

# Paterson Post

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## Superintendent Thanks Governor for more than \$500,000 in P-TECH funding



Superintendent Eileen Shafer welcomed New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy to PANTHER Academy on Tuesday and expressed her gratitude for the \$561,550 Pathways in Technology and Early College High School (P-TECH) grant. The New Jersey Department of Education provided the P-TECH grant to support the creation of a high school program at PANTHER Academy that offers students early opportunities to earn college credits and graduate ready for entry-level positions in the emerging technology sector. In keeping with the grant's requirements, a collaborative relationship

will be maintained among Paterson Public Schools, Passaic County Community College and an industry partner (IBM Corporation).

## State AG Holds Community Forums at PPS

New Jersey State Attorney General Gurbir Grewal held two community forums on Thursday to discuss the importance of building trust between law enforcement entities and the communities they serve. The events, which were held at the New Roberto Clemente School and the Dr. Hani Awadallah School, followed Grewal's announcement of his "Immigrant Trust Directive." The directive, which Grewal unveiled near the Statue of Liberty, makes a clear distinction between federal immigration authorities and local police. Grewal said that this is particularly important as immigrants have become increasingly fearful of deportation, and, therefore, fearful of all law enforcement authorities.



## PPS To Hit the Trail To Oregon For Restorative Justice Training

A team of nine Paterson Public Schools educators and public schools advocates will leave for Portland, Oregon next week for a six-day training clinic on restorative justice. Restorative justice is a student disciplinary model that offers alternatives to out of school suspension. Next week's training was brought to the district's attention by Rosie Grant, executive director of the Paterson Education Fund, and Linda Reid of the Parent Education Organizing Council of Paterson. Among those scheduled to join Grant and Reid at the training are JFK Educational Complex

Principal of Operations Michael Hill, Great Falls Academy Principal Zatiti Moody, Unit 1 Principal Dorothy Dougé, Public School 12 Principal Boblyn Dobbs, JFK Educational Complex Teacher Coordinator Kaara Lydner, Eastside High School Complex Teacher Coordinators Giovanna Rodriguez and Rocio Fernandez, and Dr. Frank Napier Academy Teacher Javier Fresse.

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## RPHS Celebrates the Arts



The artistic spirit was alive and kicking at the annual Arts and Humanities event at Rosa Parks High School (RPHS). The show boasted the talents of every RPHS major, allowing students to showcase their talents and give a sneak peek at what's to come throughout the year. There was plenty of singing, dancing, and a number of show-stopping instrumental performances from both the Jazz Band and the piano students. Not to be outdone by the musical performances, drama students showcased their talents and student-poets mesmerized the crowd with some spoken word performances.

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## Public School 12 Plants 200 Daffodil Bulbs with WPU Education Students

Public School 12 third-graders and their teacher, Anissa Martin-Conyers, worked with graduate education students from William Paterson University (WPU) to plant 200 daffodil bulbs as part of the “Dig In! Tree & Habitat Restoration” grant program implemented by City Green. The School 12 Community Garden joined 15 other community organizations planting pollinator gardens, trees or daffodil bulbs this fall. The Dig In! program is funded by the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders. City Green’s Dig In! program has a long track record of offering grants to create neighborhood farms, community gardens, and beautiful open spaces in New Jersey communities. The Dig In! program now includes resources for habitat restoration projects, tree plantings, and large-scale bulb plantings. For more information about the Dig In! program, including school garden support, visit [www.citygreenonline.org](http://www.citygreenonline.org).

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## Run for Fun

On Nov. 21, Public School 7 held its Annual “Run for Fun” 1-Mile Race, led by physical education teacher, Candice Cummings. The race was held at the school and on neighboring streets. During the past seven years, the Run for Fun has granted various opportunities for the community to come together by engaging in lifestyle activities, raising health and fitness awareness, and combating obesity. The students competed in two races; one for sixth to eighth-graders, the second for fifth-graders. School staff and parents cheered on their peers and children. Teachers Michael Petrick, Katrina Edwards, Sara Ciccone ran with the students as well as Assistant Superintendent Sandra Diodonet, ESL/Bilingual/ World Languages Education Director Lourdes Garcia, and Culture, Climate & Non-Traditional Programs Director T.J. Best. The Paterson Police Department helped make sure the event ran smoothly and safely.



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## JFK Robotics Team Scores Wins at FIRST Robotics Challenge



The John F. Kennedy Educational Complex Robotics Team led by advisors Brian Grilk, Julie Vysotsky, and Gilman Choudhury, competed in their first FIRST Robotics Challenge competition. The team built a robot that had to complete a series of tasks while working against other team robots. The JFK Robotics team won three out of five events and earned points to compete in the state level competition in March. The team will participate in their next competition on January 6th. Teams who compete in the FIRST Robotics

Challenge are encouraged to be science and technology leaders and innovators. Team members engaged in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering, and technology skills.

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## CJR Finds Greatness In Giving and Receiving



The Charles J. Riley Elementary School (Public School 9) kept the Thanksgiving spirit alive by feeding more than 30 families a delicious turkey dinner.



The Paterson Police Department donated 10 coats of various sizes to students of Charles J. Riley Elementary School! Thanks to the PPD for including us in their annual coat drive.

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## Public School 21 “Shares Their Ears” for The Make-A-Wish Foundation

Administrators, faculty and students at Public School 21 recently participated in the Walt Disney Company’s fundraiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, “Share Your Ears.” In honor of the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Disney’s hallmark character, Mickey Mouse, the Walt Disney Company pledged to donate \$5 to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for every photo of people wearing Mickey Mouse ears that was shared on social media from Nov. 4 to Nov. 17.

Principal Joanne Riviello saw a television



advertisement of the fundraising effort, and suggested to staff and students that it become a community service project at their school. The school's technology teacher, Rhonda Tombiling, took and uploaded enough photos of mouse-ear wearing people for Disney to make a \$1,400 donation on behalf of Public School 21.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation is a nonprofit organization that make the wishes of terminally-ill children come true.

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## Upcoming Events

### **Dec. 3: High School CHOICE Open House**

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at International HS & Garrett Morgan Academy Open House

### **Dec. 4: Report Card Distribution**

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. for School 7, Don Bosco, and New Roberto Clemente

### **Dec. 5: High School CHOICE Open House**

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at the Academy of Earth & Space Science (PANTHER) Open House

### **Dec. 5: High School CHOICE Open House**

4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. at Rosa L. Parks School of Fine & Performing Arts Open House

### **Dec. 5: Board of Education Workshop**

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

### **Dec. 6: High School CHOICE Fair**

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at JFK Educational Complex

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