

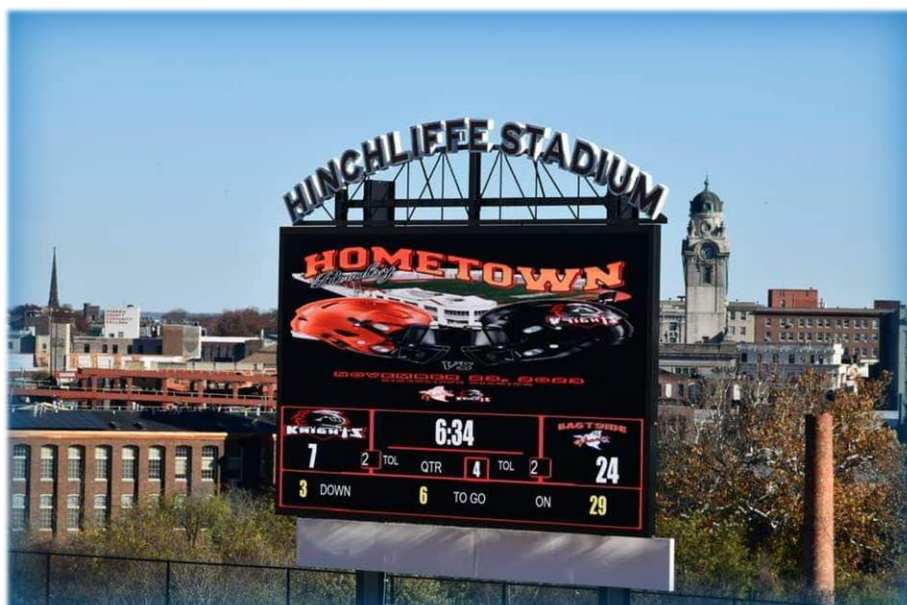
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PATERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS 

November 2023

THANKSGIVING DAY FOOTBALL CLASSIC

EASTSIDE AND KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL 99TH ANNUAL TURKEY BOWL AT HINCHLIFFE



The 99th annual Thanksgiving Day Football Classic game has returned to Hinchliffe Stadium after 26 years of being played in other fields in Paterson. Recently restored, the historic landmark was the scene where Paterson's two high school teams, the Eastside Ghosts and John F. Kennedy Knights, played a friendly, yet competitive, game against a backdrop of their respective fans.

"It's not just a game, but also a celebration to showcase our student athletes and fans," said Superintendent Laurie W. Newell.

Special guests of the "Turkey Bowl" included Dale "Skip" Van Rensalier and Peter Nelson, both key members of the famous Eastside Marching 100. "Skip" Van Rensalier, known to many as the voice of the marching band, was the announcer of many games at the stadium before it closed down. Mr. Nelson was the iconic music director of the marching band.



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SPORTSMANSHIP BREAKFAST

CLASSIC FOOTBALL BREAKFAST DUE TO THE PASSION FOR THE SPORT



The 2023 Sportsmanship Breakfast was held at John F. Kennedy this year. This annual tradition provides both teams that are playing in the Thanksgiving Classic Football Game to join together for a meal in friendship and respect.



ROSA PARKS HIGH SCHOOL GOING DECA

On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, when students were not in session in Paterson Public Schools, six students from Rosa Parks High School, were up and ready to attend a day-long conference on the campus of Kean University. They attended the Chapter Leadership Training Conference of New Jersey DECA.

They learned valuable leadership, communication, and team building skills as well as those skills necessary to build the newly formed DECA chapter at the Rosa Parks School of Fine and Performing Arts. Ms. Nicolette Thompson, principal of Rosa Parks and Dr. Reggie Hall Sr., Resource Business/SPED teacher and founding advisor of the DECA Chapter at Rosa Parks, were on hand to see our students in action.

Rosa Parks High School is currently the only fine and performing arts high school in the State of New Jersey that has a Chapter of DECA! Keep Rosa Parks on your radar, great things lie ahead! **We are DECA Strong!**



ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

Lenny Moore is the District's Director of Management Information Systems. He's a Paterson native that takes pride in coming up in the District, being an alumni of Schools No. 17, No. 12, and Kennedy High School. Originally, he studied mechanical engineering at George Washington University in Washington D.C., but came back to graduate from New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) with a BS in Computer Science. Before coming to the District, Mr. Moore was in the corporate world working for companies such as First Union National Bank (now Wells Fargo), Citibank, Prudential Securities, and Time Warner. It was while he was with Time Warner that Mr. Moore's life and career path changed

The Best Part of My Day

"Working with a great team. The daily grind is easier to handle when you know that your team has your back. I also enjoy interacting with the different people at central office and throughout the district."

unexpectedly, after he got off of the PATH train at the World Trade Center on a clear September day in 2001. Minutes after his arrival, the first plane hit the North Tower and he was swept up in the evacuation. That day he witnessed the South Tower being hit and then the subsequent collapses of both WTC buildings, which were the main reasons why he decided to find future employment in New Jersey. Eventually, in 2003, he applied for an open position as a Data Management Specialist with Paterson Public Schools and has since been a supervisor, deputy director, and now director in the District. "In my career, I have always been fortunate to work for and alongside the best people and this has been even more of a fact in my 20 years working in Paterson," Mr. Moore said. "I enjoy all the daily challenges that come with my position, and I will always work towards providing my best service for the Paterson School District."



A Quote to Live By...

"I really don't have any particular quote to live by, but I do feel that we all need to treat each other with respect and dignity...if that is done, then everything else will fall into place."

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SCHOOL 13 FLAG FOOTBALL AT THE NY JETS



In November, ten 6th grade students took place in the New York Jets Play 60 Flag Football event at the Atlantic Health Jets Training Center in Florham Park. The team took part in 5 games against different schools from throughout New Jersey. The team was coached by Mr. Elijah McCollum and Ms. Brittany Johnson and has been practicing since September. Two students from School 13, Amanda Beckford and Joshua Betty, were selected to attend the December 3rd Jets game and will run out of the tunnel with the team.



EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL IS APPECIATED BY TEENS2BHEARD FOR ALL OF THEIR SUPPORT



Thank you to Eastside High School for your donations of candy; this is a really deserving cause!

Mr. Super III, Assistant Principal of Eastside High School said, "It's so good to see the students getting involved in such a worthy cause!"

Assistant Principal of Eastside Mrs. Logan added, "This is wonderful news!!! Congrats to the Eastside High School community for the phenomenal support." Finally, Vice Principal Mr. Geron included,

"This is an amazing gesture to the community from Eastside! Congratulations!"





SPIRIT WEEK AT PATERSON STEAM HIGH SCHOOL



SCHOOL 24 CELEBRATED WORLD PEACE DAY



Students from the Fine and Performing Arts Program at School No. 24 celebrated World Peace Day. They marked the day by reciting poems, creating peace posters, and decorating the school's peace garden. Additionally, a moment of silence was observed in honor of world peace."



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S.T.A.R.S./T.I.E.S. THANKSGIVING CHEER FOOD DRIVE



In the spirit of gratitude and giving, students and staff from S.T.A.R.S. Academy and The T.I.E.S. Program have come together to demonstrate acts of kindness this Thanksgiving season. Their collective effort has resulted in the collection of non-perishable food items to donate to ten families in the school community.

The initiative aims to instill the value that no act of kindness, regardless of its size, is ever wasted. Students at STARS/TIES actively participated in the project, understanding the significance of compassion and generosity during the holiday season.

The generosity extended beyond the student body, with contributions from Dr. Newell, Superintendent of Schools, as well as The Special Education Department and various staff members throughout the district. The STARS/TIES family also received support from friends beyond the school community, enriching the boxes of giving intended for the ten recipient families.

The donations, gathered with care and thoughtfulness, will undoubtedly make a significant difference in the lives of the families who will receive them. STARS/TIES continue to foster a culture of kindness, empathy, and community engagement, making a positive impact one act of generosity at a time.



C.J.R. SCHOOL NO. 9 THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

It's that time of the year again! Charles J. Reilly School's Thanksgiving Food Drive Tradition was very successful, having been able to feed 25 families of South Paterson in need. All the receiving families were extremely grateful and thankful for their turkey and trimmings during the Holiday season. Gobble! Gobble! **"Happy Turkey Day!"**



TREE LIGHTING EVENT AT SCHOOL NO. 24

The annual tree lighting ceremony at City Hall turned into a festive musical extravaganza this year as the talented students of School 24's band and chorus graced the event with their delightful performances. Under the twinkling lights and amidst the joyous crowd, Mr. Alpaca's band set the tone for the evening with a lively repertoire, beginning with the iconic "Sleigh Ride." The spirited notes of "Holiday Rock" followed, spreading a sense of merriment that had the audience tapping their feet.



"Feliz Navidad" brought a touch of Latin flair to the proceedings, and the Ukrainian classic "Carol of the Bells" added a global dimension to the festive celebration.

The spotlight then shifted to Mrs. Brannan's choir, whose angelic voices filled the air with the heartwarming melody of "Mi Burrito Sabanero" and the timeless "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer." "It was incredible to see the community come together and embrace the holiday spirit through music," expressed Mr. Alpaca. "The enthusiasm of the audience was palpable, and our students worked hard to deliver a performance that would bring joy to everyone present."

The event not only showcased the musical talents of School 24's students, but also highlighted the power of music to unite and uplift communities during the festive season.

2023 FIRE PREVENTION POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Principal José E. Correa, said, "It is with great pleasure and excitement that I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the winners of the 2023 Fire Prevention Poster Contest. Your creativity, dedication, and commitment to promoting fire safety awareness have truly impressed us all. It is evident that the Public School 3 students poured their hearts and minds into creating visually captivating and informative posters. We are immensely proud of your accomplishments and grateful for the positive impact you have made through your creativity and dedication."

He also gave a special acknowledgment to art teacher, Mr. Palacio, whose guidance and encouragement played a pivotal role in shaping the success of their participants. Mr. Palacio's commitment to nurturing creativity and fostering a passion for art has inspired the students to reach new heights in their artistic expression.

WINNERS	
Kindergarten: Ethan Zapata Allison Pinula	Fourth Grade: Jovana Vranesovic
First Grade: Alice Ponce	Fifth Grade: Anthony Andrade Evelyn Duran
Third Grade: Ana Lopez	Sixth Grade: Kelly Garcia Jocelyn Torres

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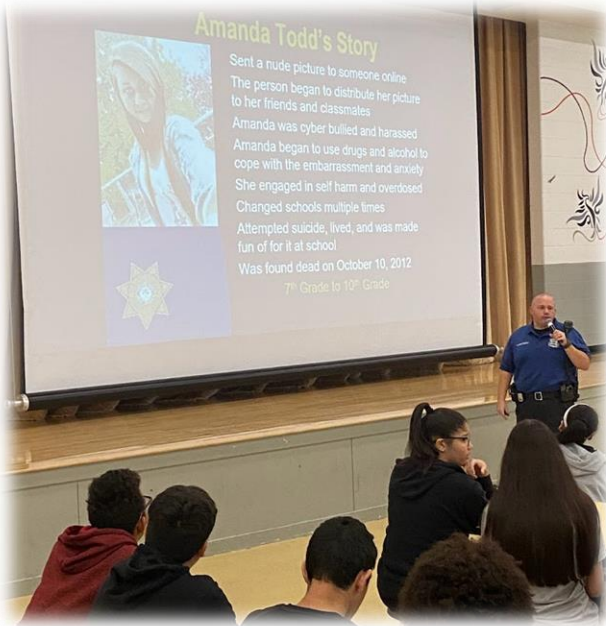
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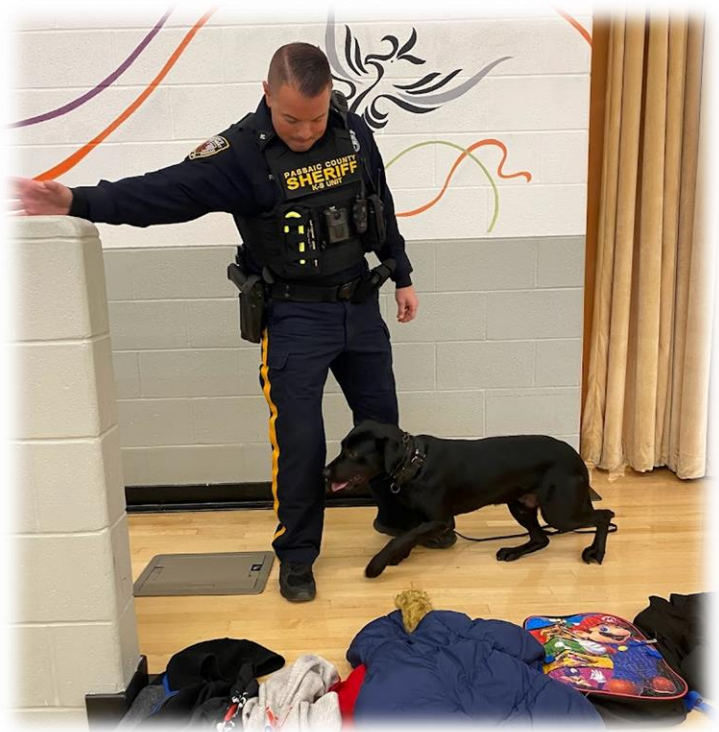
PASSAIC COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT VISITED SCHOOL NO. 16 & SCHOOL 25 ON SERIOUS TOPICS

SCHOOL NO. 16 6TH-8TH GRADERS



The Passaic County Sheriff's Department visited school No. 16 to speak about Cyberbullying and to present their canine unit to the students. Their presentation on cyberbullying outlined the many negative effects it can impose on a person's life. Some of which can contribute to mental health problems, anxiety and depression. Those who experience cyberbullying are also at higher risk of engaging in self-harm and experiencing suicidal thoughts. The presentation allowed the officers to engage with students and talk about how to deal with cyberbullying and how to find support if it is something that they or someone they know is experiencing it.

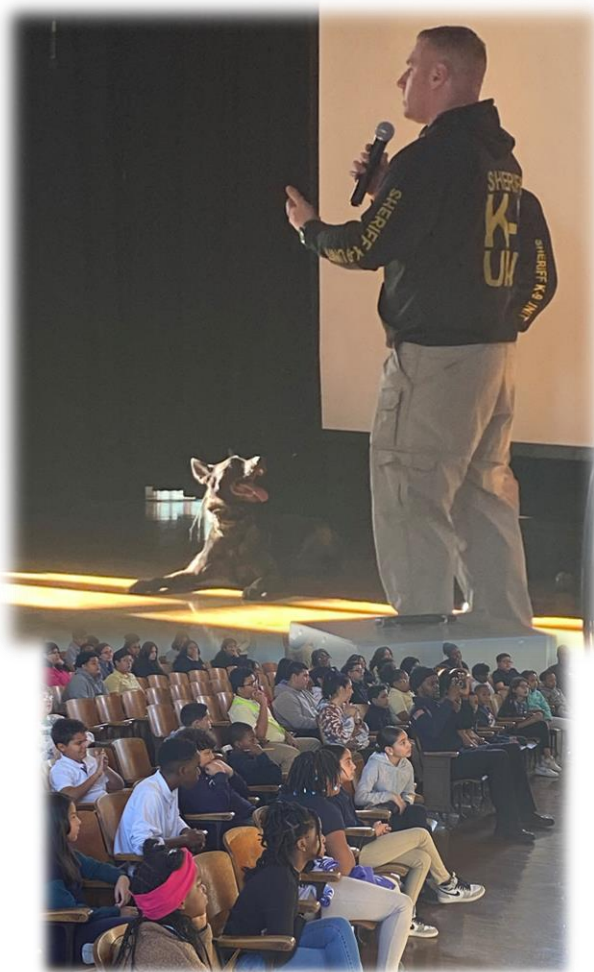
The Sheriff's Dept. also introduced their Narcotics Canine Unit. The dogs are trained to detect various illicit substances. The students were excited to meet the canines and learn about them.



By The Way... Back in October

SCHOOL NO. 25 4TH-7TH GRADERS

The Passaic County Sherriff's Department Canine unit came to School No. 25 to speak to the 7th graders about the training, methods, type of dogs, and the job of the canine units. The goal of the Sherrif's Canine Officer Paul Ogden and his partner spoke on the importance of how the canine finds drugs and what types of drugs. In attendance were students, the guidance department, the administration, SAC Supervisor Laurel Olson, and the P.S. # 25 security team. The presentation was facilitated by Student Assistance Coordinator Alvin Bush. Officer Ogden took time to answer the many questions from the students about being a canine officer and the job of the canine itself.










DECEMBER 2023

SELF-CARE CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Set your self care goals for the month	2 Start a conversation with someone you don't know
3 Order takeout 	4 Set an intention for your day today	5 Donate old toys 	6  Make a holiday playlist	7 Buy yourself some flowers 	8 Find something you are grateful for in nature	9 Treat yourself to hot cocoa 
10 Donate to a local food kitchen 	11 Take a creative photo 	12 Leave a positive message somewhere	13 Volunteer with an organization	14 Compliment someone today	15 Take a moment to let go and relax	16 Make yourself something new for breakfast
17 Pack your lunch for the week	18 Donate outerwear 	19 Take time to draw or paint	20 Drink a warm beverage 	21 Spread some joy by baking 	22 Create something festive today	23 Go to brunch 
24 Watch your favorite holiday film 	25 Do something with someone you love today	26 Find joy in a peaceful morning 	27 Find a quote to hang up for the new year	28 Make an appointment for a yearly checkup	29 Think of a word you want to embody in 2024 	30 Commit to learning a new skill for 2024
31  Spend 15 minutes meditating on your 2024 goals						



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DICIEMBRE 2023

CALENDARIO DE CUIDADO PERSONAL



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Fijar tus metas del mes para tu cuidado personal	2 Iniciar una conversación con un desconocido
3 Pedir comida para llevar 	4 Poner una intención para tu día de hoy	5 Donar juguetes viejos 	6  Hacer una lista de musica navideña	7 Comprate algunas flores 	8 Encuentra algo agradecido en la naturaleza	9 Regálale un chocolate caliente 
10 Donar a una cocina de comida local 	11 Toma una foto creativa 	12 Deja un mensaje positivo en alguna parte	13 Ser voluntario en una organización	14 Felicitar a alguien hoy	15 Tómate un momento para dejarte llevar y relajar	16 Prepárate un desayuno nuevo
17 Empaca tu almuerzo para la semana	18 Donar ropa exterior 	19 Tómate tiempo para dibujar o pintar	20 Bebe una bebida caliente 	21 Contagiar alegría horneando 	22 Crea algo festivo hoy	23 Ir a almorzar 
24 Mira tu película navideña favorita 	25 Haz algo con alguien que amas hoy	26 Encuentra alegría en una mañana tranquila 	27 Hallar una expresión para colgar en el nuevo año	28 Pide cita para un chequeo anual	29 Piensa en una palabra que quieras expresar en 2024 	30 Comprométete a aprender una nueva arte para 2024
31  Dedica 15 minutos meditando sobre tus metas para 2024						



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Important Dates

December 8	Early Student Dismissal – PD for Staff
December 15	Progress Reports (Pre- K-12)
December 22	District Early Dismissal
December 25 - 29	District Closed – Holiday Break



Board of Education Meeting

The December 13th Board of Education Workshop meeting will be held at Joseph A. Taub School. Those who want to give public comment must do so in person. They should register for the meeting.

The December 20th Board of Education Regular meeting will be conducted remotely.

It will also be live streamed at pps.eduvision.tv/LiveEvents.

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