

Paterson Post

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All City Band Makes Triumphant Thanksgiving Debut

The All City Band made its triumphant debut at the halftime show of the 95th Annual Thanksgiving Classic Football Game on November 27th. The band was comprised of alumni from all of the district's high schools, students, and staff members – all of whom gave their time and talents as volunteers. "This all started about a year ago with a vision to bring back some of Paterson's great musical glory to the Thanksgiving holiday, and bring the Paterson community together as we count down the final months to restoring local control of the school district to the families of the great City of Paterson," said Superintendent of Schools Eileen F. Shafer during her remarks to the crowd. Shafer, who was a drum major and led the band as it marched from Eastside High School to Bauerle Field, thanks the following people for their efforts: Unit 2 Principal Cora Quince, Tyoin Coley, Monae Clancey, Ivory Davis, Wes Noel, Portia Holliday, Craig Capers Redmond, Jamar Pipkin, Rutesa Holliday, Stephanie Assal, Thomas Gaydos, Steven Covacci, Kaela Quince-McMillan, Jason Queved, Bernie Visto, Reginald English, Kenneth Davis, Kelvin Quince, Ivonne Reilly and Eliza Rodriguez. Shafer also gave special acknowledgement to the individuals who gave donations to the band as well as Rosie Grant and Linda Reid of the Paterson Education Fund, and John McEntee and Charles Ferrer of the Paterson Education Association for their support.



Paterson Public Schools Celebrates Giving Thanks



On November 26th, parents of students at Public School No. 15, a Full Service Community School, celebrated giving thanks with a potluck supper. The event was organized by the school's Parent Teacher Organization and ESL families.

Public School No. 13's first-graders had their Thanksgiving celebration feast on Wednesday, November 27th. Decorations were made by each student in the first grade classrooms. Chains hanging from the ceiling included writings from students about the things for which they were most thankful. Students also helped cut out different fall color leaves, and assisted in painting the Thanksgiving banner. Teachers contributed by bringing many different Thanksgiving dishes. Parents from the school community helped serve the food. Students said what they were most thankful for before everyone started eating.



Art and Science at Don Bosco Technical Academy



Don Bosco Technical Academy science teacher Jennifer Post used pendulum painting to teach Isaac Newton's Laws of Motion to her sixth grade science students. She used an arts integration lesson that she had learned last summer at the William Paterson University (WPU) Annual Summer Arts Integration Institute.

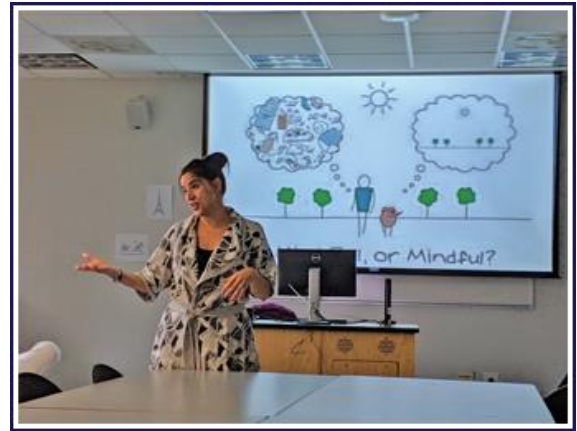
Students were interested in the fact that pendulum painting is both an artistic act of creation and a scientific reality. They were amazed by the potential of creating dazzling artworks and doing relevant science experiments at the same time.

After the pendulum painting part of this lesson was over, Post asked the students to write about what they observed and learned using specific vocabulary words from Newton's Law of Motion including: force, gravity, motion, and reaction.

The pendulum paintings and the student responses were displayed at the school's report card delivery night. Don Bosco Technical Academy is a Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation-funded arts integration school.

Inspiring the Next Generation of Teachers

New Roberto Clemente Middle School's seventh grade language arts teacher Melissa Gencarelli recently visited William Paterson University to share insights on "Using Mindfulness Meditation in the Classroom" with the students in Dr. Betsey Golden's Child Development and Learning course. During the visit, Gencarelli led the group through a short meditation. The education majors embraced the idea of introducing this practice to their future students, and several reported at the next class meeting that they had tried it.



Celebrating National Native American Heritage Month



In honor of November being National Native American Heritage month, Public School No. 12's fourth-graders worked with science and social studies teacher Mary Krisak and Professor in Residence Mrs. Sandler to create totem poles. The students learned the rich background of these monuments, including their history and symbolism, and used recycled materials in developing their own original masterpieces.

A Pumpkin Patch at School 28

Public School No. 28 staff transformed the school's multi-purpose room into a Pumpkin Patch on Halloween. Filled with hay, music and dozens of pumpkins, students in pre-K and kindergarten were able to enjoy a real-life pumpkin patch and pick their very own pumpkin. The objective of the pumpkin patch was to provide a safe, educational experience for children as they explored the many pumpkins through the mounds of hay. The room was filled with fall harvest decorations suitable for children, and everyone was able to enjoy pictures with photo props that were handpicked and designed by the school's very own creative staff members.



Happy Holidays from the Central Office



Upcoming Events

Dec. 9: Strategic Plan & Action Steps Community Forum

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at Dr. Hani Awadallah School, 515 Marshall St.

Dec. 11: Board of Education Workshop

6:30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices, 90 Delaware Avenue

Dec. 17: Annual District STEM Expo

9:30 a.m. at William Paterson University

Dec. 17: Strategic Plan & Action Steps Community Forum

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at PS 26, 1 East 32nd Street

Dec. 18: Board of Education Regular Meeting

7:00 p.m. at the John F. Kennedy Educational Complex

Dec. 23, 2019 - Jan 1, 2020: Winter Recess

District Closed

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