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Coming Thousands of Miles for a “Typical Day” at DBTA



The Don Bosco Technical Academy (DBTA) played host to 27 Chinese students and two educators from the Baoji High-Tech Zone No. 1 Middle School. The group made their stop at Don Bosco to experience a “typical day” at an urban school.

The international happening began with a welcoming/orientation period in the Don Bosco cafeteria that included remarks by Acting Superintendent Eileen Shafer, DBTA Principal Cecelia O’Toole, Executive Director of Information Services Terry Corallo, and Vice Principals,

Wanda Kopic and Christine Damasceno. The group’s chaperone, Kitty Huo Sunel, translated everything into Chinese. Baoji Middle School student Xinze Li gave warm remarks demonstrating her best English to the Americans.

After a footloose showing of the song “Happy” by Pharrell Williams (yes, there was dancing in the aisles), the children watched a PowerPoint about DBTA – then, our own Chinese-speaking Mandarin Club student “ambassadors” from International High School teamed up with the visitors to guide them through a day of learning in the DBTA classrooms. For the full story, [see this article in yesterday’s news.](#)



“Souper Bowl of Caring” at School 28/PAGT



Sometimes community service involves individual projects or small groups working together, but *service learning* involves a whole class or school working on a project together.

Sixth grade students from School 28/Paterson Academy for the Gifted and Talented (PAGT) decided to donate to the “Souper Bowl of Caring,”

which empowers youth and unites communities around the time of the *Big Game* to help those in need. The entire 6th grade, with the guidance and support of their teacher, Ms. Mola, spearheaded a food drive throughout the entire school. In total, the students collected 331 food items! By working in collaboration with Wanda Asmar, all of the donated goods will benefit the district’s McKinney-Vento pantry.

Honors and Rewards for the Top 15% at JFK

Recently, students in the top 15% from all four John F. Kennedy Educational Complex (JFK) academies were honored for outstanding academic achievement. These students are now eligible to receive free tuition to Passaic County Community College (PCCC), provided by the *New Jersey Student Tuition Assistance Reward Scholarship Program* (NJ STARS). This program is a collaboration between the *Office of Professional School Counselors* at JFK, and PCCC.



Interim Paterson Mayor, Jane Williams-Warren spoke with students at Urban Leadership Academy about the significance of Black History Month.

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