. Both meetings will be held in the cafeteria of the district's central office building at 90 Delaware Ave. Meetings with clergy are scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, at 2:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. The meeting with teachers is scheduled for Thursday, November 1 at 3:15 p.m.

## "The Voice" Scores a Perfect 10



*Eager new employee on first day on the job, 10 yrs. ago*

In the fast-paced, deadline-driven world of the PPS Communications Department, Supervisor George Garbeck has become known to most people in the Paterson Public Schools simply as "The Voice." It's his sonorous voice that is heard by Paterson students and staff on early-morning robocalls after a snowstorm. "I've been telling people to stay home on snow days for 10 years," said Garbeck, who marked 10 years working in the district on Oct. 28th. But in addition to his voice, Garbeck also has a distinctive eye. His photography garnered the "Best In Show" award in the 45th Annual New Jersey Senior Citizen Art Show. Garbeck has also captured many magical moments in Paterson schools, some of which have been published in local newspapers. In the calendars he has

published, Garbeck has opened many people's eyes to the beauty that lies with the great City of Paterson. Congratulations George!

## A Day in the Life of the Hudson River

Paterson's Academy for the Gifted and Talented sixth grade students partnered with the Meadowlands Environmental Center to collect scientific data using hands-on field techniques to capture a snapshot of the Hudson River's ecology. Armed with seine nets, minnow pots, and water testing gear, they collected data, studied the river's species of fish and invertebrates, tracked its tides and currents, and examined water quality and chemistry.



The data collected by the students is now being processed by the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory of Columbia University. Students found that participating in real world science was more fun than they could have ever imagined.

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## PPS Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

With color, music and pageantry, students at Norman S. Weir School and Public Schools 21 and 28 celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month on Thursday. Students at these schools learned about the history, culture, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans.



*Norman S. Weir*



*School 21*



*School 28*

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## Game on at Eastside High School!

On Monday, October 15th, Eastside High School's Social Studies Department ended its celebration of Latin History Month by hosting a Jeopardy-style quiz bowl. Competing students showed off their understanding and knowledge of the many contributions made by people of Latino ancestry. Students in the audience were also asked to participate in the quiz bowl and were awarded prizes. The Social Studies Department will also be hosting similar quiz bowls during African American History Month (February) and Women's "Her-story" Month (March).



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## Senator's Aides Speak With Students



Eastside High School's School of Government and Public Administration celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a program for students that included two aides from U.S. Sen. Robert Menendez' office: Darcy Gallego, who works for the outreach team, and Chris Flores who works for the press department. Gallego and Flores spoke about the many jobs in the government sector, and their experiences working in the senator's office and in Washington, D.C. They also spoke of their college experiences. They urged students to become affiliated with political candidates, or to run for

office if they feel the current state or federal policies are unfair or ineffective. The program was dedicated to Edgardo Miranda-Rodriguez, the first Latino to write Latino storylines and create Latino characters for Marvel Entertainment, as well as starting his own graphic arts company, Somos Arte.

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## STEAMing into NRC's Enrichment Program

At New Roberto Clemente Middle School (NRC), a morning enrichment class is giving sixth-graders who love STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) opportunities to create projects integrating these content areas. During the first week, the students created origami cranes of different sizes. The project led to discussions about the principles of geometry and engineering, as well as the ancient art of Japanese paper folding.



*During enrichment, students create STEAM projects. This is an origami folding project.*

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## Eastside Big Enough to Walk Away



During the week of October 15, Eastside High School observed Violence Awareness Week. Under the direction of Student Assistance Coordinators Kristen Soos and Dr. Stephanie Roberts, students and staff showed their support for violence prevention by wearing sneakers to demonstrate they are "Big Enough to Walk Away" from violence.

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## Sheriff's Officers Visit MLK

Ani Silvani, student assistance coordinator at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Educational Complex, was pleased to have members of the Passaic County Sheriff's Department treat students to three very special presentations.

A mounted police officer showed younger students how he and his horse work to keep people safe. Other officers taught fifth-graders about the dangers of cyberbullying, while officers from the Gang Intelligence Division raised awareness among older students about gang violence and illegal drugs.



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## Affirmative Action Training



The District Affirmative Action Officer, Houry Yeganeh, conducted a training session for all building-based volunteer Affirmative Action representatives on October 18 at the district's central office building. The Affirmative Action representatives worked in groups to learn about the investigative process. They also learned how to apply proper protocols and identify cases that should be reported to outside agencies such as the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCP&P) and the Passaic County Prosecutor's Office.

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## Upcoming Events

### Oct. 29: Athletic Department Community Forum

6:00 p.m. at Eastside Campus Auditorium

### 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 Parent Conference

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

### Nov. 6: Teacher Job Fair

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Offices, 90 Delaware Ave.

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