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Grand Tea Party on Grand Street

Dressed up in white gloves, black dresses, pearls and gorgeous hats, a select group of female students participated in a Grand Tea Party at International High School. This March 19th event was in honor of Women’s History Month and featured New Jersey’s Secretary of State, Tahesha Way, as the keynote speaker. The young ladies spent their “tea time” asking Secretary Way many questions about her high school, college and career experiences. They also heard from Superintendent Eileen Shafer, who told these young women that other women have led the way for them – including the recent #MeToo movement which has put a spotlight on changes needed to combat sexual harassment and assault in the workplace. Dr. Puryear-Castro, school principal, closed out the event reminding us that next year is International’s 10th anniversary and she has even bigger plans for how to take this tea party to a whole new level!



Volunteers Brightened the School Day

Jersey Cares, a non-profit volunteer organization, in partnership with Verizon, visited the Senator Frank R. Lautenberg School on Wednesday, March 14th to provide STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) based workshops to our students in grades 3 through 8. The topics covered included Physics, Balloon Rockets, and Bernoulli’s Principle. In addition to the workshops, Jersey Cares also created country flag murals, made benches for our playgrounds, and made table top gardens. They also refurbished the faculty lounges with a fresh coat of paint and all new furniture. Thank you so much to the volunteers from Jersey Cares and Verizon!



DECA Certified Bright Knight School Store



The School of Business, Technology, Marketing and Finance (BTMF) “Bright Knight School Store” recently earned the distinction of DECA Certified School-Based Enterprise (SBE). SBE’s are managed and operated by students as hands-on learning laboratories which reinforce classroom instruction, simulate a work environment, and serve as a fund raising vehicle for the school’s DECA Club Chapter (Distributive Education Clubs of America).

To earn this accreditation, the JFK DECA students collaborated on the completion of a 34-page document explaining and providing evidence on how the SBE met over 40 performance indicators within 10 business standards – including, but not limited to Financial Analysis, Operations, Pricing, and Human Resources Management.

For decades, the John F. Kennedy Educational Complex has had a DECA Club and School Store. Yet, this is the first time that the store has ever qualified for this honorary distinction. Congratulations!

Robotics Rookies Bring It On!

International High School's Robotics Team named Equitum competed March 11 and 12 at the FIRST Robotics Mid-Atlantic District event held at Mount Olive High School winning the Rookie All Star Award. The Students went on to compete March 17 and 18 Mid-Atlantic District qualifying event earning the Rookie Inspiration award and coming in second overall. Their performance at these two events has earned the team a spot to compete at Lehigh University in April for the Mid-Atlantic Championship.



Eastside's Collaboration for a Cure



February's collaborative fundraising campaign, sponsored by Eastside High School students from the Student Government Organization, National Honor Society and Interact Club, was a great success! Students raised enough money to donate \$1,000.00 to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and \$720.00 to the Operation Smile Organization to sponsor the Cleft Palate surgery of three children (one child per school at Eastside High School campus).

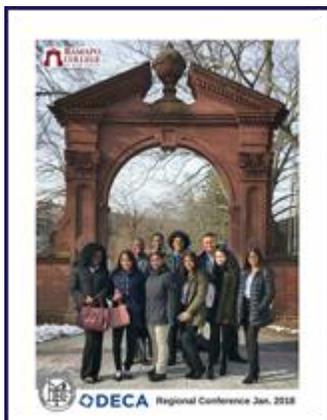
During this "month of giving", students from the three clubs held a "Pennies for a Cure" Drive and "School Spirit Dress Down Day". The culminating month-long fundraising drive concluded with an assembly where representative Genna Toye from The Leukemia Organization informed students of the alarming and devastating statistics of childhood cancers. #Eastsidehasheart

Going for the Gold...in Science

Competition is fierce as only the top teams from the New Jersey regional competitions are invited to Middlesex County to compete in the State Finals of the Science Olympiad Competition. This year, 20 students from the Paterson Academy for the Gifted and Talented studied tirelessly for months to compete in 25 events and we are proud to announce that two students medaled in the area of microbes. These students demonstrated their high academic standards and skills through performance testing. They learned through hands-on, minds-on activities; cooperative learning through events that require teamwork; and made applications and connections to the real world.



BTMF's DECA Climbing the Conference Ladder



BTMF's DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) members recently attended their Regional Conference held in early January at Ramapo College. Jeffrey Dominguez, Sebastian Rojas, and Khalil Williams all earned advancements to DECA's State Conference in Atlantic City (February 27th through March 1st) for their high performance within their respective role play competitions.

The DECA State Leadership Conference allows our students to connect with the larger DECA community throughout New Jersey while providing unique opportunities to extend classroom learning and engage in academic competitions.

These aforementioned members were joined by Suleimy Nunez, April Salmon, Ty'Alyah Tann, and Savannah Vargas who competed by submitting research papers. The students were accompanied by teacher/club advisor, Martine Grant and teacher/chaperone, Reggie Hall.

Winners from the state conference will qualify for this year's ICDC (International Career Development Conference) to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 21-24, 2018. At ICDC, more than 15,000 DECA members from around the globe demonstrate their college and career readiness by participating in DECA's Competitive Events Program. We wish the best of luck to all our DECA members!

Dental Care Boost

Our district's Office of Dental Services was recently awarded a grant of \$27,000 by The Delta Dental of New Jersey Foundation to continue providing dental care for Paterson's uninsured and under-insured student population. These grant funds will be used to purchase needed materials and supplies for the PPS Dental Clinic.



Competition-ready on Consumer Issues



Four students from JFK's School of Business, Technology, Marketing and Finance (BTMF) competed in the Annual Passaic County Consumer Bowl Competition at Passaic County Technical Institute. The students, Khalil Williams (Captain), Estephanie Rodriquez, Chelsea Villavicencio, and Katlim Zuniga prepared for months by researching various consumer issues. They correctly answered a variety of difficult questions related to the topic, and are excited to return to the competition next year.

School 2 Eagles 2018 Taub-Doby NCAA Champions

On Saturday, March 17th, in front of a raucous crowd, School 2's Eagles defeated Don Bosco's Tech Rams by a score of 40-35 at the Barclays Center, Brooklyn. The Eagles were led by game "MVP" Steven Rodriguez. This is Coach Wesley Kline's first Taub-Doby Championship in 17 years. Special thanks to Paterson Recreation Director Benjie Wimberly for organizing the Taub-Doby League event.



Upcoming Events

March 30 – April 6: Spring Break - Schools Closed

March 30 & April 2: District Closed

Apr. 11: Board of Education Workshop

6:30 p.m. at the District Offices, 90 Delaware Avenue

Apr. 12: Superintendent Meeting with Parents

6:00 p.m.- 7:30 in the cafeteria at the District Offices, 90 Delaware Avenue

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