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Helping Nature *STEM* the Onslaught of Water Pollution



On Monday, the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program, The Great Swamp Watershed Association, and students from William Paterson University assisted School of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) at JFK students with the installation of plants in the school's new "rain garden." Rain gardens function much like native forest environments to help slow down, soak up and filter polluted water from downspouts, driveways and other hard surfaces. Students in Ms. McCoshen's *Environmental Field Studies* pathway course chose the plants for the rain garden and will be responsible

for their upkeep throughout the year. The STEM rain garden will help reduce flooding, filter pollution, and replenish groundwater, while also preventing sewer outflows.

School 24/Fine and Performing Arts Program goes (dancing) to Court

For Hispanic Heritage Month, students from School 24 and the Fine & Performing Arts Program participated in the Superior Court of Paterson's annual *Hispanic Heritage Celebration*. The students delighted the audience and special guests with Latin rhythms such as: the *Flamenco* from Spain, *La Bomba* from Puerto Rico, and the *Hat Dance* from Mexico. The children were clothed in colorful, festive garb native to each region. Members of the Superior Court really appreciated the spirited, professional performance from the students!



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