



Elizabeth Public Schools, Elizabeth, NJ

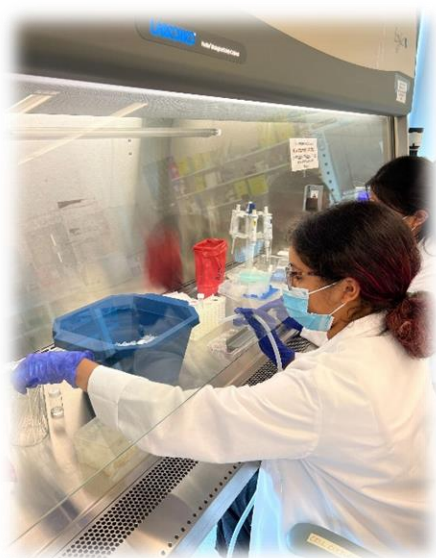
September 2022

*"One child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world." – Malala Yousafzai*

## JVJ Student STEM Research Scholar

Students in **JVJ STEM Academy** had the opportunity to participate in the 2022 Group Summer Scholars Research Program (GSSRP). To encourage these STEM endeavors, student Ilyssa Jimenez, a student in Mrs. Jain's Biology Class, was selected from a large pool of applicants for Kean University's GSSRP program. Participants work alongside faculty and staff on cutting-edge research projects in Analytical Chemistry, Scientific Visualization, Cancer Biology, Machine Learning, Developmental Biology, and Modern Drug Discovery.

Ilyssa worked with Dr. Salvatore Coniglio to investigate the presence of Osteopontin in Glioma Treated THP-1 Cells. Her research focused on Glioblastoma, a deadly type of brain cancer for which current treatment options are limited. The research team was investigating the cellular distribution of Osteopontin. Ilyssa gained valuable experience and got motivated to select Biomedical Science Class here in STEM academy and is currently a student in principles of Biomedical Science class in JVJ Stem Academy. Ilyssa plans on pursuing a medical career with the skills she is learning at JVJ Stem Academy and her research experience.



## Kean University Summer Research STEM Program

**John E. Dwyer Technology Academy's** students Helen Correa Zhizhpon, Miriam Damaris Granda, and Sandra Ocampo Garcia participated in a hands-on research experience aimed at attracting and developing talented students who are interested in pursuing an education in a STEM field.

Dwyer students and Kean University representatives worked alongside faculty and staff on cutting-edge research projects in Analytical Chemistry, Scientific Visualization, Cancer Biology, Machine Learning, Developmental Biology and Modern Drug Discovery. Upon completion of the program, participants gained valuable technical skills and research experience, learned to work as part of a research team, developed a true appreciation of the scientific research process, and contributed firsthand to the acquisition of new scientific knowledge. The 2022 program included additional programming with professional skills workshops, instrumentation demos, and a focus on college and career paths. [https://youtu.be/Nor47\\_oBPEU](https://youtu.be/Nor47_oBPEU)



## Hamilton Lion Rotary Recipients

This year, **Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy** received the highest number of recipients in the district who were awarded the prestigious \$2,000 scholarship.

Since its establishment in 1986, the Albert & Louise Davis Scholarship Fund of the Rotary Club of Elizabeth, NJ, Inc. has demonstrated its ability to meet its mission as follows:

To provide scholarship grants to Elizabeth High School students in Elizabeth, NJ and to enrich their lives and enhance their prospects of achieving the “American Dream” of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness through education.

Over the years this mission has benefited over 256 students who have received grants totaling more than

\$379,000. Applicants are evaluated based on grade point average, extracurricular activities, civic involvement and financial need. The Davis Fund has made a profound difference in their lives.

Hamilton Academy is proud of the Hamiltonians: Annelys Pimentel, Felicity L. Saucedo, Jennifer Quito, Da'Sean Ingram, Courtney Fordjour, Lizeth Garzon, Yuli Martinez, Camila Taddeo



## Elizabeth Public Schools Receives a Donation

Union County Commissioners Sergio Granados and Lourdes Leon visited Elizabeth Public Schools on September 8 to donate school supplies to support district students.

The county commissioners were welcomed at the James P. Mitchell Building by Elizabeth Board of Education Vice President Iliana Chevres and Board Member Diana Barbosa as well as Elizabeth Public Schools Superintendent Olga Hugelmeyer, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Jennifer Cedeño, and Director of Special Services Diana Pinto-Gomez.

Various supplies were donated by the commissioners, including notebooks, folders, binders, pens, pencils, highlighters and personal protection items such as hand sanitizer, sanitizer wipes, and face masks. Elizabeth Public Schools and the Elizabeth Board of Education thank the Union County Board of County Commissioners for their very generous donation and continued support of Elizabeth's students, families, and residents.







## “Chalk Our Walk”

A few days before school officially started, **Madison-Monroe School No. 16** students, teachers and families were invited to stop by the main and annex buildings to decorate the sidewalks/walkways with back-to-school messages, drawings, quotes, and encouraging words for all to enjoy on their first day back. Mr. DiFonzo, School Principal and Mrs., Gaeta, Vice Principal were both present to greet students and their families as they arrived. It was a special moment as the community joined together to spread joy, optimism, and inspiration using sidewalk chalk art. The sidewalks and walkways were beautifully adorned to create a welcoming first day for all to enjoy!



## Alexander Hamilton Students Team Up for the Pringles Challenge

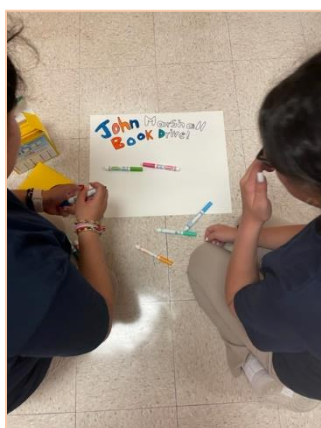
On September 13, 2022, Ms. Brodsky's period 1 AVID class **Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy** took part in the Pringles Challenge as a team building activity. Students were broken up into teams of three or four. Each team was given one can of Pringles and tasked with stacking the Pringles so that they formed one perfect circle. Success at this challenge required that students work collaboratively as a team and use their problem-solving skills. The results were outstanding!





## National Junior Honor Society Book Drive

**John Marshall School No. 20's** National Junior Honor Society has begun their annual Book Drive. Student leaders have constructed fliers, created posters and enthusiastically promoted the collection of new or gently used books. The goal is to ensure that homes in the John Marshall community have books to promote literacy and foster a love of reading.



## Italian American Police Society

**Christopher Columbus School No. 15** was chosen by the Italian American Police Society as the recipient of their annual back-to-school fundraiser.

The Italian American Police Society donated a multitude of school supplies that have been distributed to students during the first days of school. The society's president, William Schievella and society recording secretary, Anthony Cavallo, were joined by Elizabeth Police Director Earl Graves, Police Chief Giacomo Sacca, Union County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Gianella and Officer Schulz as well as two members of the canine unit in presenting the donations to the school. School No. 15 is honored and thankful to be the recipient of such amazing generosity!





## School Year Starts with a Roar

Bright smiles and high-fives helped usher in the new school year at **Nicholas S. LaCorte Peterstown School No. 3** as mascot Tiger TATE greeted scholars entering the K-8 building on Sept. 9. TATE not only reveled in school spirit, but reminded students of the core values of Teamwork, Acceptance, Trustworthiness and Effort.

As a School of Character, educators have spent much of September reinforcing the school's discipline code (R.O.A.R.) as well as implementing the Bully-Buster curriculum and activities.



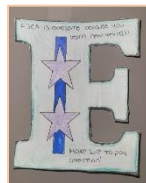
## A Fantastic Opening

**Elmora School No. 12** is off to a successful start! Students and parents cheered on the mascot, the *Elmora Eagle*, as he greeted students on opening day. Board of Education Commissioners Maria Carvalho and Stephanie Goncalves welcomed students with high fives. Students entered the fully decorated school with great big smiles ready to engage in teaching and learning. Student work is already posted demonstrating rigor and a rich culture for teaching and learning. Elmora Eagles, we are ready!





## Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy Welcomes the New Freshman Class



The FJCA freshman were greeted by messages from former students on their first days of school. Ms. Garcia our Physical Education teacher facilitated this wonderful gesture of kindness. The messages were created last school year to help make the new students this year feel more comfortable and welcome. They were placed on each locker for the new freshman class to keep.

## Welcome Back Halloran Huskies!



**William F. Halloran School No. 22's** administration and guidance, including the school's anti-bullying specialist, welcomed their 2022-23 scholars with a back-to-school assembly.

Focusing on social emotional learning, students explored topics such as conflict resolution, success strategies, and learned about the New Jersey Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.

The William F. Halloran students won prizes for participation and learned of the school's PAWS (Positive, Wise, Accountable Scholars) passes, which recognizes learners for positive behavior and acts of kindness. The Halloran Huskies are excited for an awesome school year!

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## A Special Visit

Students at **Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23** arrived to school on the first where they were greeted by teachers and had a visit from Butler the Bulldog!

Students were excited to meet their teacher and are looking forward to an exciting new school year, connecting with old friends, making new friends and most importantly learning lots of new and interesting things.

## Getting to Know Each Other

On Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> Students were welcomed back to **Nicholas Murry Butler School No. 23 Annex**. In Mrs. Hincapie's Room 3-101, the students had a great first day getting to know each other, learning routines and expectations, and learning more about our school. Students enjoyed a scavenger hunt around the classroom to answer questions about their new teacher. They shared with the class what they did over the summer, about their families, and their likes and dislikes. Students brainstormed goals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade on what it is that we all must do to help each other reach our goals this year. We are all looking forward to a wonderful school year!



## Start with Hello

**Juan Pablo Duarte Jose Julian Marti School No. 28** started the first week of school with *Start with Hello*. Every day, students had conversations about how to make friends and form connections. At the end of the week, they celebrated with a "Hello" parade. *Start with Hello* is a program that was developed with the Sandy Hook Promise to teach students how to be more connected to each other. Students learned how to reach out and help others who may be feeling left out.





## Special Guests Welcome Students to School No. 9



**Jerome Dunn Academy of Mathematics, Technology and the Arts School No. 9** celebrated the opening of schools with members of the community visiting and welcoming our scholars back into the building. It was a great first day seeing the professionals around the community interacting with out scholars.

## Celebrations at GWA

**George Washington Academy of Science & Engineering School No. 1** welcomed back GWA scholars and parents for another amazing school year.

GWA kicked off the first day celebrations for students with a huge welcome from the community, including Councilman Carlos Torres and The Elizabeth Fire Department.

Students and families were encouraged to take a photo at the “Welcome Back GWA” backdrop while dancing to music.

Also, School No. 1 kicked off with their first school event *Dads Walk Their Child to School Day*. At this event, Dads and Grandfathers were encouraged to walk their children to school, beginning with their child’s day with paternal support and love.







## Greetings Students!



**Abraham Lincoln School No. 14 Annex** welcomed grades 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bilingual 4<sup>th</sup> Back to School. Students were greeted at the front entrance, and teachers, admin and staff welcomed them joyfully.

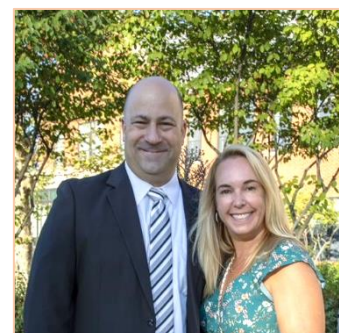
## Welcome Back Battin Students!



**Joseph Battin School No. 4** opened its doors for the new school year in two different locations. The main is located at 501 Union Ave and houses PreK and grades 2-8. The annex is located at 840 North Broad St and houses Kindergarten and first grades. The students arrived on buses with smiles and excitement as the staff welcomed them to the new school year.

## Welcome to Academia!

Everyone was all smiles as Team members greeted scholars at **Victor Mravlag School No 21!** There was excitement in the air as youngsters returned to school after a relaxing summer. Teachers and students came back refreshed and ready to learn. All are looking forward to a great year!





## Elmora School No.12 Honors Victims and Heroes of 9/11/01



**Elmora School No. 12** Chorus under the direction of Dr. Kroik, sang “DFona Nobis Pacem, Grant Us Peace” over the intercom for the entire school body as a tribute to 9/11 victims and heroes.

Following the performance, the entire staff joined in a moment of silence. Elmora School No. 12 will continue to promote peace, respect, and kindness throughout the school year.

## Growth Mindset Concept

To create a culture of growth, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class from **Nicholas LaCorte - Peterstown School No. 3 Annex**, has committed to the growth mindset concept.

Students are encouraged to embrace challenges with an open mind and failure is viewed as a learning experience. Students engage and complete interactive activities that encourage students to try hard, along with letting them know they have what it takes to improve and develop in their academics.



## Badlani Foundation Unveiling Mural

Just before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, **Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy** invited the Nikhil Badlani Foundation to come speak to the driver education students about safe driving behaviors. Students created a beautiful art mural consisting of three panels during their Physical Education class, but unfortunately the COVID pandemic hit just as the mural was to be unveiled.

Michael Loenser, Health and Physical Education Department Chair and Teacher explained this endeavor, “My goal was for students to engage the school and Elizabeth community through a more active approach regarding safe driving habits.” Sangeeta Badlani, Founder and President of the Nikhil Badlani Foundation, spoke to the entire sophomore class in an assembly about her personal story regarding distracted driving and Nikhil’s Law. The core underlying principles of Nikhil’s Law are to Stop Completely, Stay Alert, Talk Safe and Plan Ahead as part of the STOP For Nikhil Pledge located in the New Jersey MVC manual. Students learned more about Nikhil’s Law through the completion of a colorful 8’x 5’ mural illustrating the four components of Nikhil’s Pledge. This mural will be displayed at Hamilton and potentially at a local NJ Transit train terminal. A special ceremony was held on the morning of June 9<sup>th</sup> for the official unveiling of the student-created community mural with special guest Mayor J. Christian Bollwage.





### **Admiral William F. Halsey Jr. Health and Public Safety Academy**

Halsey Academy welcomed its students on September 9, 2022. This month, Halsey Academy students will be very busy celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month! Students will be learning about and celebrating Hispanic history, music, culture, as well as important Hispanic people who have made a positive contribution to society.

### **Toussaint L'Ouverture – Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6**

School No. 6 will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage from September 15 through October 15.

Ms. Trozzi, has organized student involvement, to share facts and accomplishments daily during morning announcements. Students have been overjoyed to participate in this celebration.

Students have shared statements and facts celebrating and honoring the culture, contributions, achievements, and identities of Hispanic and Latino people in the United States. They also paid tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation, society, and school community.



### **Madison-Monroe School No. 16**

Students recognized and celebrated the contributions of Hispanics from the arts, sciences, sports, and education. They learned the importance of cultural pride and the unique contributions that Hispanics have made. Students enjoyed learning about Sonia Sotomayor, the first Latina Supreme Court justice in history, Rita Moreno, one of the few female Latina actors to win an Oscar and Tony Award and Cesar Chavez, an activist that fought for the rights of Hispanic and Latin Americans.





## Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy's Tree-plenish Event



**Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy's** AP Environmental Science Class hosted a Tree-plenish event on May 21<sup>st</sup> presided over by Principal George E. Mikros. Thirty-eight trees valued at \$190 were provided to AHPA by Tree-plenish. Additionally, ten trees valued at \$50 were donated by the Ice Moon organization. AHPA accepted the donation of 48 trees from Tree-plenish and Ice Moon, as approved by the Elizabeth Board of Education. Beyond these 48 trees, which were given free to members of the community, students and teachers were offered a first come-first serve basis if anyone wanted to purchase trees. They were required to do so from the website that had been created for AHPA by Tree-plenish organization, for \$5. Student volunteers were at AHPA with their teacher, Ms. Ayesha Ali. People who ordered trees, picked them up. Planting trees, besides being a very noble endeavor, helps the planet fight against climate change by reducing the deleterious greenhouse effect. <http://tpevents.org/school/1116>

## Oh! The Places Flat Mrs. Taub Went!

What is it like to be flat and travel in an envelope? The new students in Mrs. Taub's fifth grade class at **Madison-Monroe School No. 16** were introduced to their new teacher during the summer when her 2D likeness arrived in the mail. Students were invited to take their flat teacher, as inspired by the book character Flat Stanley, with them on their summer adventures.

Photos were emailed to school which showed Flat Mrs. Taub traveling, gardening, shopping for ice cream, visiting the post office, and frolicking at the aquarium. It truly was a "flatastic" adventure.





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# Events

2022

Oct 3-7	Week of Respect
Oct 9-15	Fire Prevention Week
Oct 10-14	National School Lunch Week
Oct 17-21	National School Bus Safety Week
Oct 17-22	School Violence Awareness Week
Whole Month	Crime Prevention Month
Whole Month	National Principals Month
Whole Month	Breast Cancer Awareness Month

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**October**



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