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## Cash On Delivery!

*Stunning Three-Pointer from Half Court Puts Ghosts into Passaic County Tournament Final*

*Eastside will face Kennedy on Saturday*

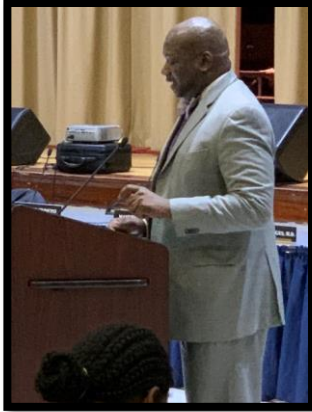


It was number three, Joshua Cash, whose three points at the buzzer put the Eastside Ghosts over the top for a win over Paterson Charter School 59-56 in the Passaic County Tournament semifinals on Saturday. “Definitely the biggest shot of my life,” Cash said to [sportswriter Darren Cooper of The Record](#). “I knew once we got the rebound, they would all retreat and once I got across half court, that’s when they came at me. I had enough time to get off a shot and I hit it.” Cooper reported that Cash’s game-winning shot quickly became known as “Cash on Delivery” among the many fans who packed the gymnasium at the Kennedy Education Complex. A jubilant Eastside Coach Marquise Webb embraced Cash after the team’s victory as fans celebrated on the hardwood. Later Saturday, the top-seeded Kennedy Knights beat Passaic 63-52. The two teams will face off against each other in the tournament final on Saturday, Feb. 29, at noon at Wayne Valley High School. Also last Saturday, the Kennedy Lady Knights lost to Wayne Valley after a valiant double-overtime effort.

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## Not Just Black Heroes, But American Heroes

At the district's celebration of black history last week, Paterson Public Schools Board of Education President Kenneth Simmons called upon the audience to think of black history as something more than an exercise in remembering slavery and the



civil rights movement. "We, as educators, parents and community members have an obligation to recognize powerful African American figures like mathematicians Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan and Mary Jackson in everyday conversations," said Simmons.



"Because these

aren't strictly black heroes, they're American heroes. Without Johnson, Vaughan and Jackson, America might not have won the space race." Simmons' remarks were a part of an evening that showcased students' talents and featured performances by Public School No. 24 Academy of Fine and Performing Arts students who sang *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing*, Rosa L. Parks High School of Fine and Performing Arts Vocal Ensemble who performed *Sweet Georgia Brown* and other



selections, School of Education and Training students who performed *What A Wonderful World* in American Sign Language, the Rosa L. Parks High School of Fine and Performing Arts Jazz Ensemble who performed a medley of songs by Regina Bell, and Morgan Mason, a fifth-grader at Public School No. 16, who was accompanied by music teacher Jason Quevedo as she sang *The Greatest Love of All*.



## Loving Black History, Past and Present

District officials welcomed N.J. State Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly and other state officials at a special ceremony and panel discussion to commemorate Black History Month on Feb. 14th at the Rosa L. Parks School of the Fine and Performing Arts. NJDOE Commissioner Dr. Lamont Repollet, Altice Government Affairs Vice President Marilyn Davis, Paterson City Business Administrator Vaughn McKoy, and ACE



Media President Andrea Holmes-Thompkins were among those who participated in the event, which had the theme this year of, "We Love Our History: Past and Present."

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## **PANTHER'S Young Women Network With Seasoned Pros**



Paterson Public Schools officials welcomed the Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women's Bergen/Passaic Chapter to PANTHER Academy on Friday for a "speed networking" event. The event brought 20 female students face-to-face with professional women representing the fields of medicine, law, education, science, real estate, marketing, politics and business. "I had to push myself past my comfort zone because I don't really like talking to people that I don't really know," Arneera Smith, a PANTHER Academy student, told a reporter from NJTV News. "But actually doing it got me much more advice."

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## **Don Bosco Technical Academy Hosts Career Day**



Superintendent of Schools Eileen Shafer was one of the many professionals who came to Don Bosco Technical Academy on Friday for the school's Career Day. Shafer spoke to a number of sixth grade classes about careers in education.

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## **Quiet On The Set! Spelling Skills Getting A Close Up at Public School No. 29**

At Public School No. 29, William Paterson University Professor in

Residence Dr. Betsey Golden has been working with first grade teachers Nicole Olsen, Shari Guillian, and Kristen Shedlock to put a new spin on spelling. In preparation for their weekly tests, students take turns presenting and spelling the words on camera. The teachers post these short class films and provide viewing opportunities during the week. This gives students practice with their public speaking skills, and teachers report improvement in test scores.

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### **Follow PPS Social Media!**

On **Facebook**, it's Paterson Public Schools. On **Instagram**, it's Paterson Public Schools NJ. On **Twitter**, it's @Paterson\_Public.

## India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka -- Here They Come!



Public School No. 12 teachers Tracy Nelson and Lauren Anania have been chosen to join William Paterson University professors and students, as well as other teachers, to travel to India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka in July. The trip is part of the Fulbright Hays Seminar Abroad Program to South Asia. The teachers will learn about the political, historical and cultural contexts shaping South Asia. They will also receive intensive language instruction, meet local people, and collect teaching materials.

### Schools 13 and 24 Raise Dollars for Pennies for Patients

This month, Public Schools No. 13 and 24 have been raising money for Pennies for Patients, the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)'s science-based service-learning program that connects schools with local blood cancer patients, provides tangible life skills to participants, and allows students to see the impact they're making in the lives

of others. On February 3rd, Halle Baker from LLS presented an interactive and educational assembly to School 24 students explaining how blood cancers work, and what the students can do as part of the "Hero Squad." After the first week, School 24 students raised more than \$1,324. Meanwhile, School 13 students have raised a total of \$2,450 for the organization, with Samantha Darden's fifth grade class raising the most money at \$324. Miranda Warren's first grade class raised \$202 and Thomas Toploski's first grade class raised \$200. The donations will



go towards life-saving research, and many patient-support programs. The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's mission is to cure blood cancer and improve the lives of patients and their families. For more information on bringing "Pennies for Patients" in schools, visit [www.penniesforpatient.org](http://www.penniesforpatient.org)



### Dale Avenue Tea Party

The English Language Learners at The Dale Avenue School celebrated their love for reading by having a tea party hosted by ESL Teacher Patricia Landeira. The event culminated with a story read to the children by Principal Richelle Neal.



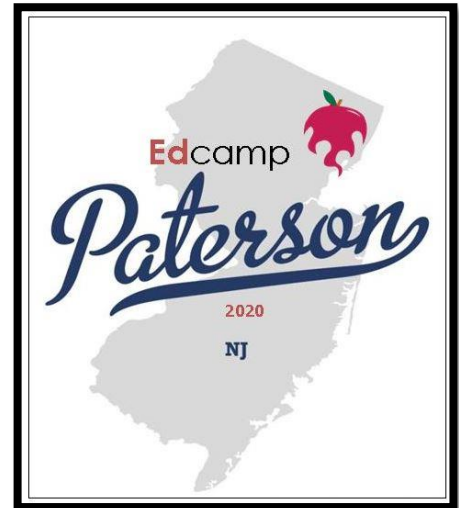
## A Bounty of Books

On a recent Friday, William Paterson University Professor in Residence Dr. Betsey Golden sat down with Public School No. 29 first grade teacher Kristen Shedlock to create a Donors Choose project to expand her classroom library. To this second-year teacher's delight, the entire project was funded by the following Monday. Golden immediately helped Shedlock launch a second project, one that was funded by the end of the week. Since then, Shedlock has had three additional projects funded, and she is now working on her sixth. Her first-graders now have many new reading options.

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## Edcamp Coming to Paterson Public Schools

The district's first-ever Edcamp Paterson! is coming to International High School on Saturday, February 29th. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., and the event will begin at 8:00 a.m. Edcamp is a new kind of teachers' conference that is an informal gathering of teachers exchanging their expertise with one another. The teachers who attend will set the agenda at the beginning of the day, then everyone will break into a variety of information sessions. If a teacher feels that a particular session doesn't fit their needs, that teacher is free to move on to another session. To register for this FREE event, please visit <https://edcamppaterson.ticketleap.com/edcamp-paterson-2020>.



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## Upcoming Events

### **Feb. 25: Special Education Job Fair**

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at 90 Delaware Avenue

### **Feb. 25: 2020 School District Budget Community Forum**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Palestinian Community Center, 388 Lakeview Ave., Clifton

### **Feb. 26: Board of Education Retreat**

5:30 p.m. Central Office Building, 90 Delaware Ave.

### **Feb. 29: Edcamp Paterson!**

7:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. International High School, 200 Grand Street

### **March 2: Kindergarten Registration Scheduling Begins**

Call the Office of Central Registration at 973-321-2501 for registration appointment.

### **March 6: Staff In-Service**

1:00 p.m. Student dismissal

**March 11: Progress Reports**

pre-K to 12th grade

**March 11: Board of Education Workshop Meeting**

6:30 p.m. Central Office Building, 90 Delaware Ave.

**March 18: Board of Education Regular Meeting**

7 p.m. Kennedy Educational Complex, 61-127 Preakness Ave.

**March 20: Paterson Education Association Day**

1:00 p.m. Student dismissal

**March 27: Elementary Choice Applications Deadline**

Dual Language Program at EWK, Fine & Performing Arts and Young Men's Academy applications are due.

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