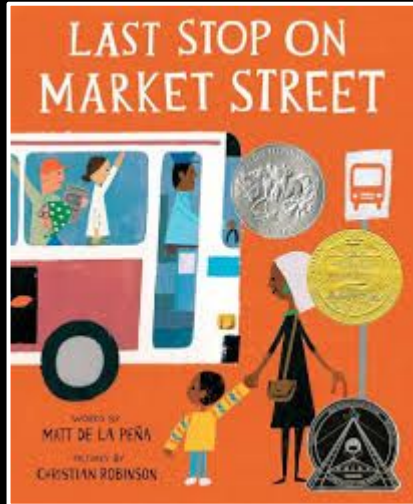
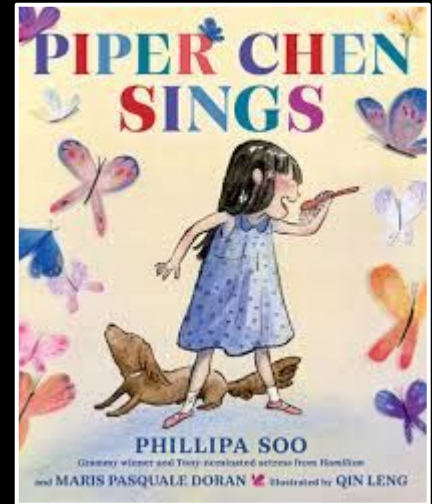




National Day on Writing
&
Read for the Record



National Day on Writing: Elementary

- **National Day on Writing** took place on Monday, October 21, 2024.
- Students throughout the district were encouraged to participate in a writing activity.
- Students read the picture book ***Last Stop on Market Street***, by Matt de la Peña. The book explores themes of kindness, empathy, gratitude, and finding joy in unexpected places.
- With support from our elementary instructional coaches, lesson plan ideas were shared with each grade level.
- **Project Ready** created a bulletin board outside of Academy Room 221 to showcase student work from around the district.



National Day on Writing: Secondary

- **National Day on Writing** activities took place during the week of October 14, 2024.
- With support from our secondary instructional coaches, students engaged in a series of imaginative and cross-curricular activities that tied writing into every subject area.
- Students throughout the district were encouraged to participate in a writing activity.
- Activities included:
 - Creating suspenseful zombie-themed chapters in ELA
 - Mapping a 10K Halloween course in math with explanatory directions
 - Documenting pumpkin “volcanoes” in science
 - Writing letters to the next President in social studies
 - Analyzing “Thriller” choreography in dance
 - Exploring candy calorie counts in physical education
 - Contrasting Halloween customs in world language
 - Analyzing autumn-themed artwork in art



NATIONAL DAY ON WRITING

week of Oct. 14th

ELA

In this writing activity, students will dive into the world of the ReadWorks series *The Run* and use their creativity to complete the ending or write the next chapter. They'll expand on the storyline, develop suspenseful twists, and bring their own imaginative ideas to life in this exciting zombie-themed challenge!

MATH

Students will chart a Halloween-themed 10K walk/run course. Using maps of Rahway, students will measure the distance between famous Rahway landmarks to determine if they can fit within a 10k distance and practice explanatory writing by composing directions for runner/walkers of the course.

SCIENCE

What's more fun than a pumpkin volcano? Writing about one! Students will practice procedural writing in this Write It/Do It activity. Yes, this one is messy and yes, the coaches will help you clean up!

SOCIAL STUDIES

Write a letter to the next president of the United States. This letter writing activity asks students to share their views on an issue that mattered to them during the 2024 election.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Curious how many steps it takes to burn off your favorite candy? Students will engage in an informative session where they will explore a candy calorie infographic, compare steps needed to burn off popular treats, and discover healthier alternatives to satisfy a sweet tooth.

DANCE

Students will explore Michael Jackson's iconic "Thriller" by reading about, watching, and discussing the music video, followed by writing their observations. They will then dive into the creative process of designing their own modern choreography, tasked with reimagining the legendary dance in a fresh, contemporary way.

WORLD LANGUAGE

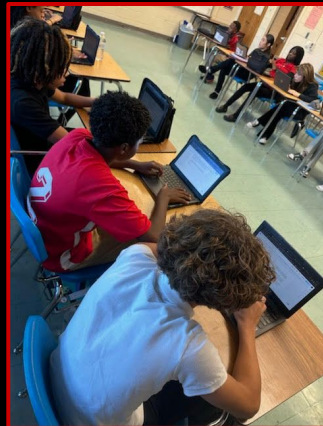
In this engaging activity, students will explore and compare how Halloween is celebrated in different cultures around the world. Through discussion and research, they'll contrast various traditions, uncover unique customs, and gain a deeper understanding of global celebrations related to Halloween.

ART

Your instructional coaches are excited to offer their services by coming into your classroom to teach these lessons! If interested, simply scan the QR code to schedule a time for us to visit and teach!



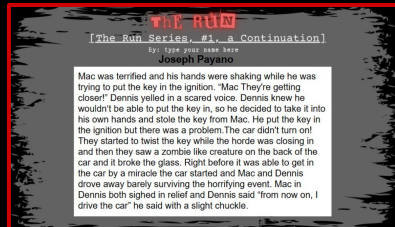
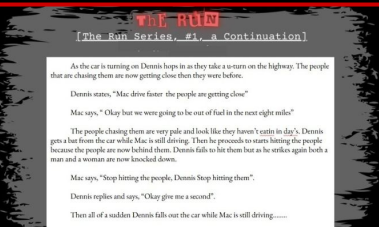
SCAN ME



Dear future President,

My name is Eileen Cazorla and I am an eighth grader from Rahway, New Jersey. I am writing to you about the issue of social media. This is an important issue to me because social media is becoming more popular among younger generations and is affecting them. As of right now about 95% of kids ages 13-17 use social media. Kids are being cyberbullied and are becoming insecure due to social media. Social media sets unrealistic standards that young kids are trying to follow. This is causing them to become insecure because they are pressured to look just like the person they are seeing does. Cyberbullying is very common on social media because people comment rude and sometimes threatening things. To solve this issue you could make it so where you can't comment or post anything without a parent signature. You could as well add a time limit. This will limit how long under age kids can be on that app. There as well can be a checkup once a month to see what they are posting online. There are some ideas of how you can solve this problem. Thank you for reading my letter. I hope my letter has shown a clear explanation of how important of an issue social media is. I wish you luck with your terms in office.

Best regards,
Eileen Cazorla



Dear future President,

My name is Elena Cernicki, and I am an 8th grader who currently attends the 7th and 8th grade academy of Rahway, New Jersey. I am sending this letter to you because I want to discuss American health care in today's world and its flaws. Health care is incredibly necessary for anyone. But in recent years, it has proven to be very hard to afford. Middle-class families are the target of this issue. In 2020, nearly 17 million middle-class families were unable to pay their medical debts in full in the USA. Considering how big the United States is, this may not seem to be a lot, but look at it this way. All those families with parents who work so many hours almost every day just to support their family. Especially immigrant families. Noncitizen immigrants are even more likely to be uninsured because of their limited access to private coverage. This can leave people putting off going to their yearly doctor's checkup, or an ER visit for a possible broken bone. Moving on to my next point, the cost of healthcare can result in some putting off much needed health care. In March of 2024, one in four adults said that in the past 12 months they skipped or postponed getting medical care due to the cost. In particular, 6 in 10 adults said they went without required health care. Overall, health care, obtaining proper health care, and the debt caused by it is a burden for a large share of Americans. People in this country can't get the needed care they need for their medical and health issues either because it's too expensive, too complex (possibly for older citizens and immigrants) and overall overwhelming. So, my request to you is that in the next four years that you are president, every branch of government and their leaders should work together to find a solution to this issue, or at least it is the underlying cause.

Thank you for your time,
Elena Cernicki

Read for the Record

- Jumpstart's Read for the Record Day was on October 24th, 2024.
- This marks Rahway's 7th year of participation.
- Preschool students throughout the district joined classrooms, libraries and communities around the world celebrating early literacy by reading *Piper Chen Sings* by Grammy Award-Winning Hamilton star Phillipa Soo and Maris Pasquale Doran
- The story is about a young girl who overcomes her stage fright to share her love of singing with others.
- **Fun Fact:** 2023 Read for the Record Participation reached 2.3 million people from 11 countries and 50 US States & territories.



