

# EXCELLENCE NEWS

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## Autism Acceptance Month Celebration

On April 11 at Donald Stewart Early Childhood Center School No. 51, the Elizabeth Board of Education hosted an evening of performances in celebration of Autism Acceptance Month, National Poetry Month, and Jazz Appreciation Month. EBOE President Charlene Bathelus Dorgely welcomed everyone to the event and introduced Board Member Iliana Chevres who is sponsoring initiatives dedicated to students reaching their full potential. These include Autism Acceptance Month and a partnership with the Monique Burr Foundation and Goya Foods that empowers students and relevant adults with the tools to ensure their personal safety. As emcee of the event, Chevres shared about her initiatives and activities in which she will participate as well as introduced Principals from each performing school to come forward to describe their students' acts.

The performances for the evening included "Classical Bits and Pieces" arranged by Freddie Hubbard, performed by students from Elizabeth High School-Frank J. Cicarell Academy and the EHS Jazz Band, "Spring is in the Air", performed by students from J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy, "AH YAY" by DJ Raphi, performed by students from Victor Mravlag School No. 21, and "I Have A Voice" and "All About Me", performed by students from Elmora School No. 12.



## APRIL HIGHLIGHTS



- Autism Acceptance Month
- Early Childhood
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## School Closings for May

**May 27** - Schools and District Closed - Memorial Day

### Important Events

Better Hearing and Speech Month  
Asian-Pacific Heritage Month  
Haitian American Heritage Month  
Mental Health Awareness Month  
Kindness Awareness Month  
National Military Appreciation Month  
School Principals' Day 5/1  
Teacher Appreciation Week 5/6-5/10  
National Nurses Week 5/6-5/10  
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National School Nurse Day 5/8  
Mother's Day 5/12  
Cuban Flag Day 5/20  
Memorial Day 5/27

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# AUTISM ACCEPTANCE CELEBRATION



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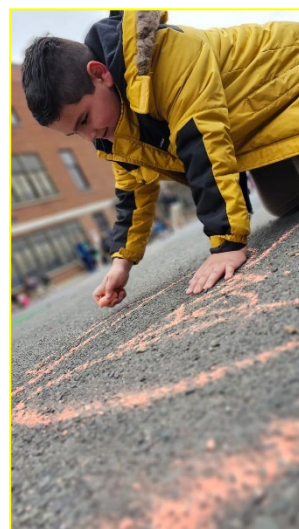


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## Woodrow Wilson School No. 19

Woodrow Wilson Warriors celebrated Autism Acceptance Month through a plethora of interactive and engaging activities. They were created to build a deeper understanding and acceptance of neurodiversity. Examples of activities that helped kick off the dynamic neurodiversity celebration were campfire storytelling, a sensory walk, bubble creation station, volleyball and interactive musical performances.



## Joseph Battin School No. 4 Annex

Elizabeth Board of Education President Charlene Bathelus Dorgely and Elizabeth Board of Education Member Stephanie Goncalves Pestana made a special trip to Joseph Battin School 4 Annex. They took the time out of their busy schedules to read to the students at 4 Annex and raise awareness for Autism. They read to four different classes and students enjoyed the books and having special guest readers. Everyone had a great time!





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## Jerome Dunn Academy of Mathematics, Technology, and the Arts School No. 9

Autism Acceptance Month was celebrated among students in kindergarten through second grade. Elizabeth Board of Education President Charlene Bathelus Dorgely, Board Member Iliana Chevres, and Councilwoman-At-Large Patricia Perkins also had the chance to be a part of the celebration.

The Jerome Dunn Jaguars engaged in various multisensory activities including bubbles, balloons, Play-Doh, yoga, coloring, and music to promote awareness and acceptance of neurodiversity and individual differences.



## George Washington Academy of Science & Engineering School No. 1 & Jerome Dunn Academy of Mathematics, Technology, and the Arts School No. 9

School No. 1 and School No. 9 joined together to celebrate Autism Acceptance Month by hosting a parade around Jackson Park to highlight those impacted by Autism. Board Members Iliana Chevres and Jerry Jacobs were part of the attendance. The walk is an annual occurrence with efforts to embrace and support Autism within schools and community. Students had classroom conversations surrounding Autism and created signs and posters to display support.





## Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5

During the month of April, School No. 5 honored World Autism Awareness. To show their support, team members and students wore blue shirts to raise awareness for this event. The color blue's association to autism originated with the autism advocacy association known as Autism Speaks. Their "Light it Up Blue" campaign calls for people to wear blue to promote autism awareness. The color blue holds significant meaning, as it is the most well-known hue associated with autism, symbolizing understanding, support, and a sense of calm. Blue, signifying calmness and serenity was chosen by the National Autism Association as the primary color to represent Autism.



## Joseph Battin School No. 4 Annex

On Tuesday April 9, Elizabeth Board of Education Board Member Diane Barbosa made a special trip to School No. 4 Annex to kick off Autism Awareness Month. Mrs. Barbosa participated in the *Tie a Ribbon* for Autism Awareness. All students and team members at the annex tied a ribbon with Mrs. Barbosa for Autism Awareness. It was a special day for all.





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## Victor Mravlag School No. 21

On April 19, School No. 21 hosted the “Spring Fling” for students and their parents. They were joined by Superintendent of Schools, Olga Hugelmeyer, Board President Charlene Bathelus Dorgely, Board Member, Iliana Chevres, Director of Special Services, Dr. Micheal Ojeda, and Supervisors of Special Services. Students participated in different activities such as a tattoo station, balloon art, arts and crafts, and dancing. The art event was organized by teachers and the child study team.



## Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25

On April 15, Elizabeth Board of Education President Charlene Bathelus Dorgely and Board Member Iliana Chevres visited School No. 25 to help celebrate Autism Acceptance Month. They read books to several classes to spread the message of acceptance, celebrate neurodiversity, individual differences and continue to advance inclusivity and connectedness throughout the school community.





## Winfield Scott School No. 2



School No. 2 raised Autism Awareness by holding a parade. Elizabeth Board of Education Member Iliana Chevres led the parade alongside Elizabeth Police Officers and firefighters.

Students paraded around the block showcasing posters while chanting *Love Has No Words*.



## Donald Stewart Early Childhood Center School No. 51



School No. 51 participated in their annual 'Light It Up Blue for Autism' event to celebrate Autism Awareness and Acceptance month. Students and teachers were invited to sing and dance to songs as a school community.

Mr. Kukla, the music teacher practiced the songs with the children during the month of April in preparation of this event.

The various songs included *The More We Get Together* by Raffi, *We're Amazing 1, 2, 3*, by Leslie Kimmelman, *I See Things Differently* by: Pat Thomas, *You Can Count on Me* by Bruno Mars and *Amazing Song* by: Sesame Street.



## Elmora School No. 12



For the past five years, School No. 12 has dedicated the month of April to raise awareness and acceptance of autism by educating students and the entire community on the topic of autism through educational presentations, media, art, music, dance, and wearing blue and other colors of the spectrum. This month always brings us together and reminds us to be kind, respectful, and accepting of others. The entire school body created a human rainbow to demonstrate unity, acceptance, and respect for everyone. This celebration is dedicated to Special Needs students in the school and the entire world.





## Autism Awareness Night at the Ballpark



On April 20th, the Elizabeth High School Baseball team partnered up with the Elizabeth Parent Support Group to host the first ever Autism Awareness Night at the ballpark. Prior to the game against rival Linden, the Minutemen, alongside Mayor Chris Bollwage, Councilman Carlos Torres, Elizabeth Board of Education Member Iliana Chevres and Supervisor of Athletics Marthelly Luc held a pre-game ceremony with EPS guests of honor who threw out the first pitch! After a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem performed by Elizabeth's own Kwao Taylor, it was time to PLAY BALL! Elizabeth won the game 10-0 with a masterful pitching performance from Yadi Mateo, who threw a complete game one hitter, earning him Player of the Game honors. When asked about the event the Elizabeth native had this to say "Baseball is more than just a game. It's an opportunity to bring the community together and rally for a great cause. When I accepted this position, my goal was to find ways to give back to our community who has always been so supportive of our kids. It's the Elizabeth Way!"

## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ECC School No. 52

The children and team members enjoyed an afternoon of *Parachuting into Autism Awareness and Acceptance*. Elizabeth Board of Education President Charlene Bathelus Dorgely, Vice President Stan Neron, and Board Member Iliana Chevres joined in the fun activity. This activity incorporated music and movement, which helps children develop teamwork skills, improves gross motor skills, and can help children release energy and emotions. The afternoon was filled with excitement, energy and enthusiasm.





### **Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29**



Team members and students joined together to celebrate Autism Acceptance in a beautiful way. Elizabeth Board Member Iliana Chevres, students, team members, and families danced and blew bubbles with their loved ones, and later created puzzle pieces that will serve as a reminder of their unity and commitment to inclusion.

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

On April 24, School No. 6 celebrated by hosting a *Kindness Parade* to show their support for Autism Acceptance Month. They strive to raise public awareness about autism and work towards empowering and accepting individuals with autism, recognizing contributions to society for all.





## Autism Acceptance Celebration at Mattano Park

Elizabeth Public Schools joined the Union County Board of County Commissioners, the Union County Department of Human Services, Prevention Links, and the Elizabeth Parent Support Group on April 20 at Mattano Park to celebrate Autism Acceptance Month at this annual event. Participants were encouraged to dress up as their favorite superhero and were treated to a live DJ, food, games, and fun for the whole family.

Among those who were celebrating the unique personalities of youth affected by autism and offering their support to them and their families were Union County Commissioners Chairwoman Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded and UC Commissioner Sergio Granados; Elizabeth Board of Education President Charlene Bathelus Dorgely and EBOE members Diane Barbosa, Maria Carvalho, and Iliana Chevres; EPS Superintendent Olga Hugelmeyer, Director of Special Services Dr. Michael Ojeda, and several members of the EPS Division of Special Services and district schools.





## EARLY CHILDHOOD

### Frances C. Smith Early Childhood Center School No. 50



During the month of April, Ms. Hochman and Ms. Perez's classes engaged in a project about fruit. The students made webs and charts, created fruits in the art area and learned the differences between fruits and vegetables. They ended their project with a farm stand where the students were able to purchase real fruit with pretend money.

### Donald Stewart Early Childhood Center School No. 51

School No. 51 celebrated *The Week of the Young Child (WOYC)*, an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, and families. In addition to inviting parents to join in on the celebration for WOYC, they were invited to bring awareness to another event during the month of April, *Child Abuse Awareness Month*. Parents were encouraged to work together with their child to discuss acts of kindness, empathy, and the importance of supporting one another. Afterwards, they were encouraged

to write kind words, and/or messages of support on a 'pinwheel' that would serve as a reminder of the power of love and compassion they feel for the community. The student's work was displayed on the windows facing their school garden as a visual representation to promote awareness and unity.

Each classroom also featured 3D art, created with recycled materials that was displayed in the school lobby. On April 9<sup>th</sup>, the students enjoyed a unique collaboration of science experiments during their annual Science Fair. The interactive experience included experiments exploring the concepts of air pressure, chemical reactions, and many more.





# TAKE YOUR CHILD TO WORK DAY

## Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy



Team members brought their children to work, and they participated in hands on science experiments, played bingo in English class and worked up a sweat in gym class. But beyond seeing what is inside the classroom, the day served to strengthen familial bonds, creating lasting memories and inspiring children to dream big while promoting workplace inclusivity, diversity, and serving as a reminder of the invaluable experiences shared between parents and children in workplaces around the world.

## James P. Mitchell Building

Elizabeth Public Schools team members from the James P. Mitchell Building, along with their children, participated in Take Your Child to Work Day. The morning was full of activities as the children met to have light refreshments before taking a tour of the building. They visited several departments throughout the building, including accounts payable, purchasing, technology, accounting, staff development, and human resources. While in technology, they had the opportunity to visit the print shop where they learned about graphic design and various types of signage printing. During their visit to human resources, the children were given an honorary team member identification card with their name and future career choice on it. Their visits to accounts payable, purchasing, and accounting allowed them to learn more about the operational side of a school district and how funds the district receives are allocated. They also learned that Elizabeth Public Schools continue to learn through training and professional development provided by staff development. The children took a tour of the data room to learn about the various types of data collected and how it is used to provide the highest quality education possible for Elizabeth Public Schools students. After touring the building, the children were treated to lunch and dessert along with additional afternoon activities, including a mock trial organized by the district's legal department and a movie.





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### Madison Monroe School No. 16

Kindergarten through third grade students participated in the after-school STEM program. Each week they completed a project. On April 29, they participated in a STEM showcase. Each student received a certificate, and the parents were able to see all their hard work.  
*Congratulations to all sixteen students!*



### John Marshall School No. 20

Students were able to participate in *Minding Your Mind* workshops throughout the month of April led by Samantha Ariza, Colin Quinn and Martha Renza. *Minding Your Mind* is an organization that provides Mental Health Education in schools. Through their 'Kind Minds' presentations, John Marshall's students were informed on mental health stigmas, how to identify emotions and their triggers, and how to create action plans for self-regulation and safety in times of need. These presentations were conducted in English and Spanish and strategically planned for specific age groups.





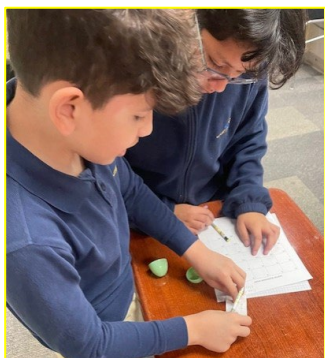
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### Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy School No. 30

Congratulations Stephanie Barrera! Stephanie is one of the seventh grade students whose artwork was selected to be in the AENJ NJPAC Spring Exhibit this year. The Arts Advocacy Team of Art Educators of New Jersey juried artworks of student applicants from around the state of New Jersey. Stephanie's artwork will be beautifully displayed in the Victoria Theatre Lobby at The New Jersey Performing Art Center along with 30 other middle school artists. The art exhibition runs from April 7, 2024, until May 19, 2024, at NJPAC located on Center St, Newark, NJ 07102. Her art teacher, Ms. Jana Ortiz, is extremely proud of Stephanie's artistic skills and her abilities to promote excellence in arts education for the Elizabeth Public Schools and for all students.

### Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27



Ms. Hanafy's fifth grade math classes held an egg scavenger hunt. All the students had a great time solving NJSLA math problems before enjoying their well-deserved spring break. Students worked collaboratively in pairs to solve math problems that have learned in fifth grade thus far in a timed setting. The fifth grade classes understand that when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.

### Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5

Nyla Lopez, Mohamadi Saniwidi, and Jesica Laskowski, eighth grader students, were honored by the Union County Board of County Commissioners. Nyla won 1<sup>st</sup> place, Mohamadi won 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and Jesica won 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of all eighth graders' submissions to the Union County Writing Project. The Commissioners acknowledged each student for their mature and insightful understanding of trees in the environment, as well as their writing abilities.





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### Benjamin Franklin School No. 13

Eighth grade students had the chance to step out and tap into their creative sides at the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey. There was excitement, laughter, and fascination as they explored the decorative building. Coloring became engaging as the students worked on their rainbow paintings.



### Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23



The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) sponsored a lively Spring Dance for students in grades 5-7. The DJ led the crowd to dance enthusiastically all night long, making it an unforgettable evening for students, parents, and team members involved.

### Juan Pablo Duarte – José Julián Martí School No. 28

Ms. Volpe's 7<sup>th</sup> grade students hosted their last HISPA "Hispanics Inspiring Students' Performance and Achievement, a non – profit organization that mobilizes Hispanic professionals" Role Model Visit. This visit was exceptionally special as they hosted Ms. Raysa Castro's first HISPA presentation ever.

Ms. Castro, a native from the Dominican Republic, migrated to the United States as an adolescent. During her presentation, she emphasized her struggles with learning the English Language as a child, in addition to she was placed in ESL/ELL classes throughout her elementary education years and credits her teachers for pushing her to learn the English language. With the constant support of her teachers, family members, and self-determination, her motto soon became "Si se puede!"

Ms. Castro said, "education and constant learning should always be at the forefront of an individual's journey." Her life story did include many mentions of struggles, sacrifices, curveballs, and setbacks. But ultimately, the struggles don't define us. She stated, "They make us who we are along the way." Today, Raysa Castro is a proud mother of two beautiful daughters, a full – time Realtor at *NJ Realtor*, a Branch Manager of *Lifestyle International Realty* and a Team Leader of *The Castro Group*.

Enthusiastically, Ms. Volpe said, "I have hosted HISPA Role Models for over a decade and Ms. Castro's life story was inspiring, emotionally moving, and memorable. Not only did my students genuinely connect with her on a personal level, but I did too. I can not wait to have her back next year."





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### Terence C. Reilly School No. 7



Marina Carreira, a celebrated poet known for her art and poetry, led an immersive seminar with eighth-grade students during their Language Arts classes, exploring the captivating realm of ekphrastic poetry. Through her lesson, students went on a learning journey to where words intertwine with visual art, delving into the intricacies of observation, interpretation, and expression, fostering a profound connection between the realms of language and imagery. After being inspired, students will continue their creative journey through a cross-curricular collaboration between Language Arts and Art classes led by Ms. Owens, Ms. Kabir, and Ms. McGrath. Their inspired works will adorn the mini gallery, inviting team members and students to a captivating gallery walk, celebrating the fusion of imagination and interpretation of Reilly eighth grade class.

### Christopher Columbus School No. 15



Students in grades sixth, seventh, and eighth grade are participating in a Garden Club through a grant from the NJ Audubon Society. Students are learning about soil, organisms in the soil, plants, seeds, and their collective importance in gardening. With the help of the NJ Audubon Society, students will be learning about the importance of planting native plants and attracting birds and bees. Through another grant from the Xerces Society, the school is getting about 500 native plants to be planted at the Main and the Annex by the Garden Club participants.



# HIGH SCHOOLS

## J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy



The Junior Achievement of NJ and J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy collaborated to bring another *High School Heroes* event to one of Elizabeth's district schools, Nicholas S. LaCorte – Peterstown School No. 3. JA High School Heroes provides leadership development opportunities to high school students who deliver programs in elementary schools. The high school volunteers diligently prepared financial literacy lessons designed specific to each grade level assigned and spent the day teaching in the classrooms. School No. 3 opened this opportunity to grades K-5, including multilingual students.

## Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical 9<sup>th</sup> Grade at Charles W. Harris Academy

A delightful Family Paint Night was hosted by the Edison 9th Grade Academy April 18. The evening commenced with a family workshop titled "Empowering Yourself and Family," which was followed by a range of painting activities and refreshments.





## HIGH SCHOOLS

### 9th Annual Strings Day Out



On April 29, Elizabeth High School - Frank J. Cicarell Academy, Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29, and Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 @ 31, joined forces for a memorable Strings Day Out.

This collaborative effort brought together the string programs of these institutions for a day of workshops and performances aimed at enhancing students' musical skills and fostering community spirit.

The event featured a lineup of musical talents, including the harmonious melodies of EHS Orchestra, the vibrant sounds of the School 29 newly formed mariachi band, and the captivating performances by the Dr. Orlando Academy Orchestra. From jazz classic to lively mariachi tunes, the audience was treated to a diverse array of musical genres, showcasing the versatility and talent of the participating students.

***Congratulations to the Elizabeth High School Color Guard for their 1st place win at their Mid-Atlantic Indoor Network (MAIN) Championships Competition at the Cure Arena in Trenton, NJ. With a score of 92.28.***





# HIGH SCHOOLS

## Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy

The Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy's Liberty Players is thrilled to announce their outstanding achievement of receiving eight nominations at the prestigious Montclair State University's Theater Night Awards for their captivating performance of "A Raisin in the Sun" by Lorraine Hansberry, directed by Ms. Erika Hicks.

The Theater Night Awards, hosted annually by Montclair State University, celebrates excellence in high school theater across the region. This year, The Liberty Players' production of "A Raisin in the Sun" has earned nominations in the following categories:



1. Outstanding Achievement by a Stage Manager for a Play – *Isabella Ferrera, senior*
2. Outstanding Achievement in Educational Impact & Community Outreach – *Ms. Erika Hicks*
3. The Jo Anne Fox Award, Veteran – *Ms. Erika Hicks*
4. Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Drama – *Shamar Thomas as Walter Lee Younger, senior*
5. Outstanding Performance by an Actor in a Drama – *Za'Niyah Shell as Lena Younger (Mama), sophomore*
6. Outstanding Acting Ensemble in a Drama
7. Outstanding Production of a Drama – *Ms. Erika Hicks*
8. Outstanding Achievement in Direction of a Play – *Ms. Erika Hicks*

Under the direction of Erika Hicks, the cast and crew poured their hearts and talents into bringing this timeless classic to life on stage. From powerful performances to meticulous attention to detail in set design, which was built by alum Jorge Arias, the Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy's Liberty Players' production has left an impression on audiences and judges alike.

The Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy's Liberty Players' extends their gratitude to Montclair State University's Theater Night Awards for recognizing their achievements and to the community for their unwavering support. Winners will be announced at the Theater Night Awards ceremony on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm in the Memorial Auditorium on the Montclair State University's campus.





## HIGH SCHOOLS

### JVJ Stem Academy



Students are planting and growing lettuce, tomatoes, fig trees, and various herbs with the Agricultural Engineering Club. Through the Union County Digs In grant, they acquired an additional raised garden bed and a compost machine for future gardening. In their arts department, students end-of-the-year projects include the senior mural for its first graduating class and *Choice Art* projects.



### Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Public & Safety Academy



April has been a busy month for Halsey! The S.T.O.P. Program, sponsored by Prevention Links, educated students on underage drinking and drugs. *Minding Your Mind* assembly was held for students where they were educated on the importance of mental health and reaching out in times of need. In addition, students at the annex have



been enjoying the *Bound for Greatness* mentoring program. Lastly, *Bring Your Child to Work Day* was a success. Students, along with the children, learned CPR from the EMT and Nursing students, painted, visited the gym, the music room, and learned drills from our ROTC students.





## HIGH SCHOOLS

### Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy



Hosted by AVID Site Coordinator, Katelyn Banks, Hamilton was able to showcase the wonderful work done by teachers and students in conjunction with the AVID System. The goal of a showcase is to help other school districts implement AVID properly in their schools. Hamilton had just under 40 educators participate in the Showcase from seven school districts, including a district in Delaware.

The immediate feedback was evident; educators were excited to get back to their schools and start the hard groundwork for implementation. This excitement comes from what they saw in the classrooms, interacting with students, and the culture that educators have created at Hamilton Academy.



## DISTRICT NEWS

### District Staff attend the College Board's A Dream Deferred Conference



Team members from the district attended College Board's *A Dream Deferred* Conference in New York City. The conference focused on the state of college readiness for African American students and provided a forum for sharing best practices, key data, and research to drive measurable actions to ensure access to opportunity. The mission of *A Dream Deferred* is to provide a platform for educators to present strategies that address the unique educational and cultural needs of our students. This conference assembled education professionals dedicated to advancing opportunities for African American students. The sessions emphasized the transformative power of education, urging a focus on opportunity over division. Sessions covered partnership strategies, the impact of HBCUs, and the implementation of AP African American Studies. Attendees explored fostering college-bound mindsets and activating student motivation in postsecondary planning. District staff hopes to implement some of these key aspects for Elizabeth Public Schools which could include curriculum enhancements, increased college visits, and partnerships with organizations that cater to the needs of our students.



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Revised 2023-2024 School Calendar

Due to the closure of schools and administrative offices on January 19 and February 13, the 2023-2024 Elizabeth Public Schools calendar has been revised as follows:

- **June 24 (Monday)** – Schools close at 12:15 for Students and Team Members
- **June 25 (Tuesday)** – Schools close at 12:15 for 10-Month Administrators



### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremonies June 20 – 9:00 am

School
George Washington Academy School No. 1
Abraham Lincoln School No. 14
Madison – Monroe School No. 16
Robert Morris School No. 18
John Marshall School No. 20
Victor Mravlag School No. 21
Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25
Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27
Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29
Chessie Dentley Roberts Academy School No. 30

All 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students are required to attend school through Monday, June 24, 2024. Diplomas will be issued on the last day.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremonies June 24 – 9:00 am

School
Winfield Scott School No. 2
Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5
Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9
Elmora School No. 12
Christopher Columbus School No. 15
William F. Halloran School No. 22
Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23
Juan Pablo Duarte – José Julián Martí School No. 28

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### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Ceremonies June 20 – 1:00 pm

School
Nicholas S. LaCorte – Peterstown School No. 3
Joseph Battin School No. 4
Toussaint L'Ouverture – Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6
Terence C. Reilly School No. 7
iPrep Academy School No. 8
Benjamin Franklin School No. 13
Woodrow Wilson School No. 19
Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26

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### High School Graduation/ Class Award Ceremonies Thomas G. Dunn Sports Center

High School	Date	Time	Arrival
Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy	June 24	8:30am	7:30am
Thomas A. Edison Career and Technical Academy	June 24	11:30am	10:30am
John E. Dwyer Technology Academy	June 24	2:30pm	1:30pm
J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy	June 24	5:30pm	4:30pm
Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy	June 25	8:30am	7:30am
Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughn, Mary Jackson STEM Academy	June 25	11:30am	10:30am
Thomas Jefferson Arts Academy	June 25	2:30pm	1:30pm
Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy	June 25	5:30pm	4:30pm



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