



HINCHLIFFE STADIUM LIVES

ENTERING THIS STADIUM WILL HAVE EXPRESSED FEELINGS AND EMOTIONS ON EVERYONE'S MIND

Hinchliffe Stadium officially reopened its doors in grand fashion on May 19th. Dignitaries ranging from congressmen to School officials gathered for the ribbon cutting ceremony held on the field. Closed since 1997, the stadium was infused with new life after a \$100 million restoration. The national landmark has already hosted baseball games of the JFK Knights and the Eastside Ghosts. The New Jersey Jackals will use the stadium for their home games. The renewed stadium will be the site of graduation ceremonies on June 27th.



READING FESTIVAL AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EDUCATIONAL COMPLEX

The school celebrated literacy with a Reading Festival in April. The event was hosted by the Paterson Teacher Organization (PTO) and the teachers. The Paterson Public Library joined the celebration and helped families sign up for library cards. Students played literacy games and received free books and bookmarks.



Students and Parents at Martin Luther King, Jr., Reading Festival signing up for Library Cards

SHARK TIME AT PUBLIC SCHOOL NO. 5



PS No. 5 fifth grader with Professor of Paleontology Dr. Becker

Did you know that off the coast of Alabama there is an ancient Cypress Forest, located sixty feet under water in the Gulf of Mexico? Did you know that a hundred miles north of this Underwater Forest, far from any ocean, you can find fossilized shark teeth?

These were some of the lessons School No. 5 fifth graders learned when William Paterson University Professor of Paleontology Dr. Martin Becker recently shared his expertise via a Zoom presentation to Ms. Williams, Ms. Ramirez, Ms. Pesochnski, Ms. Kelly and Mr. Lazier fifth grade students (School 5's WPU Professor in Residence Dr. Betsy Golden arranged the visit and facilitated the presentation.)

Dr. Becker spoke of his many experience's scuba diving in the Atlantic, the Gulf Coast, and even as far away as the waters of Australia. Following his presentation, the students had the opportunity to ask him questions, including ones about his favorite shark (currently the Piebald), the shark he most would like to see (a Wobbegong Shark, which he failed to spot during his trip to Australia), and the challenges scuba divers can face (such as the bends.)

A fascinating experience for students and teachers alike, the visit was particularly inspiring as we headed into career week; the students learned firsthand how Dr. Becker's childhood fascination with sharks grew into a lifelong career!

NATIONAL SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY (EHS) CELEBRATED "COLLEGE AND CAREER DAY"

The Esther Forero Chapter of the National Spanish Honor Society (NSHS) at Eastside High School, celebrated "College and Career Day." The event was coordinated by NSHS advisor, Mrs. Marbel Tamayo, and the Director of the Spanish Language and Culture Program from William Paterson University, Dr. Maria Tajés. Dr. Tajés held a workshop with NSHS students showing them how the Spanish language and Hispanic Culture Program and details of the Dual Credit University Program for high school students in English and Spanish. Best wishes in the future to all the members of the Esther Forero Chapter. ¡Todos a una!



THE LAURA BUSH FOUNDATION FOR AMERICA'S LIBRARIES GRANT INCLUDED FOUR DISTRICT SCHOOLS

GRANT TO BRING MORE LIBRARY AMENITIES TO ROBERTO CLEMENTE, NEW ROBERTO CLEMENTE, PUBLIC SCHOOL NO. 27 AND DR. HANI AWADALLAH SCHOOL



Four district schools, Roberto Clemente, New Roberto Clemente, Public School No. 27, and Dr. Hani Awadallah recently received a \$5,000 grant through the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries. These schools are part of the 300 schools from 36 states across the country to receive the award. This year, the Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries awarded \$1.5 million in library grants this year. Many of the libraries will use the funds to update and diversify their collections.

Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer said, "I couldn't be happier that four of the District's schools received this award. I know that the students there and those to come will make great use of the new resources. I want to thank the media specialist of each school for applying for the grant and their continuing endeavors to improve their students' education opportunities, as well as William Paterson University for helping the schools' staff during the application process." She then added, "I also want to thank the administrators, faculty and staff for their hard work, as well as the parents for their support."

The media specialists from each school were Roberto Clemente's Michelle Pio, New Roberto Clemente's Elizabeth Bello, School No. 27's Wendy Ortega Baez, and Dr. Hani Awadallah's Gina Bello. They were assisted by Education & Curriculum Materials Librarian Neil D. Grimes of the David and Lorraine Cheng Library at William Paterson University.

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries supports school libraries with the greatest needs with the goal of encouraging all students to develop a love of reading and learning. Since its inception in 2002, it has awarded \$21 million to more than 3,600 schools across the country.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NO. 25 INAUGURAL GREEN FAIR

Earlier this year, fifth grade teacher Mrs. Sigal Kaplan was awarded a \$2,000 grant whose funds were used to launch a very successful Green Fair. Mrs. Kaplan and the school's fifth and sixth grade Green Team created and ran the booths with the assistance of teachers Mr. Daryl Laws and Mr. Akmed Taylor-Kamara. The Green team educated students about proper lighting, how to conduct a home energy audit, recycling, the benefits of pollinators, how to create a compost, bird feeder, as well as planting their own flower and creating pencil holders from recycled cans. City Green was invited as well to educate about how seeds turn into our everyday foods. The Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission taught about the benefits of having a birdhouse in your backyard and then students build their own birdhouse. Students in grades K-8 spent a beautiful day learning all about the benefits and importance to help preserve our planet.



PUBLIC SCHOOL NO. 12 ECOSYSTEMS, NEAR AND FAR



Fifth graders from Ms. St. Fort's Science class at Public School 12 have been learning about types of ecosystems this Spring. After becoming familiar with the terminology and concepts, they had the opportunity to develop their own examples. Students thoroughly enjoyed showcasing some of their favorite animals inhabiting the desert, the forest, or the ocean and one student designed an ecosystem with which everyone is quite familiar – a school! The third graders are now beginning to learn about this topic, and we look forward to their having an opportunity to take a walk down the hall to see the beautiful projects the older students have created.

“MAKING THE DREAM A REALITY” AT P-TECH HIGH SCHOOL

The Robert & Seth Memorial Foundation “Making the Dream a Reality” mentors held a recognition banquet and awarded gifts to the students. Twelve students participated and completed the college application process and received acceptances to over 20 colleges and universities. The students received over a million dollars in needs and merit-based scholarships, grants and awards. Each year the mentors recognize the students and provide them with laptop computers and furnishings for the college dorm room. Congratulations to those students making their dream a reality!



P-TECH



Making the Dream A Reality



PUBLIC SCHOOL NO. 10

“DID YOU KNOW”

Students in School 10, fourth grade Ms. Ferrito Social Studies class have been learning about the regions of New Jersey. The students created a “Did You Know” bulletin board to represent facts of all the different regions in New Jersey! The students are proud of their bulletin board and what they learned that they wanted others in School 10 to know about the State of New Jersey.



Left to Right: Savannah Stewart, Rayshawn Muldrow, Datniel Trejo-Zapata, Zi-ylah Francis, Denai-Nyree McIntosh-Chandler and Rosibel Guzman Rodriguez

P.S. 24'S FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS DISPLAYED THEIR TALENTS

The 2nd Annual Passaic County Teen Arts Festival (TAF) was held at the Passaic County Community College campus in Wanaque. Seven students from School 24's Fine and Performing Arts Academy had the opportunity to showcase their skills in the performing and visual arts. Professional artists at the Festival provided in-depth critical reviews and analysis of student work, performances and group presentations, a process that will benefit student growth as artists. Performing/exhibiting students had to be between 13 and 19 years of age and reside and/or attend school in Passaic County. Interdisciplinary workshops occurred throughout the day for the teens to explore alongside peer performances and





art exhibitions. Kiashly Reinoso and Jelanny Reyes performed a scene from *Frozen Jr.*, under the direction of their drama and voice teachers, Ms. Carla Brothers and Mrs. Dana Brannan. Elaine Chen, Jaslene Mendez, Fiona Chen, Mariaceleste Perleche and Emely Mejias, submitted artwork under the guidance of their visual arts teacher, Mrs. Karen Lipari. School No. 24 and Fine and Performing Arts students had the opportunity to participate in the following workshops throughout the day: Chinese Brush Painting, Improv Games: Making Sport of the Stage, Intro to Stage Combat and Origami.

Elaine Chen was presented with a nomination to attend the New Jersey Teen Arts Festival to compete at the state level! In addition,

her artwork has been selected to be part of the NJ traveling arts exhibit. TAF presents a unique opportunity for teen artists, educators, and arts professionals to come together and celebrate as one community. The State Festival will take place June 5.



DISTRICT STUDENTS VISIT NJ COLLEGE CAMPUSES WITH THE HELP OF GRANT FUNDING

STUDENTS FROM TWO DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS
VISIT PRINCETON AND DREW UNIVERSITIES

Students from two district high schools visited college campuses in New Jersey to help them visualize the possibilities of higher education. The trips were made possible through \$1,400 in grant funding from the Community Foundation of New Jersey, a nonprofit organization that runs a program called “Field Trip New Jersey” that makes it possible for students in low-income school districts to take field trips without worrying about the expense of transportation.

The funding was secured through the efforts of district Guidance Department Supervisor Tanya Haney, who worked with the Guidance Department staff at Rosa L. Parks School of the Fine and Performing Arts (RPHS) and International High School (IHS) to arrange a college visit for students at each school. Twenty-seven RPHS juniors recently

visited Drew University in Madison, N.J., which boasts a top-ranked theater program. Thirty-eight IHS juniors visited Princeton University, New Jersey’s Ivy League school.

“It’s experiences like a college visit that can ignite a student’s desire to get a college education,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer. “I want to commend Director of Guidance Tamisha McKoy, Guidance Department Supervisor Tanya Haney, and everyone on the guidance team who took the initiative to arrange these opportunities for our students. We appreciate everything the Guidance Department does to help our students realize their potential and achieve their aspirations after they graduate from Paterson Public Schools.”

Assisting with the college visits and field trip grant submission were RPHS School Counselor Ayoka Clifford, IHS School Counselor Sarah Gerdes, and Guidance Department Secretaries Chandra Johnson and Katherine Bermeo.



International High School Students and Staff at Princeton University

DREW
UNIVERSITY



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International High School Students and Staff at Princeton University



Rosa Parks High School Students and Staff at Drew University



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EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ACCEPTED TO HOWARD UNIVERSITY

PARIS HIGGS, YEAR-ROUND GIRLS TRACK ATHLETE, WILL MAJOR IN BIOLOGY WITH HER SIGHTS ON MEDICAL SCHOOL

In a continuing trend of district students gaining acceptance to many of the nation's elite colleges and universities, Paterson Public Schools officials announced today that Eastside High School senior Paris Higgs has been accepted to Howard University. Higgs will be the first in her family to go to college. She intends to major in biology with her sights on medical school.

Last summer, Higgs was appointed as an alternate student representative to the Board of Education.

"I am fortunate that I have had the chance to get to know Paris during the past year when she was nominated for the student representative position. I am so proud of her on her acceptance to Howard University," said Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer. "I have no doubt that she will be successful in college and in her chosen career in medicine. I want to congratulate her as well as her family. I thank all of Paris' teachers, coaches, and administrators for helping Paris achieve her very best in order to obtain this tremendous opportunity."

Higgs is a native of the Bahamas. She has a sister who is 12 and a brother who is 8. She and her family were living in Turks and Caicos before coming to Paterson with her family when she was 11 years old. She enrolled in Public School No. 26 after she arrived.

Higgs is a member of the National Honors Society and the captain of the Eastside Girls Track Team. She has competed in all three of the track team's seasons. Last week, she was among the runners who won their section in the 4x100 at the Penn Relays.

On being the first in her family to go to college, Higgs said, "It's a very big accomplishment."

She said she chose Howard University because she felt a connection with the school.

"I liked the culture and the environment," she said. "It's very community based, like it's just one big family."



Paris Higgs

WINNERS OF THE 11TH ANNUAL ADOLESCENT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS CONTEST

Twenty New Jersey students in 5 through 12 grades were honored at the Partnership for Maternal and Child Health of Northern New Jersey, in collaboration with the New Jersey Department of Health, announced the winners of the 11th Annual Protect Me with Immunization Awareness Poster and Video Contest.

This year's campaign emphasizes the importance of educating the communities about the health benefits of vaccination.

High school poster contest winners, two were from Rosa L. Parks High School of Fine and Performing Arts: 2nd Place: Marquise Green, 11th grader, and Honorable Mention: Zero Beltran, 10th grader. Congratulations and thank you to the teachers, parents and staff that assisted the students for a suburb job, well done.

UPDATED TV STUDIO AT JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL ANCHORS NEW COMMUNICATIONS PATHWAY

KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL UPDATED THEIR STUDIOS AND LAB AS A PART TO PREPARE THE STUDENTS FOR THE REAL WORLD

John F. Kennedy High School unveiled its updated media studios and lab that will be part of a new Communications Path at the school. The new pathway's facilities, comprised of a TV studio, recording studio and design lab, are part of the continuing roll-out of the District's High School Restructuring Plan. Boasting new video equipment, computer stations, lighting, and other updates, the studio is designed to provide students with the equipment necessary to prepare them for the real-world market. Board of Education Commissioner Eddie Gonzalez, Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer, Assistant Superintendent Cicely Warren, Principal of Instruction Jorge Osoria, and Pathway Associate Supervisor Carolina Acevedo spoke for the event opening. Television Production Teacher Richard Solis and Science Technology Teacher Lynn Hazelman were on hand to present the facilities.

The updates to the school's media facilities began over a year ago as the COVID-19 restrictions were being lifted. A review of the

equipment found that most of the available equipment was either non-functional or outdated. Utilizing money from ESSER II funding, the Communications Pathway now provides 5 FHD video cameras, 10 DSLRs, a steady cam system, 50 computers, portable switchers, multiple still cameras, recording equipment, and 3-D printers to the 125 students enrolled in five classes starting in the Fall. Additional plans are



being made to allow students to stream sporting events from the recently renovated Tyrone Collins Gymnasium, which will be part of the coming Sports Communications Track and to develop a partnership with William Paterson University of New Jersey and Montclair State University. Additional plans are also being worked out that will allow students to intern in the broadcast booth at Hinchliffe Stadium.

Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer said, “that every effort has to be made to get them ready for graduation and beyond. As you can see here, Paterson Public Schools is doing just that.” She continues, “we had a great start to the High School Restructuring Plan and that there is so much more to come.”

Board of Education Commissioner Eddie Gonzalez thanked the Superintendent and her leadership team for supporting the school and said, “that the students are going to benefit from the new facilities.”

Assistant Superintendent Cicely Warren said, “the field of Communications is telling stories and shaping narratives and using every tool available to do so. It’s really important that the story of Paterson and the narratives are shaped by people that live in Paterson and our students. I’m really thrilled that they will have the highest quality tools that will enable them to do so.”

Principal of Instruction Jorge Osoria, “Today is a very exciting day for John F. Kennedy High School as we finally get to see the fruits of our labor.” He thanked the students and said, “I’m really looking forward to all of the great things that are going to come out of this program.”

Pathway Associate Supervisor Carolina Acevedo said, “As a Paterson native born and raised in the city, it makes me very happy to and proud to give back to the city and see us keep develop these pathways.”



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“CONGRATULATIONS” DISTRICT SPORTS PLAY

STUDENT-ATHLETES BECOME MEDALISTS IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS COMPETITION

34 MEDALS WON BY STUDENT-ATHLETES AT THE DR. HANI AWADALLAH SCHOOL, ALEXANDER HAMILTON ACADEMY, AND JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL



Student-athletes and coaches from the DHA “Wolf Pack.”

Student-athletes from the Dr. Hani Awadallah School (DHA), Alexander Hamilton Academy (AHA), and John F. Kennedy High School (KHS) won medals at the recent area Special Olympics Track & Field competition. The 34 medalists will compete in the 2023 NJ State Summer Games at The College of New Jersey on June 9th through June 11th.

The May 6th area competition held at the Passaic County Technical Institute in Wayne included shot put, long jump, 400-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 100-meter dash, 4x100 relay, and the 4x400 relay. The team was led by coaches Jackie O'Connor, who teaches physical education at DHA, Hathil Hammad, an instructional aide at DHA, and Marie Scott, a special education teacher at DHA.

“We are extremely proud of all of our student-athletes who competed in the area Special Olympics Track & Field competition. Every one of them inspires us to face the challenge of competition and to keep in mind that it’s not about winning or losing but doing our very best,” said Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer. “I congratulate everyone who competed in the recent track and field meet, and

we wish the very best of luck to those who will be advancing to the statewide competition. I want to thank their dedicated coaches and their parents and guardians for their support of our Special Olympics competitors.”

A total of 20 gold medals, 9 silver and 5 bronze medals were won by district student-athletes at the event.

DHA: Jayden Sepulveda: 4 Gold medals and 1 Silver medal
Enoc Perdomo: 2 Gold medals and 2 Silver medals
Londyn Hemmings: 4 Gold medals
Jeremiah Fisher: 2 Gold medals and 1 Silver medal
Brandon Sanchez: 1 Gold medal and 3 Bronze medals
Chase Angus: 1 Silver medal
Juan Infante Vidal: 1 Gold medal, 1 Silver medal, 2 Bronze medals

KHS: Carlos Izaguirre: 4 Gold medals

AHA: Nelson Sanchez: 1 Gold medals

Joshua Garcia: 3 Gold medals
Lysias Ruiz: 1 Gold medal
David Jimenez: 1 Gold medal
Maha Hussein: 1 Gold medal
Zuheir Hussein: 1 Silver medal
Elachi Ruiz: 1 Silver medal

P.S. 20 PARTICIPATION WITH THE “GIRLS ON THE RUN” ORGANIZATION

“Girls on the Run” inspires girls of all abilities to recognize their individual strengths while building a sense of connection in a team setting. Volunteer coaches facilitate lessons that blend physical activity with life skill development to enable girls to adapt to whatever comes their way. At the end of the season, the team completes a 5K together, which provides a tangible sense of accomplishment and sets a confident mindset into motion.

This program was started last year by Mrs. Karen Stephenson, School 20 guidance counselor. Additionally, schoolteachers Mrs. Paulina Olivares and Mrs. Judy Ritter volunteered to coach along with a parent Mrs. Zakiyah Mason. *Photos courtesy of staff.*



Important Dates

June 13	4 th Marking Period Ends
June 13	Teacher Job Fair 90 Delaware Ave. – 1 st floor café 4 – 7 p.m.
June 15	Board of Education Regular Meeting
June 19	District Closed – Juneteenth
June 21-27	Early Dismissal for Students
June 27	Last Day of Students
June 28	Last Day of Teachers

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 27, 2023
Rain Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023

HINCHLIFFE STADIUM

9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STARS T.I.E.S.
12:30 PM - 3:00 PM	EASTSIDE HIGH SCHOOL PATERSON STEAM HIGH SCHOOL ROSA PARKS HIGH SCHOOL P-TECH



GRADUATE
2023

Board of Education Meeting













The June 15th Board of Education meeting will be held in-person at 6:00 p.m. at the Joseph A. Taub (JAT) Middle School, 202 Union Avenue. It will also be live streamed at pps.eduvision.tv/LiveEvents. Those who want to give public comment must do so in person. They should register when they arrive at the JAT School for the meeting.

Simultaneous Language Interpretation

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June Self-Care Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 <i>"Relax, recharge, and reflect. Sometimes it's OK to do nothing." — Izey Victoria Odiase</i>			1 Take a light-hearted approach. Choose to see the funny side. 	2 Send a kind text message to somebody in your life who deserves it.	3 Say positive things in your conversations with others. 	4 Set an intention for the day.
5 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh.	6 Evaluate your self-care goals. 	7 Eat at your favorite restaurant.	8 Leave a positive message on a mirror or in a public place.	9 Reflect on three things you are grateful for today.	10 Write down every thought you have today and capitalize on the good ones!	11 Check in with a friend or family member. 
12 Read something you enjoy. 	13 Make a list of parks you would like to walk in. Schedule some for the future and do one today.	14 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you.	15 Wake up early and watch the sunrise! 	16 Buy yourself a treat/Do something nice for yourself	17 Stay calm and collected today! If you find yourself rushing, make an effort to slow down.	18 Bring joy to others by doing something kind for them. 
19 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement. 	20 "If it doesn't make the world better, don't do it." — Brad Montague	21 Stay hydrated and cook yourself a nutritious meal. 	22 Notice how positive emotions are contagious between people.	23 Do an outdoor activity and really soak up some sunshine and fresh air!	24 "You have been criticizing yourself for years, and it hasn't worked. Try approving of yourself and see what happens." — Louise L. Hay	25 Rest Day! Do things that fill up your cup. 
26 Put your phone away for the evening.	27 Allow yourself to be Human instead of Perfect. "NO ONE IS PERFECT." PENCILS HAVE ERASERS! ...	28 Begin your day with Intention Setting! Your day is how you make it!	29 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it. 	30 Say the mantra, "I am intelligent, I am kind, I am important, and I am enough."	 See you in September!	


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