

# Paterson Post

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## Public School No. 29 to Host Cadre of Dutch Educators



Public School No. 29 Principal Jorge Ventura welcomed to the school Petra Vos, an education professor from Windesheim University in the Netherlands. The two educators discussed arrangements for nearly two dozen Dutch educators to visit the school in October to see how the faculty incorporates the teaching of 21st century skills in kindergarten through fourth grade classrooms. Nancy Norris-Bauer, WPU director of the Office of Professional

Development Schools and Community Partnerships, and Betsey Golden, the school's professor in residence, coordinated the visit and attended the meeting.

## Public School No. 28/PAGT Students Attend "Girls Who Code" National Conference

Twenty-five girls from The Paterson Academy for the Gifted and Talented and their technology teacher, Glenn VanderVeen, attended a national Girls Who Code technology conference at Jet.com in Hoboken, N.J. The conference was designed to inspire, educate, and equip young women with the computing skills to pursue 21st-century opportunities. The girls in attendance participated in a hands-on coding activity and learned about programs and opportunities for careers in technology.



## Public School No. 2 Releases "Friend Like You" Video

Public School No. 2's Climate and Culture Committee released a new music video entitled, ["Friend Like You."](#) about friends getting along. Committee members said the video has an anti-bullying message, and they hope it will promote equality and respect among everyone in the school's community.

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## Kindergartners Share Original Poems

Public School No. 12's kindergarten teachers Sharon Davis-Pierre and Grace Kennedy introduced a poetry unit to their students. The unit inspired more than a dozen of their students to write and present original poems as part of the school's morning announcements during the month of April, which has been designated National Poetry Month.

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## RPHS Artist Wins Honors in Statewide Courtroom Artist Contest

Jeffrey Jackson-Perry, a student at Rosa L. Parks School of the Fine and Performing Arts, won second place in New Jersey State Bar Foundation's annual Courtroom Artist Contest. New Jersey State Supreme Court Chief Justice Stuart Rabner presented the award to Jackson-Perry.



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## STARS Academy Artists Shine at Local Art Shows



STARS (Students Transitioning and Achieving Real Success) Academy high school students have been recently showcased in a number of local art exhibitions. Through the month of April, the Paterson Museum's annual Paterson Public School District Student Art Show exhibit featured works by ninth-grader Antwone Bello, 10th-graders Mariah Perez and Ray'von Godfrey, 11th-graders Justin Garcia and Bryan Torres Tavarez, and 12th-graders Orlando Quinones and Everton Campbell. This exhibition followed the Passaic County chapter of Art Educators of New Jersey's (AENJ) exhibition at the Hawthorne Library, which featured art created by 11th-

graders Tanzem Hussain, Luis Mata, and Bryan Torres Tavarez; and 12th-graders Gwynne Ebanks, Amy Martinez and Nicholas Martinez. Artworks were chosen by Art Teacher Tawnya Stojakovic and Principal Natalie Hackett.

Photo from left: STARS Academy Art Teacher Tawnya Stojakovic and 11<sup>th</sup>-graders Luis Mata, Tanzem Hussain, and Bryan Torres Tavarez at the AENJ Passaic County Student Art Show award ceremony at the Hawthorne Library.

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## EHS Partners with Paterson Free Public Library on Literacy Initiative



Students from all three academies at the Eastside High School (EHS) left for spring break with newly-issued library cards thanks to a new initiative between EHS and the Paterson Free Public Library. The cards were distributed to nearly 200 students on April 17, after the partnership had begun in March as part of a Read Across America initiative. Corey Fleming, director of the library, and two other library representatives visited 16 English language arts classes to raise student awareness of the library's resources and to encourage students to apply for a library card. The partnership is expected

to continue with the goal of registering all EHS students for a library card.

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## Affirmative Action Training

District Affirmative Action Supervisor Houry Yeganeh conducted a training session for all district volunteer building-based Affirmative Action representatives on stereotypes and prejudices on April 4. The session included a think/pair/share activity in which participants shared personal experiences of stereotypes to build everyone's understanding of diverse groups. It also included videos of various racial, ethnic and religious stereotypes that different groups experience in order to raise awareness of students' needs when they are clustered as part of a particular group. Volunteer representatives were encouraged to share the information at their respective schools during an assigned professional development day.

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## Upcoming Events

### **Apr. 29: Board of Education Retreat**

5:30 p.m. at the Administrative Offices, 90 Delaware Avenue

### **Apr. 30: Report Card Distribution**

5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. All Other pre-K-8

### **May 1: Board of Education Workshop**

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

### **May 7: Budget Hearing and Adoption**

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

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