

# Paterson Post

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## Beloved Teacher Bringing the Joy of Art



Popular art teacher, Dr. Katherine Albanese-Benevento was asked to create a backdrop for a Black History Celebration at the Academy of Health Science (HARP). Stationed there as an art educator at the time, Dr. Albanese-Benevento integrated the social studies core curriculum into her art classes to create a large mural which has subsequently been displayed and admired at several schools since its creation.

The mural is on display at the School of Information Technology at Eastside (SOIT), where Dr. Albanese-Benevento serves as a special education math instructor. She states that, "It is wonderful to have the importance of the arts acknowledged and to have students' art preserved and appreciated."

Previously she and her students also celebrated the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in by creating a life-size statue of Dr. King - this life-like rendition is currently housed at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. School.

## HARP Gives Kids a Smile

Mrs. Zaydel and her Academy of Health Science (HARP) Dental Assisting students in collaboration with the PPS Dental Clinic provided free dental services to children as part of *National Give Kids a Smile Day*.

During the event, students and dental staff from the dental clinic gave presentations about oral hygiene and healthy nutrition to sixty kindergarten students from The Edward W. Kilpatrick School. Eleventh grader Myracle Sparks described the event as, "exciting, fun and rewarding."



## School 10 Honors Motown for Black History Month



School 10, in conjunction with the *Paterson Policing Community Division*, celebrated Black History Month by highlighting the contributions and legacy of Motown artists Smokey Robinson, The Temptations, Michael Jackson, The Jackson 5, Diana Ross, Four Tops, The Supremes, Martha and the Vandellas, James Brown, Mary Wells, Marvin Gaye, Teena Maria, Whitney Houston and Gladys Knight.

The American Record Company, founded by Berry Gordy, Jr., played an important role in the racial integration of popular music as an African American-owned record label that achieved significant crossover success.

School 12 health and physical education teacher (and William Paterson University alumna) will join the faculty of the university's *Summer Academy* this July, when she will teach a class on "Speedball and More." The sessions will introduce 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders to a number of less-frequently taught games and sports, some of which she looks forward to bringing back to School 12 next fall.



Students from STEM's Environmental Field Studies class participated in The Great Backyard Bird Count, a worldwide citizen science project to collect data on wild birds. The students searched along the Passaic River and identified some beautiful birds, including the Great Blue Heron and four nesting pairs of Buffleheads.

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