

“Excellence is doing ordinary things extraordinarily well.” John Gardner

Honoring the Brave

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, but the fighting ended when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of “the war to end all wars” and dubbed Armistice Day.

In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as the end of the war, and in 1938, it became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I. World War II and the Korean War would follow and, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the word “armistice” to “veterans” in 1954 so the day would honor American veterans of all wars.

Over 100 years later, we continue to honor our nation’s veterans on Veterans Day for their extraordinary bravery and selfless sacrifice in protecting the United States of America and its people.

On November 11, 188 cadets from the Junior ROTC Program attended the Veterans Day Ceremony held at Elizabeth City Hall. Cadets also helped lay the wreaths.



Honoring Our Veterans

At **Abraham Lincoln School No 14**, students in grades 2-4 took time out to honor our veterans. Teachers led a discussion on why we should be thankful to our veterans. Some examples were that they choose to serve, that they leave their families and homes behind, they go through rigorous training, and they represent our country, no matter what.

Students used what they learned to write individual letters to veterans in the area. As a result, over 100 letters were delivered to the VFW of Hasbrouck Heights! This was a great way to honor and respect our heroes for the sacrifices they and their families have made for us so that we may enjoy our freedom.



Home of the Free Because of the Brave



Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy held a school wide assembly to show our gratitude for our US Military Veterans. Ms. Roszkowski's Sociology class honored Mrs. Maravi by gifting her with "Thank You" cards. A Q&A session followed where students learned about her military experience and deployment. Mrs. Maravi served as a Staff Sergeant in Operation Iraqi Freedom III with the US Army.

A Virtual Visit from A Veteran

In honor of Veteran's Day, students in Ms. Costa's class at **William F. Halloran School No. 22** had a virtual visit from Mr. Elio B who served in the US Marine Corps. as a KC-130J Aircraft Crew Chief. The students were able to ask him questions about his experiences and were excited to hear his replies. They also made thank you cards for him. It was a memorable experience for all.



Thank You Letters for Our Veterans

				
AIR FORCE	ARMY	COAST GUARD	MARINES	NAVY

Dear Veteran,

Thank you for your service. Thank you for all of your sacrifice you made. Your work looks really hard I am really thankful I have you. Thanks for giving us freedom. Congratulations on being the hero of this country

Sincerely,

Damilik: 3rd grade Elizabeth School #26

				
AIR FORCE	ARMY	COAST GUARD	MARINES	NAVY

Dear Veteran,

Hello veteran I am so thankful for ure service I now it was hard but ure ok. you have made a lot of sacrifices and they made you a day to honor you guys se how nice is that. I wish I could meet one of you maybe one day just maybe . It was nice to meet you bye.

Sincerely,

David third grade school 26

				
AIR FORCE	ARMY	COAST GUARD	MARINES	NAVY

Dear Veteran,

Thank you for your service You saved us you gave us liberty and you did sacrifices you are brave and hard working and I know the military takes a lot of courage and thank you for the risk you took being a soldier.

Sincerely,

Michelle 3rd Grade Elizabeth School #26

Students of Miss Norek's third grade ABL class from, **Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 @ 31** , are currently virtual, honored Veterans.

After studying about their hard work, sacrifices, and service, students wrote thank you letters. Letters were sent to surrounding VFWs. Third grade students would like to share their appreciation with any Elizabeth Public School District veterans and family members. Thank you for your service!

AT&T's HACEMOS and HISPA Help Drive Latino Diversity in STEM Fields Annual High Technology Day!



A High Technology Day invitation? YES, please! HTD is a national event that takes place across the U.S. and Mexico. When **Juan Pablo Duarte - Jose Julian Marti School 28's**, HISPAs Coordinator, Mrs. Volpe received an invite you can literally say, she "jumped for joy!" Schools used to be all about the 3 Rs: reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic. But the future is all about all about STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. This year's *High Technology Day* focused on an Intro to Coding with Edison Robots. Students and staff enjoyed a sponsored breakfast empanada on behalf of HISPAs. Students then were able to converse/collaborate with AT&T Role Models and Technicians via MS TEAMS on how to code robots based on the directions provided from AT&T experts. 8th grade student, Tommi Rodriguez said, "I know exactly what I want to do when I grow up, this is the coolest experience ever. Thank you so much AT&T, HISPAs, and Mrs. Volpe for bringing this opportunity to our school."

Towering Totem Poles

Students from Mrs. Ogbevre's fifth grade language arts class at **Nicholas S. La Corte-Peterstown School No. 3** read the book *Touching Spirit Bear* by Ben Mikaelson. Through the reading, students learned about Native American culture and community. As a culminating activity, students expressed their creative storytelling through artfully designed totem poles. Their totem poles, which were presented to their classmates, exemplified their own individual stories that celebrated significant events in their lives.



Student of the Month Celebration



The students at **Winfield Scott School No. 2** celebrated their Students of the Month in a BIG way this October. Students who have shown not only academic success but also have been excellent examples of conduct and behavior were selected by their teachers. September and October students were recognized in front of their peers virtually as the principal, Mrs. Shante Rorie, presented them with a certificate, a grand applause from all their classmates and a picture to share with their families. To add to the festivities, School 2 also celebrated their scholars with a special raffle. Students who are caught demonstrating respect, safety and responsibility are awarded Scholar Dollars throughout the day. These scholar dollars were collected and put into a special Scholar Dollar Raffle. We had three winners and the grand prize was a brand-new bike! Second grader, Gabriella DaSilva, rode away in true Owl style!

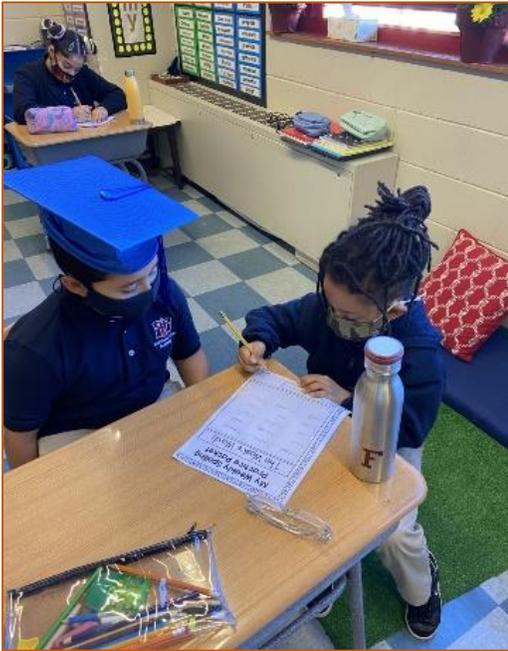
Superhero Day



Terence C. Reilly School No. 7 celebrated the *Week of Respect* by promoting a positive school culture through activities that enriched students academically, socially, and emotionally. Students participated in school wide activities and classroom lessons that fostered kindness and respect. Students *Teamed up Against Bullying* by wearing their favorite sports' team apparel. During "Superhero Day" students and staff got a chance to wear their favorite superhero t-shirts to remind us that we are all superheroes. School No. 7 will continue to work together to stomp out bullying and make this year the best year yet.

American Education Week Week

American Education Week Peer Leadership Program (PMP)



Select middle school students from seventh and eighth grades from **Chessie Dentley Roberts School No. 30** are currently mentoring elementary students in third and fourth grades. During Leadership period, Monday through Friday, they work with select homerooms in reviewing both Math and Language Arts skills for approximately thirty minutes. Mentors work alongside classroom teachers and provide one-on-one support to students. Aside from academics, the program provides students with a safe environment to form positive relationships with their peers. It also offers them an experience to practice and enhance their individual social emotional skills. The program has been so successful, fourth grade students have now shown interest in being mentors themselves. As one mentor put it, “I like working with younger kids, I always wanted to have a little brother.”



Special Thanks to Our Support Staff

The students and team members of **Woodrow Wilson School No. 19** kicked-off the week by wearing their favorite sport jersey to school. Students designed a “thank you” for their parents/guardians, created cards for the support staff, and dressed up in attire that represented their future career.

The week ended by “shouting out” a special thanks to all the dedicated substitute teachers at School No. 19.

STEM at JVJ Academy



For American Education Week, students and staff at **JVJ STEM Academy School No. 92** were able to gain insight and perspective from an amazing array of professionals representing assorted STEM oriented industries. Speakers for the day included, Dr. Melita Ellis King, M.D, MA –Physician from Sanford, NC and Vice President of Customer Success/CMIO at Ceras Health in Boston, Mr. Eric Foster, Chemical Engineer & CPM (Certified Purchasing Manager) from Chicago IL, Ms. Saumya Kasliwal, M.D. Candidate from Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University, and Mr. Rupinder Singh, FAA Certified Air Traffic Controller serving Jet Blue Airlines out of LaGuardia Airport. Because of JVJ’s Biology Teacher, Ms. Preeti Jain’s efforts to organize such a star-studded cast, students were able to interact directly with specialists from STEM related fields and learn, first hand, that excellence can be achieved when you are able to persevere through challenges you may face, are prepared to do what is needed to access opportunities, and are passionate about the work you are involved with.

Teacher & Student Dance Trends

In honor of American Education Week, students **Elizabeth High School- Frank J Cicarell Academy** were able to participate with teachers in dance trends using educational props for their music videos with teachers. For this event, students choreographed dances and taught them to the teachers. Collectively, students and teachers creatively implemented educational material as props for their videos. This activity allowed students to collaborate with educators and walk a mile in each other’s shoes. Teachers were able to join in on the modern fun dance trends as students were now teaching the teachers. Together a culture of respect and appreciation was built.



Career Day



Elmora School No. 12 kicked off American Education Week with Career Day. Students were invited to dress up as their future career dreams. With great enthusiasm students presented to their peers and teachers their future goals. Students aspire to be doctors, teachers, veterinarians, fashion designers, cooks, soldiers, police officers, and even the president of the United States!

At School 12 students are reminded daily to work hard, stay focused and set high goals to one day achieve their career dream.

Dreaming into the Future



With the theme “What We Learn Here Becomes a Part of Who We Are” - **Juan Pablo Duarte - Jose Julian Marti School No. 28** celebrates American Education Week on November 15 to the 19th, 2021. Monday kicked off with a school-wide project showcasing student’s career goals. Students young and old dressed up their “mini-me” professional dolls to be proudly displayed around their hallways. American Education Week will be celebrated with virtual parent read-alouds, inspirational stories by successful professionals and end with everyone’s favorite vocabulary parade.

Celebrating Public Education

American Education Week is such a wonderful and exciting time to celebrate public education and at **Abraham Lincoln School No. 14**, students were not disappointed. Students at every grade level completed activities tailored to their age, grade, and interest level.



Some activities students participated in were principal for the day, writing thank you letters to support staff, creating a pledge to encourage respect for substitutes, virtual visits from family members, creating feathers for the school turkey indicating why they were grateful, and dressing for their future career. Not only did students have fun, but they also learned a lot about the accomplishments and needs of public schools while honoring individuals who are making a difference every day!

Showing Appreciation at Dwyer Annex

During American Education Week we celebrate and appreciate the hard work and dedication teachers do daily. During this week we will be participating in multiple activities to show appreciation. **John E. Dwyer Technology Academy Annex.**

Monday – 11/15 – Wear a college shirt day over your uniform

Tuesday – 11/16 – Thank a faculty day – (Teacher thank you notes)

Wednesday – 11/17 - #Selfie Day (Take a selfie with a teacher)

Thursday – 11/18 – Dress like a teacher day

Friday – 11/19 - Teacher v Student Soccer Game

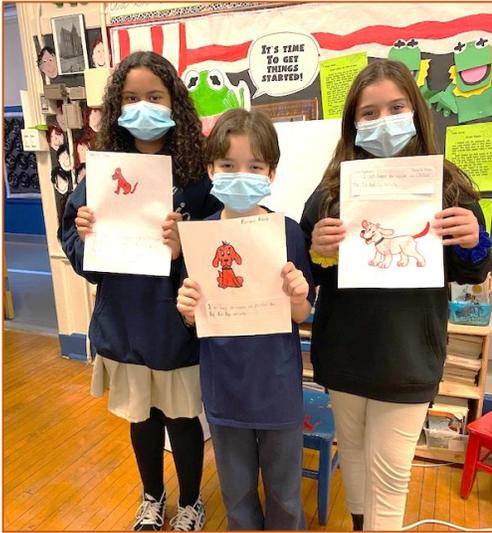
Husky Pride

William F. Halloran School No. 22 conducted various activities to celebrate American Education Week.

Activities included sharing daily inspirational quotes, teachers sharing their favorite books with their students and students creating thank you cards for the educational support professionals. What a way to show Husky pride!



A Doggone Good Time



Clifford the Dog made an appearance in Mrs. Roseanne Rosenbaum's kindergarten class at **Madison-Monroe School No. 16** when Mrs. Phyllis Taub's fifth grade students arrived to help them create their very own Clifford the Dog paper bag hand puppets. The kindergartners learned about different shapes, following directions, and the important concepts of under and over. The fifth graders enjoyed being role models. Each kindergartener sent their new pal a thank you letter for a wonderful experience. The fifth graders enjoyed receiving their letters as well as crafting their responses. By maintaining correspondence, the classes are learning to write for real purposes, and to feel the excitement of receiving mail!

Fall Festival Fun

Students, staff, and families from **Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29** participated in Fall Festival. Activities were sponsored by the school's PTO and included pumpkin picking and the annual Trunk-or-Treat. The outside playground was turned into a pumpkin patch. Students were excited to enjoy some fun outside the classroom!



Turn Up the Pink Day



John E. Dwyer Technology Academy wore pink to support the fighters, admire the survivors, honor the taken, and never giving up on hope.



Madison Monroe School No. 16 students and staff members on October 21, 2021, wore pink to commemorate Breast Cancer Awareness Month. “Turn Up the Pink” day is held annually to honor and show support for those who are cancer survivors and those who are currently struggling with such a terrible disease. Students learned about the importance of early detection, treatment, and the need of finding a cure.

School No. 12 is the *I* in Kind

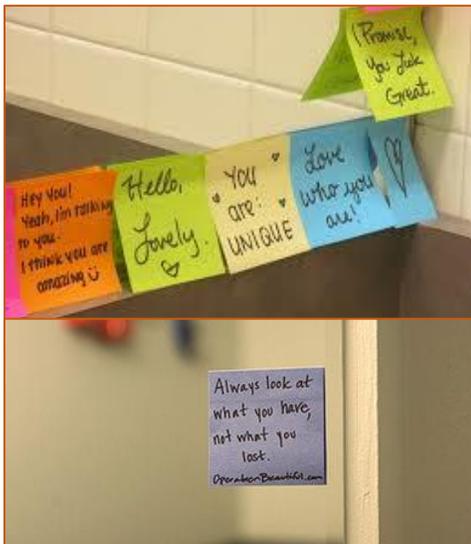
Elmora School No. 12 celebrates World Kindness everyday by listening to famous quotes that promote character education during morning announcements and by taking time daily to fill each other's buckets as a part of "How Full is your Bucket?" school theme. ESL Teacher, Gabby DaSilva and Media Specialist, Paul Richter painted a mural in the cafeteria entrance 'Be the *I* in kind' in recognition of World Kindness Day. Students will spend the month of November marking their handprints with paint around the mural and taking pictures as the *I* in kind. This colorful and lively mural is a constant reminder to be thankful for all we have and to be kind to others.



World Kindness Day

For World Kindness Day, **Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy** students posted positive and encouraging messages on the bathroom mirrors for students to read. The project was called "Love My Reflection" which encourages students to post notes on school bathroom mirrors to help improve people's self-esteem. The objective behind the messages in their school bathrooms was to brighten classmates' days and fight against body shaming. Some of the messages read:

You are important.
You are enough.
You are valuable.
You are smart.
You are beautiful.
You are loved.



Showing Gratitude

To celebrate Thanksgiving, **Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy's** students discussed in their English classes what they are grateful for. In addition, students wrote down what they were grateful for on feathers that they decorated. The feathers are being placed on the large turkey on display.

In addition, we have been celebrating American Education Week. Daily education quotes have been read by students during morning announcements. Students have also been writing thank you notes to teachers and staff to celebrate and honor those working to ensure that every student receives a quality education.



STEM Project

Ms. Ali's AP Environmental Science Class in **Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy** is gearing up to meet the challenges of a rigorous STEM project head on! Students will have to contact expert scientists, virologists and immunologists to figure out how COVID-19 is transmitted and efficacious ways of combating it.

Students will also compose a survey, which they will administer to members of the community to evaluate the prevailing attitudes towards science and vaccination. They will brainstorm ideas to address any anti-science attitudes encountered in the community. Finally, they will present their projects in a PTO meeting of Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy.

Camila Francisco, a student, had this to say about the project, "With Covid-19 being a significant issue worldwide, it is tremendously important for us, students, to understand how it has affected us. This project is a great way for us to investigate and communicate with the community, in respect to the virus." A senior in Ms. Ali's class, Steven Bechara said, "I think that our community needs to acknowledge the risks of not following COVID protocols & how we can help everyone be safer by getting vaccinated and keeping our masks on. I think that this project is a fantastic way to remind people about the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic and how scientific attitudes can foster individual and collective safety in our community."



Students also wrote essays on what bullying means to them. They also made orange ribbons in art class in recognition of Bullying Prevention Month.

Choose Kindness

Under the direction of Mrs. Christodoulakis, students from **J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy** decorated a bulletin board called *Choose Kindness*. Photos of teachers and staff were placed on the bulletin board so that students could write positive messages to them.



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