

# The Paterson Inquirer

## David Paterson IB World School Newspaper

Cultivating Champions, One Child At A Time!



*Ms. Lockhart and her 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class celebrate Unity Day by wearing orange and creating their class paper chain.*



### Unity Day

Unity Day took place on Wednesday October 16, 2024. On Unity Day, people come together to talk about why it is important to be kind and to prevent bullying.

One way that you can help to stop bullying is by being an upstander. Being an upstander means that you stick together and stand up for others. If you see someone being bullied, be an upstander and stick up for them.

At David Paterson, we celebrated Unity Day in lots of ways. Students and teachers wore orange to school to show that we

are all united against bullying. Our whole school also made orange paper chains. Every student made one link in the chain. We wrote on our orange link telling what unity means to us. Then, to show unity, we connected our links into a big chain.

We visited Ms. Lockhart's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class to see their unity chain. We also visited Ms. Lindo and Ms. McLaughlin's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade class to talk about Unity Day and to celebrate with the students who wore orange to school.

Unity Day was a success at David Paterson School!

By: Fatima Carrero Valles, Abigail Henriquez, and Genesis Mendoza

### Student of the Month

On Tuesday October 15, 2024, the David Paterson School celebrated at our Student of the Month ceremony. Students were chosen to be the Student of the Month for being risk-takers and for being knowledgeable.

I was chosen this month by my teachers Ms. Intreglia and Ms. Vitkowski for being knowledgeable in my class. Ms. Bergman also chose me to be the Student of the Month for being a risk-taker when my class has technology.

The ceremony was full of parents and teachers who came to watch us receive our awards. There were lots of snacks there for the guests like chips, candy, juice, and water. It was so much fun! Then, Ms. Lago and Ms. Vitkowski called the students' names and we came up onto the stage to get our certificates. I got to go up twice!

My advice to the students of David Paterson is: Don't give up and always try your best. Maybe YOU will be the Student of the Month next time! Maybe even twice like me!

By Kevin Anariba Ulloa



*David Paterson students who were chosen as Student of the Month at the October ceremony.*



ROAR

# The David Paterson Store

By Kevin Perez



Have you ever been shopping at the David Paterson School Store? If you earn 5 or 10 Paterson dollars, you can go to the DPS Store and choose a prize! I earned 5 Paterson dollars and I got to buy a can of glitter slime!

The Paterson Store has so many different prizes to choose from, and you can also choose to get a gift certificate for doing something special at school. For 5 Paterson dollars, you can win things like being the class line leader, sitting in your teacher's chair for one class period, or choosing a book to read aloud to your class. If you earn 10 Paterson dollars, you can earn the chance to eat lunch one day with your friend's class! Would you like to play basketball with Mr. Bedneau? It will only cost you 15 Paterson dollars! Would you like to eat lunch with Ms. Brown or Mrs. Williams? You can if you earn 20 Paterson dollars!

If you save up your Paterson dollars, you can earn an even bigger prize. You could be the weather announcer on the WDPS Morning News! You could earn a lunch with Dr. Caines! You could even be principal for a day!

There are also rewards that your class can earn together by working together as a team. Your class can save Paterson dollars to earn things like a Tik Tok dance party, a movie day, or even an ice cream party. Last year, my class was saving our Paterson dollars to try to earn a class pet! Here's my advice. Be nice to your friends and be respectful to your teachers so you can earn Paterson dollars like me! See you at the DPS Store!

David Paterson School, an IB World School

**Hooray for AAA!**

We celebrate your Attitudes, Attributes, and Actions

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_



# Nassau County Police Officer Visits DPS

By: Erick Rodriguez

On Friday October 18, 2024, Officer Capellan from the Nassau County Police Department visited David Paterson School to talk to the students about bullying. Officer Capellan showed us his uniform and the gear that he uses as a police officer such as his handcuffs, taser, radio, and pepper spray. Now we know about the things that the police carry with them so we do not have to be scared of them.



Officer Capellan also told us that it is important to be careful when we play games online because we don't know who the other people really are. They could be trying to trick us, so we should never give out our name or our address to anyone online. The most important thing that Officer Capellan taught us today is that bullying is never OK and that we should always treat other people the way that we want to be treated. Thank you, Officer Capellan, for coming to visit David Paterson!



## Character Day

By: August Calhoun

David Paterson School dressed up for Character Day on October 31, 2024! Students and teachers came to school wearing their costumes and we had a day full of fun activities. We started with our Mystery Reader assembly from Mrs. Matos and the Read For Success team. Our mystery reader was our former assistant principal, Mrs. Wright! We were so surprised to see her! She read the story Runaway Pumpkin. Thank you, Mrs. Wright!



In the afternoon, we went outside for our Character Day parade. We walked to the blacktop and got to see everyone's amazing costumes. Some of our favorite costumes were the fairy princesses, superheroes, Ninja turtles, and Disney characters. I dressed up as a purple butterfly! Mrs. Reichert was dressed up like a jellyfish, and Ms. DeTrano was a cowgirl. We loved seeing the students and teachers in their costumes. After the parade, we got to trick-or-treat to Ms. Matos and Ms. Owens who gave our Smarties to all of the students. We had a great Character Day!



*Ms. Ambrosio's Class at the Character Day parade.*

## DPS Alumni Spotlight

By: Angel Maldonado

Amari Williams is an 8th grader at ABGS High School in Hempstead. Amari was a student of David Paterson in Mrs. Lockhart's 6th grade class. He returned to visit his old school and talk about his success on the high school football team.

Amari played basketball as a student at DPS. He started playing football when he went to high school. "I always loved football and once I heard there was a high school team, I knew I wanted to join them," Amari said. Amari is a star player on the currently undefeated football team and has one assist and one goal so far this season.

Amari gave some advice to David Paterson's students. He said, "High school will be a lot of fun! Make sure you do all your work and don't get in trouble. Also, join a team! Middle school has a lot of different teams to choose from." Hopefully one day we can introduce you as a DPS Outstanding Alumni!



*Amari Williams, an 8th grader at ABGS, visits her old school, DPS.*

## Thankful Turkey Project

By: Brittany Aguilar Delcid and Maryori Valle Ponce

Have you seen the Thankful Turkey table outside of the MPR? You can donate a dollar and create your own DPS Thankful Turkey feather. We spoke with Ms. Williams and asked her a few questions about the project.

We asked Ms. Williams what happens to the money that is collected for the Thankful Turkey. She said that the Student Government is going to buy food to create beautiful Thanksgiving baskets that we will raffle off to the families of David Paterson. The food in each basket will help every family to make a delicious Thanksgiving dinner! We also asked Ms. Williams how many baskets she plans to make. She said, "Last year, we had so many donations that we were able to make 3 baskets for each grade! This year, we would love to have that amount again, but we are trying to have at least one basket to raffle for each grade."

Wondering how to enter the raffle? Every parent who attends this year's Parent-Teacher Conferences will receive a ticket to participate in the raffle! Make sure your parents attend parent-teacher conferences and maybe win a Thanksgiving basket this year! I (Maryori) won last year! Good luck to all the DPS students and have a Happy Thanksgiving!



*DPS Student Government members help students make feathers for the Thankful Turkey.*



# Student Government Elections

By: Zanyia Jackson

On Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, the students at David Paterson voted to elect the new officers for the DPS Student Government. We heard the candidates make their speeches on the WDPS Morning News and then we voted for the candidate that we thought was the best choice for our school.

The winners were announced on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Our new Student Government President is Maleah Mack, a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade student in Ms. Lockhart's class. The Vice President is Lia Reyes Lopez, a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade student in Ms. Matos's class. Our Secretary is Natalie Adames Bonilla, also a 6<sup>th</sup> Grader in Ms. Matos's class. Our Treasurer is Kelisia Rose, a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade student in Ms. Turner and Ms. Lago's class. Finally, our new Public Relations Officer is Yaritza Gonzalez, a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade student in Ms. Miller's class. Congratulations to all of the winners of our DPS School Election!



The winners of the DPS Student Government Election:  
Yaritza Gonzalez, Natalie Adames Bonilla, Lia Reyes Lopez, Kelisia Rose, and Maleah Mack.



## Meet the Journalists



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Delcid**



**Kevin Anariba  
Ulloa**



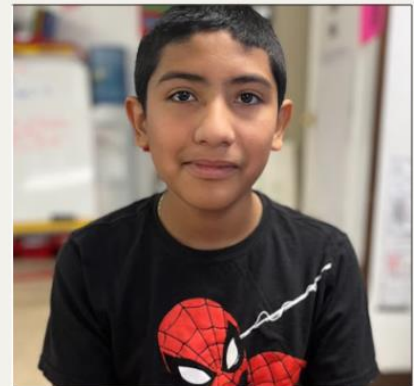
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**August Calhoun**



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**Joshua Flores**



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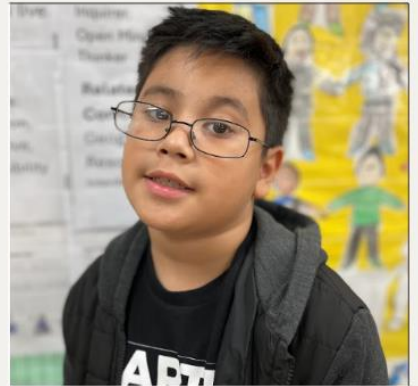
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**Zanyia Jackson**



**Aaliyah Knight**



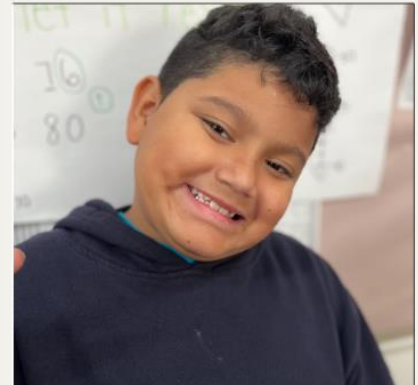
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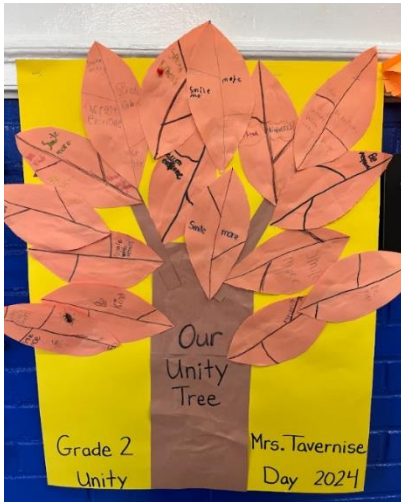
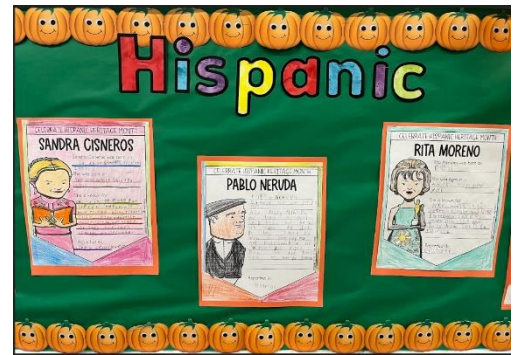


**Zamari Taylor**



**Maryori Valle  
Ponce**

# Hallway Happenings



PATERSON ARTISTS AT WORK



By: Esther Deras



By: Yuri Brown



By: Jayson Aguilar



By: Allisson Cabrera