NEW PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN DISTRICT AND RAMAPO COLLEGE’S BERRIE CENTER TO BRING TWO CHILDREN’S THEATER PRODUCTIONS TO SCHOOL 28

Both productions aimed at empowering young students against bullying

PATERNON – Officials from Paterson Public Schools and Ramapo College’s Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts announced today a new partnership with Public School No. 28 that will bring two children’s theater productions to the school on February 11th.

“We are very pleased to have the generous support of Ramapo College’s Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts in bringing two wonderful theatrical experiences to our young people,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer. “The anti-bullying message in these productions complements the district’s initiatives to combat harassment, intimidation and bullying. We are grateful to the Berrie Center for these tremendous opportunities for our students.”

“The Berrie Center is committed to providing opportunities for all children in northern New Jersey and found this unique partnership through Ramapo’s teacher education and certification program,” said Lisa Campbell, Director of the Berrie Center.

School 28 students in grades kindergarten through four will see Bob, The Bully Buster performed by the Walnut Street Theater, a Philadelphia-based theater group selected by the Berrie Center. The story, which is about a young teacher who wants to make a difference, uses the latest research on effective ways for children to deal with bullying. This fun-filled adventure will have students laughing and joining in the fun as they learn how they can help stop bullying.

School 28 students in grades five through eight will get to see a presentation of Mean Girlz R Bullies, Too! This song-filled musical recreates the same hallways the students travel every day and the many anxieties students face. The story follows one new eighth-grader, Ellen, who is trying her best to fit in at her new school.

Both productions will be presented at no cost to the district.
In 2018, Public School No. 28 became the first school in the district to be awarded the Blue Ribbon School honor by the U.S. Department of Education.

The Angelica and Russ Berrie Center for the Performing and Visual Arts is located on the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey in Mahwah.

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