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## Something Fishy is going on at YMLA

Students at The Young Men's Leadership Academy (YMLA) had a special delivery from the volunteers of the *Trout Unlimited* organization. As part of *National Egg Day*, the organization had The New Jersey Division of Wildlife and Fisheries ship over 200 rainbow trout eggs to the school. Now the students are beginning a school-wide project based learning activity called "Trout in the Classroom." After carefully hatching the eggs, they will be raising rainbow trout over the next eight months for eventual release into the Wanaque River during May of 2018.



Upon delivery of the fish eggs, the students were responsible for unpacking and identifying which eggs met standards required to continue the process. The eggs were then placed in an "egg basket" in an aquarium for further development. According to Principal Maynor, "This is a great opportunity for students to be engaged in an ongoing learning activity. They will be responsible for the maintenance, monitoring and reporting of their rainbow trout from birth to adulthood and in the process maintain a cold water habitat."

The students replicated a trout stream similar to the fish environment in nature within their new 55 gallon aquarium. They learned that most of the fish will not survive the entire process, similar to their habitat in nature, and that there is survival rate of about 10%. The primary objective of the program is not just about raising fish, but most importantly about learning about clean and cold water environments.

## Mixing it up during the Week of Respect



The *Mix it Up at Lunch* event is a practice that occurs multiple times throughout the school year at Alexander Hamilton Academy (AHA). During this event, students are divided by grade level, so each teacher has a classroom with a cross-section of K through 8 students during lunch. During any given Mix it Up at Lunch day, the older students are seen supporting the younger ones, many taking on valuable leadership roles. Such across-grade activities promote a greater occurrence of respect, kindness, and patience toward others.

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