



Elizabeth Public Schools, Elizabeth, NJ

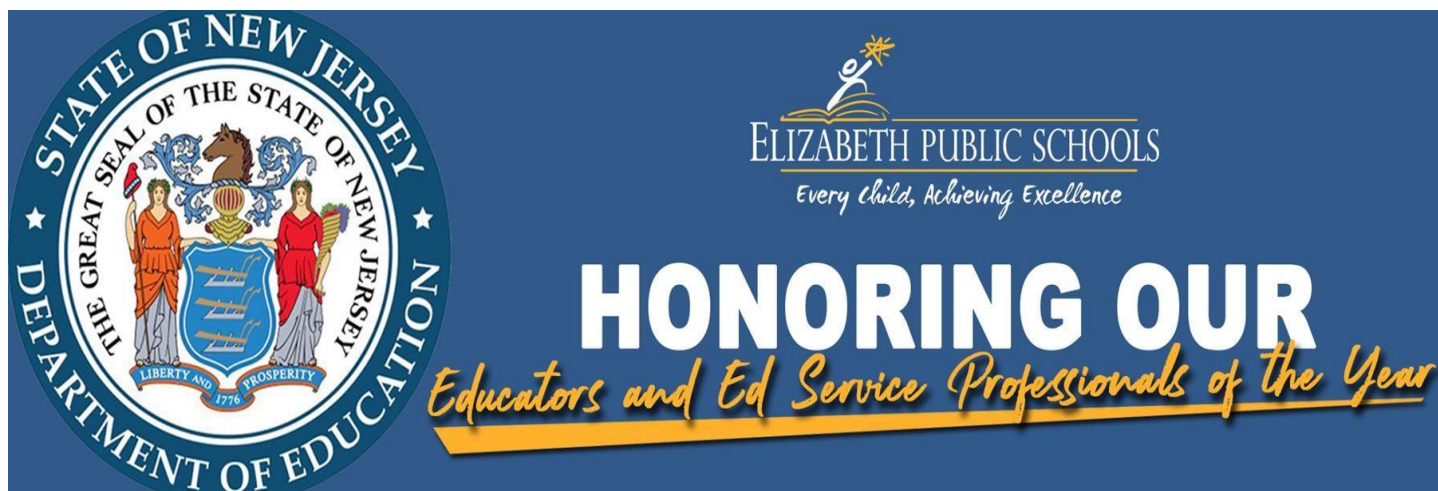
May 2021

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." - Nelson Mandela

Governor's Educator of the Year Program

The Governor's Educator of the Year Program highlights educational innovation, student achievement, exemplary teaching, and important services outside the classroom environment that lead to student success. This celebratory program recognizes our state's best teachers and educational services professionals who will be recognized at the Union County Office of Education.

Honorees are exceptionally skilled and dedicated licensed classroom teachers (PK to grade 12 in a public or charter school) where teaching is the primary responsibility rather than administrative or supervisory responsibilities or educational services professionals (ESP) who are listed as one of the eligible enrollment areas. Among several eligibility criteria, they must also be experts in the field who inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn; actively collaborate with colleagues, students, and families to create a strong culture of respect and success; demonstrate leadership and innovation in educational activities; and have the respect and admiration of students, parents and colleagues.



TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

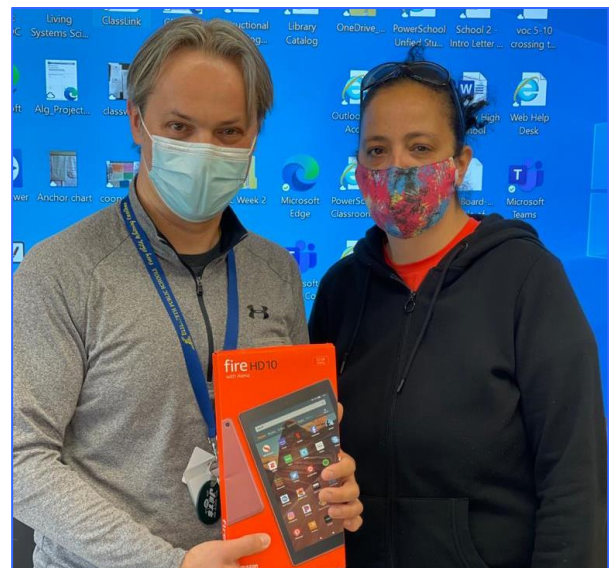
George Washington Academy of Science & Engineering School No. 1



Teacher's Appreciation Week began with saluting Teachers with a Superhero Day (Whereas Team Members dressed in their favorite Superhero T- Shirt). Tuesday, team members dressed in their favorite GWA apparel. Wednesday a grab and go brunch was offered to team members as a thank you to teachers for all that they do in collaboration with First Ward Councilman Torres. Thankful Thursday allotted time for students to write a note of Thank on a post it for their teachers.

Winfield Scott School No. 2

Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated with a Cinco De Mayo themed luncheon, a week's worth of raffles (Amazon tablet, Gift Cards, etc.), a virtual cooking lesson "School 2 Cooks Together", and email messages of love from students to the teachers.









Elmora School No. 12



Students, teachers, and staff members are happy to be back in person at School No. 12! Many teachers have shared comments at PLCs that it feels good to see students in the classrooms. Every morning students enter the building with big smiles as they greet their teachers. Bilingual/ESL 7th Grade student Saray Vargas struggled this past year with virtual teaching and learning. She told her teacher Mrs. Ortega, “Ms. it is so good to be here. I am getting good grades!” Saray went from 60s to 100s as soon as she returned to in person learning. Elmora School 12’s teachers and staff always put students first. Students and parents are very thankful to the teachers and staff that welcome their children every day into a safe, caring, and rigorous environment where students feel at home. School No 12 would like to thank their teachers and staff for all they do every day!

Benjamin Franklin School No. 13

A special thanks to all teachers and staff for always going above and beyond for the Benjamin Franklin Families. To show gratitude, cookies and Frappuccino's to go were shared, as well as pins and pens with staff in order to show appreciation for all of their hard work and dedication.

 Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week 				
2020  2021				
Monday May 3, 2021	Tuesday May 4, 2021	Wednesday May 5, 2021	Thursday May 6, 2021	Friday May 7, 2021
Get ready to TEAMS up throughout the week, starting with a cookie shared to thank you, for making our kids Smart Cookies. 	Talk about AWESOME! Talk about how amazing your team has been this year!  Thank you for going above and beyond. Thank you for going the DISTANCE this year!	You have been a gift to the building. Enjoy a complimentary gift from the Principal and Vice Principal.	You have been <i>virtually</i> amazing. We hope that you are a whole lotta lucky. 	YOU ALMOST MADE IT! Stop by the teacher's lounge and pick up a to finish out the week.

Madison – Monroe School No. 16

Teachers have always been superheroes in disguise. During this pandemic, they have proven more than ever how hard working and dedicated they are to making sure that students are given the best education possible-whether they are at home with them virtually or in the classroom.



During Teacher Appreciation Week, Mr. DiFonzo, School Principal, Mrs. Hasegawa, Vice Principal, and students took time to recognize their teachers for how they have handled the twists and turns of virtual and in person learning with the upmost professionalism and always finding creative ways to reach students and cater to their individual needs.



Woodrow Wilson School No. 19

Teachers were recognized for their efforts and dedication during this difficult year for all. They were honored for their dedication, service, passion and commitment to students and families. Small tokens of appreciation were given to each faculty member every day during the week.

William F. Halloran School No. 22

The staff at William F. Halloran School No. 22 were treated to a walk down the *Red Carpet* on Tuesday, May 4th for Teacher Appreciation Day. Students clapped as their teachers walked the red carpet. They were also treated to a Halloran Husky chocolate pop and received a poem called *The Heart of a Teacher* by Paula J. Fox. School No. 22 appreciates the Husky staff each and every day!



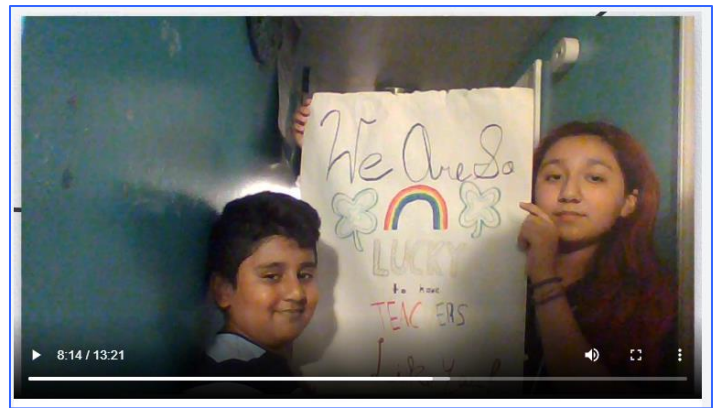
Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23

As a gesture of gratitude, treats were given to faculty and staff at for all that they do each day to support the *Butler Gems*.

A special thanks to all teachers for always going above and beyond for all students.



Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25



School No. 25 treated all staff members to individually wrapped treats throughout the week. Each treat was delivered to the staff by the school administrators and included a special message to remind them how much they are appreciated. In addition, many students also participated in the creation a video which was a compilation of photos and thank you messages to staff.

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

Students celebrated Teachers Appreciation Week by sending emails to their teachers that included a favorite memory they had with them, thanking them, and/or wishing them a happy teachers appreciation week.

A slide show was created for teachers thanking them for hard work and dedication to the students and school, and on Friday, students were able to dress up as teachers.



Elizabeth High School – Frank J. Cicarell Academy



Student Government organized a group of students to create letters for teachers at FJC.

Students expressed their gratitude for all teachers do, with a heartfelt letter. Teachers received individual letters via e-mail from specific students in their class.



Nicholas S. La Corte-Peterstown School No. 3



The team members and students recognize and appreciation their School Nurse, Mrs. Christine Prettyman-Lucich. She has worked tireless hours to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all team members, students, and parents at School No. 3. The school community thanks Mrs. Prettyman-Lucich for all she does every day!

Elmora School No. 12

Nurse Gentile wears her heart and her career on her sleeve. She is courageous, deeply passionate about ensuring all students and staff are safe, and always treats others with sincere kindness. Nurse Gentile's days start early in the morning where she runs daily Covid Checklist Reports, assesses students upon arrival, constantly advises staff members and parents about health concerns, meets with parents, conducts physicals for students, keeps up with paperwork, and does it all with grace, patience, and happiness! Nurse Gentile truly is a gem! Students and staff created a "Thank You Nurse Gentile Book" filled with messages and illustrations for their favorite nurse.



Woodrow Wilson School No. 19

On National Nurses Week, Ms. Constance Kwarteng was honored for being committed and dedicated to students, families, & staff at School No. 19. Her thoughtfulness and dedication are reflected in the work she does every day. She was presented with a small token of appreciation for being an exceptional nurse. School No. 19 thanks you for all that you do for the school learning community.



Donald Stewart ECC School No. 51

Students and staff members at expressed their appreciation to their school nurse, Mrs. Webb on National Nurses Week by presenting her with beautiful flowers.

Mrs. Webb has worked tirelessly to ensure the health and wellness for everyone. She has demonstrated professionalism and compassion during her contribution to the wellness of all. The parents, students and staff appreciate her willingness to help and care for others.

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

School No. 52 wants to honor their very own Superhero: School Nurse, Ann Green. The children and team members decorated her office door, made cards of appreciation and shared treats. Ms. Green provides the children and staff caring support, dedication, warmth and humor.



Mrs. Green along with several other EPS school nurses assisted at the Union County COVID 19 Test Center last spring, as well as Peterstown Community Center administering vaccines.



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

Nurses at Halsey were also thanked for all their hard work and dedication, and for ensuring the safety of students and staff. The wonderful nurses were given flowers and a small token of appreciation.



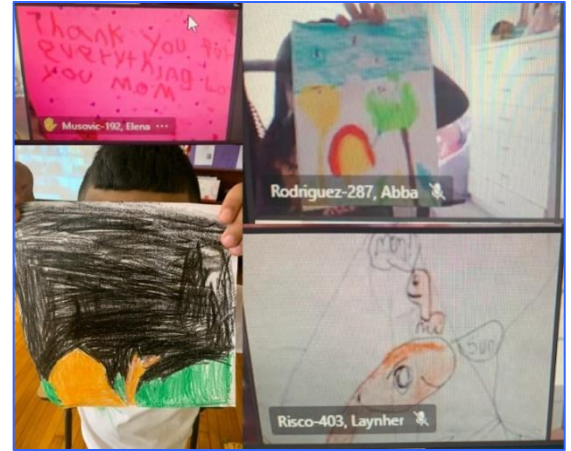
Elizabeth High School-Frank J. Cicarell Academy

Scott Donner and the Red Cross Club celebrated nurses' week by hosting a taste of diversity in honor of nurses. During this event the Red Cross Club prepared popular dishes from other countries around the world where the Red Cross provides services. The dishes were sold to raise money to support saving lives

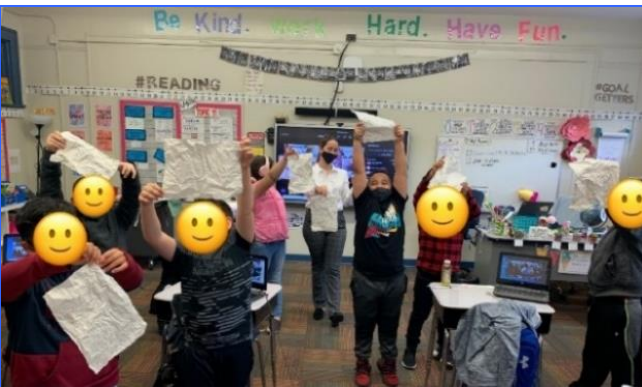
KINDNESS BEGINS WITH ME

Elmora School No. 12

Mrs. Rios, Medial Specialist Teacher read to first graders, *What does it mean to be Kind?* by Ryan Di Orio. The lesson focused on the importance of gratitude and being grateful for not only their mothers on Mother's Day but for anyone that takes care of them, looks after them, and loves them. Students spoke about grandmas, aunts, sisters, and even fathers and uncles, for those students who may not have a mom. Students thanked their teachers for playing such important roles in their lives. Students learned a valuable lesson, that no matter what, family is family, and one must be grateful for all the special people in that help every day. Students finished the lesson by drawing pictures of what they are grateful for and illustrating their favorite part of the story.



Abraham Lincoln School No. 14



School No. 14 likes to sprinkle kindness like confetti. Third grade students learned that words hurt, and apologies cannot always repair the damage. Students engaged in an activity where they made hurtful comments to a piece of paper and for every hurtful comment, they crumbled the paper until it became a ball. Then, students were asked to unfold the paper and apologize to it. Students realized that even after an apology, the paper still looks crumbled. People are like that piece of paper; Words can hurt!

Christopher Columbus School No. 15

School No. 15 encouraged their explorers with activities that reached beyond their school community. While the mental health staff used virtual classrooms and hybrid reading lessons on kindness to empower the students, teachers followed a calendar of kindness events to assist their students in acts of kindness. Activities included thanking staff throughout the building, encouraging their classmates, and writing notes of gratitude and hope for frontline healthcare workers, children at St. Jude's Hospital, foster children, deployed and disabled veterans.

Kindness is expressed in many forms and seventh and eighth graders were able to participate in a virtual assembly held by Breaking the Cycle where survivors of tragedy emphasized the power of kindness through forgiveness.



Madison-Monroe School No. 16



Despite the uncertainty faced this past year with the pandemic, Mrs. Camb, (one of the fourth-grade teachers), knows one thing that has made a big difference during these challenging times. The thing has been the small acts of kindness performed by students, staff and the school community.

Via a classroom lesson, Mrs. Camb discussed the many ways kindness can spread, and how students can make a difference each day. From a simple “hello”, to a student holding the door for someone else, to being polite and courteous to others, to students helping and encouraging each other (whether virtually or in person)-these are all ways we can continue to spread kindness. Mrs. Camb reminded students that kindness and respect is something we should practice every day-not just during Kindness Awareness Month. She hopes that all students will continue to find small ways to make this world a better place.

William F. Halloran School No. 22

During the month of May, students in 2nd and 3rd grade attended a special class lesson provided by our school social worker and guidance counselor. They read the book *Try a Little Kindness* and brainstormed with the students ways to spread kindness in their home, school, and community. All students received a keepsake kindness necklace and pencil.

Juan Pablo Duarte-Jose Julian Marti School No. 28

The Kindness Committee (including some students) planned some activities for the classrooms to participate in. They included a School-Wide Kindness Email Project, Kindness Read-Aloud Books, Random Acts of Kindness Calendar, Kindness Conversation Starters, Dress-Up Days, Kindness Bingo and Positive Phrases. These activities helped students to show a little more kindness to themselves and others!

The students really enjoyed The School-Wide Kindness Email Project with friends. It was a sweet and simple way to boost someone's spirits is by sending good vibes to someone's inbox. Students sent a kind email to a classmate by making a card or craft and sending a picture of it, a drawing, an encouraging message, a poem, or video.



Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29

Second grade students read the story, Kindness is My Superpower, by Alicia Ortego. They had a class discussion about the meaning of being kind to others and wrote paragraphs about what they think kindness means to them.

Students not only wrote about kindness, but also performed three acts of kindness for someone at home and discussed their experience in class. To wrap up their celebration, each student made a letter that represents *Kindness Matters* and held them up to their laptops! Second grade students at School 29, without a doubt, have Kindness Superpowers.



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

For Kindness Awareness month, Halsey Academy celebrated by encouraging students to do acts of kindness. Students were emailed The Great Kindness Challenge, Virtual Classroom Edition and were challenged to complete as many acts of kindness as possible.

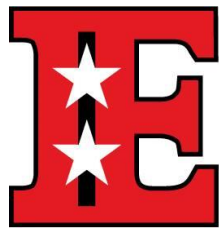


Elizabeth High School-Frank J. Cicarell Academy

Health Teachers at EHS-FJC had students participate in the *Mindfulness Project*. For the mindfulness exercise, students had to give genuine compliments using Microsoft White Board! Students were prompted to:

- Give specific compliments: instead of “you’re smart” say something like, “I was really impressed with the way you solved that problem”
- Say things that are true
- Focus on strengths, qualities, and characteristics instead of appearances.
- Tell people what they notice they’re good at doing and what qualities and characteristics they appreciate.

At the end, students shared their compliments and expressed how hearing positive comments made them feel. The debriefed by explaining the power of being kind.



ELIZABETH ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Yasir Pierce on being accepted into Caldwell University where he will also continue his academic studies as well as his football career.

Yasir started two seasons for the Elizabeth High School football program where he amassed respectable career statistics. He had 6 quarterback sacks and 13 tackles on defense while on the offensive side of the ball Yasir had 16 catches for 388 yards as well as 12 touchdowns. For his efforts Yasir earned Honorable Mention honors for the Conference. Overall, Yasir was hardworking student athlete during his time at Elizabeth High School. His recruitment and acceptance into Caldwell University is well deserved.



The EHS Girls Track and Field Team celebrate as the 2021 Mountain Conference Champions!



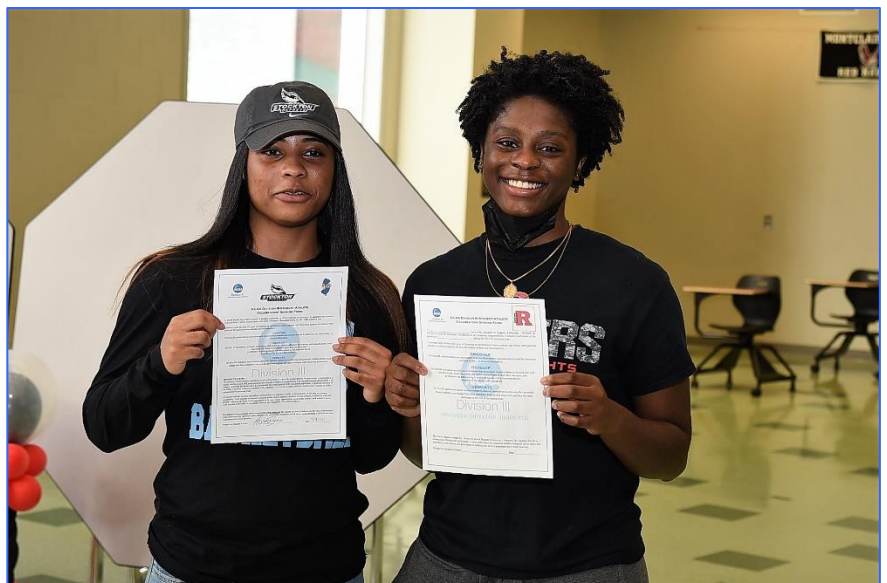
Congratulations to Elizabeth High School Track & Field athlete Greg McQueen on being named the MileSplit Performer of the Week for his outstanding performance at the County Relays.



Congratulations to Elizabeth High School Track & Field athletes Faith Nieves, Alexandra Koon, and Zuri Ekatan for their First-Place finish in the Union County Relays Discus Throw.



Congratulations to Elizabeth High School Seniors Aaliyah Bashir and Fancy Janvier for signing their National Letter of Intents to continue their athletic and educational careers at Stockton State and Rutgers-Newark Universities respectively.



School No. 22 Celebrates Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month

Students in chorus classes at **William F. Halloran School No. 22** learned about Asian American and Pacific Islander musicians currently performing in popular culture and using resources from the Smithsonian Asian Pacific Heritage Center. Students in elementary classes discovered island cultures of the South Pacific. Middle school students are learning how migration experiences and histories are expressed in music through stories of Japanese and Chinese Americans.



School No. 19 Honors Their Principal

Woodrow Wilson School No. 19 celebrated School Principals Day. Team members recognized Principal Farrell for all her hard work, commitment, and the untiring dedication she has shown the students, families, and staff.

For guiding with courage, positivity, grace, and leadership team members presented her with a token of appreciation and the students created a poster for her. Woodrow Wilson is lucky to have you as a leader.

Welcome Back High School Students!

Team members from **John E. Dwyer Technology Academy** were thrilled to welcome back students after more than a year of remote learning. Upon entering the building, students received a warm welcome where they were greeted with balloon arches, beautiful decorations, and the smiling 'faces' of staff members. Students and staff were ecstatic to be back and followed all social distancing guidelines making it a smooth transition for all! The return to in-person learning was a huge success!





Let's Taco 'Bout it: Jerome Dunn Academy kicks off Better Hearing & Speech Month (BHSM)



The speech-language specialists at **Jerome Dunn Academy of Mathematics, Technology and the Arts School No. 9**, Dr. Maria Rodriguez and Mrs. Mary Ruiz, started the month-long BHSM initiatives with Cinco de Mayo. Students at JDA worked on “Taco ‘bout it” adjectives and reviewed why students come to speech-language therapy. A lesson on Cinco de Mayo was a fun and interactive way to start BHSM! JDA will be sharing weekly posts about communication facts, strategies, and activities that can be done at home or in the community. One of the goals this month is to make sure people are aware of how some individuals communicate: either through picture symbols in a communication book or an augmentative communication device (e.g., single switch button). Make sure to follow Facebook page Jerome Dunn Academy School No.9 to learn more about BHSM.

Raising Awareness

Each May at **Abraham Lincoln School No. 14**, Better Hearing & Speech Month (BHSM) provides an opportunity to raise awareness about communication disorders. Classes celebrate by participating in speech and language activities each day! The Speech Team prepares a monthly calendar of activities and invites all classes to participate to help raise awareness. Activities may include practicing a tongue twister or noting all the sounds they hear. Classes are reminded to choose an activity each day during morning announcements.

Better Hearing & Speech Month						
BHSM May 2021						
2021 • BUILDING CONNECTIONS						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 If you go to speech class, What are your speech and language goals?	3 Noise exposure can hurt your ears. Make sure your music isn't too loud (check out earplugs).	4 TACO TUESDAY Describe a taco. Make sure you use at least 3 descriptive words. "I love beans."	5 Say this sentence using a happy tone of voice. "I love beans."	6 What can you do to be a good listener? Today is a great day to practice it!	7 FUNNY FRIDAY! How many times can you say this tongue twister? "Fresh Fruit Fall!"	8 Take a walk outside. Listen to the birds. What else can you hear?
9 Pick a flower for mom. Tell three things about the flower.	10 Make up a sentence using these words: FLOWER NOM GARDEN	11 Say this sentence using a loud tone of voice. "I love beans."	12 Make up a story using these elements: DOG PARK MAGIC SONG	13 How many things can you find today that begin with the /f/ sound?	14 FUNNY FRIDAY! How many times can you say this tongue twister? "Shark Shark!"	15 Open a window and close your eyes. What sounds do you hear?
16 Try to communicate for 5 minutes today without using words.	17 What doesn't belong and why? apple, carrot, banana	18 Talk to a friend! Ask them questions using the "5 W's" (who, what, when, where, why).	19 Describe your favorite superhero, villain, or princess. Have someone guess who it is!	20 Give a friend a compliment today.	21 FUNNY FRIDAY! How many times can you say this tongue twister? "Far far far!"	22 Play your favorite game. Can you describe the rules of the game?
23 Use your voice in a healthy way today. That means no yelling.	24 Say the sentence using a hot (shh)lowed (shh) low of voice. "I love beans."	25 How many things can you find today that begin with the /f/ sound?	26 Act it out! • Jump • Run • Sit	27 Say this sentence using an angry tone of voice. "I love beans."	28 How many times can you say this tongue twister? "Green glass goblet"	29 Drink plenty of water today and everyday. It's good for your voice.

The Success Program

In honor on *Special Education Week*, students in The SUCCESS Program at **Abraham Lincoln School No. 14** worked alongside their teachers and the Child Study Team to create sidewalk art and to sow seeds which demonstrate the social emotional skills and language they have been learning this year. Using words and making better choices is an ongoing theme. Students have been using words such as teamwork, friendship, and using good manners.



Special Education Week at School No. 13

The term “special education” encompasses educational programs that serve children with mental, physical, emotional, and behavioral disabilities. This week at **Benjamin Franklin School No. 13**, teachers read the story “Just Ask: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You” by Sonia Sotomayor. The story talks about the differences that makes all unique. The students will discussed what makes one unique and different.

Social Emotional Learning

Ms. Jasmine Lee, School Guidance Counselor and Ms. Sofia Verma, School Social Worker, continue to provide support for **Jerome Dunn Academy of Mathematics, Technology and the Arts School No. 9** scholars as they receive the mental health services and education needed. As everyone readjusts, classrooms visitations, counseling sessions and virtual parent meetings have a focus on mental health to raise awareness, provide support, and share community resources. With this month being Mental Health Awareness Month, Weekly Social Emotional Lessons with an interactive Bitmoji Classroom for scholars creates a safe place to share feelings and/or experiences of transitioning from virtual to in-person learning. Changes in thinking, feelings, behavior, and physical activity, may present difficulties, but the school is here to support their families!



Y.A.L.E. Art Show

Congratulations to the following **Joseph Battin School No. 4** visual art students of Mrs. Downey for their artwork being selected for the Y.A.L.E. Tri-State Art Show 2021! This event was held April 16, 2021 with a virtual reception. This virtual three-dimensional art show will remain accessible through the end of the school year. Any K-12 visual art child with an IEP or 504 Plan in NJ, PA, or DE was able to participate. Here is the link to access the Tri-State Disability Art Show 2021

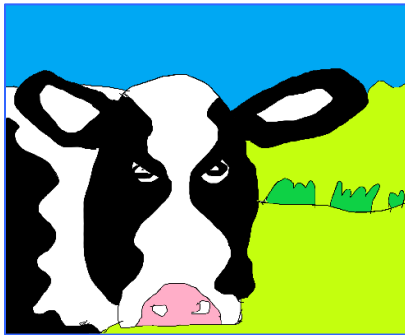
Adrian Diaz 5-207 – Prevail Gallery

Michael Ventura 6-307 Prevail Gallery

Bryant Ruiz 6-307 – Prevail Gallery

Justin Calderon-Santos 6-307 – Community Gallery and Penn Museum Gallery

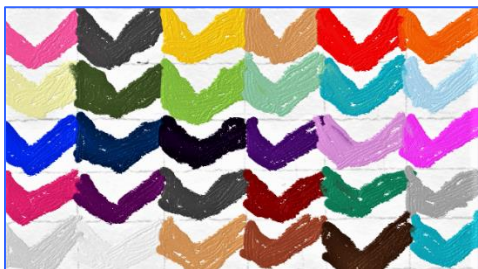
Adrian Diaz 5-207: Cow Face (Prevail Gallery)



Michael Ventura 6-307 (Prevail Gallery)



Bryant Ruiz 6-307 (Prevail Gallery)



Justin Calderon-Santos 6-307 (Community Gallery and Penn Museum Gallery)



2021 Union County Arbor Day Poetry Contest Winners

Arbor Day Poetry Contest is sponsored by the Union County Board of County Commissioners and the Union County Shade Tree Advisory Board. The contest was open to students from Union County, grades fourth through eighth. A total of 130 entries were received and three of Elizabeth Public School students took 1st place. Special congratulations to the following students.

4th grade - Trees Matter by Olesia Patterson of Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9

All Trees Matter

Trees are the beauty of the earth
Spring brings warmer weather and the start of rebirth
The life of Mother Nature as some say
I speak for the trees night and day.

Trees trees- all types of trees
Different sizes, colors and shapes- curved, short, tall and straight
The life of Mother Nature as some say
I speak for the trees night and day.

Without trees, do you think you would have oxygen and air to breath? NO!
Think of the animals who live in the trees and how they grow
Now imagine your home being cut down right in front of your face.
Deforestation needs to be stopped or the animals will no longer have a safe place.

All trees matter even their seeds are special.
Some fruits and vegetables grow on trees for you to eat
They are healthy and sweet and can't be beat.
Seeds, Soil, Water, Sunlight, Air, and Patience are needed for growing a tree.
Trees are a part of life and a gift from Mother Nature to you and me.

Trees are the beauty of the earth
The life of Mother Nature as some say
I speak for the trees night and day.



7th grade - Beautiful Trees by Karen Luna of Abraham Lincoln School No. 14

Beautiful Trees

Filled with snow in the winter,
full of flowers in the spring.

Colorful in the fall,
Green in the summer.
Trees have many forms.

Tall trees, small trees
Fat trees, skinny trees
Colorful trees, green trees

They give us air we need to live.
Without the air that trees provide,
we would not survive

In the summer when it's hot
The nice shade under the trees
helps us cool off.

High up in the trees
animals have their homes.
Hives full of bees,
Bird nests and squirrels, too

Trees are beautiful.



8th grade -The Life You Give by Jadali Feliciano of Joseph Battin School No. 4

The Life You Give

Your beauty keeps me in a gaze.
As the wind blows through your leaves,
I reminisce about the days

When the birds would chirp,
the squirrels would squirm
and bugs would crawl,
through your branches
all Summer, Spring, Winter, and Fall

As I shouted from the meadows
I could care less,
Because I knew the oxygen you produced
Was flowing vigorously through my chest.

Cooling in your shade, after a long day
Made me realize your endless aid.
Without a reason, you've gifted and healed
Like filtering water and furnishing our homes.
You've done a great deal.

They say, "it's just a mere tree what more can it do?"
But some of my dearest memories I've made with you
You tell a story, as clear as day
By letting life pour out of you in many ways

When I leave, you will stay
To gift new generations
with beautiful memories
like the ones we've made.



Law Day

May 1st is designated as "Law Day" in the state of New Jersey. Students from **Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27**, celebrated and reflected on the contributions and importance of the law. The Law Day Program was developed by the Superior Court of New Jersey to involve students from all over New Jersey in recognizing that the rule of law is a cornerstone of American's rights and liberties during times of peace and unrest. Each year, students are afforded the opportunity to express their understanding and shared responsibility to promote the law, defend liberty, and pursue justice.

They are invited to participate in contests for poetry, illustration, and essay-writing. This year's theme was "Advancing the Rule of Law Now," in response to COVID-19, the ABA Division for Public Education is adapting Law Day plans to protect public health. Three of Dr. Antonia Pantoja's finest have demonstrated their willingness to raise awareness about the law and won in all categories of the competition! Isabella Cortes-Parra, 7th grader, won first place in the poetry contest. Laura Silva-Murillo, 8th grader won first place in the illustration category, and Brianna Reyes Zepeda, 8th grader was a co-winner for first place in the essay-writing category. Congratulations!



LAW DAY WINNERS
2021 - SCHOOL NO. 27



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AVID Staff Developer

Ms. Katelyn Banks, AVID Site Coordinator, from **Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy**, recently has been appointed as an AVID Staff Developer. She will be leading AVID professional developments and best practices for teachers to enhance student achievement. Additionally, Mrs. Anna Jacob and Ms. Maria Litos are amongst the tightly selected teachers who are AP Readers having scored AP exams on a national level. They have in-depth understanding of AP Exams and scoring process which is one of the most important aspects of the AP Program. Hamilton wishes students and teachers much success!



Italian Language Culture Day

Mr. Morsella, from **Alexander Hamtillon Prepratory Academy**, led his team as they participated in the 2021 Italian Language & Culture Competition, *Virtually Italian*, hosted by the Italian Teachers Association of NJ (ITANJ) and the Coccia Institute of Montclair State University.



Students, Victoria Almeyda, Rachael Anyosa, Maryoris Castillo, Angie Hurtado, Olivia Iheke, Shamila Joseph, Javier Linero-Quintana, Valerie Londono, and Josue Marrero won for first place entry *Che tempo fa?* in the *Virtually Italian* competition held in lieu of ITANJ's annual Italian Language Culture Day!

The participating students collectively won a prize of \$400 as well as \$100 for their school's Italian Department. The prizes were made available through a collaboration of ITANJ and the Coccia Institute at Montclair University. A judging committee made up of non participating professors and educators unanimously selected this years winners.

Armor Against Bullies

George Washington Academy of Science & Engineering School No. 1's students in the Leadership and SEL through STEM After School Program have created an anti-bullying campaign "Armor Against Bullies" where students provided tips and skills that can be used to shield yourself against a bully.

Students met virtually, and collaborated as a team to problem solve, research, form ideas and practice communication. Students at GWA are growing to be 21st century ready!



celebrate

2021

Portugal Day — **June 10th**

Last Day of School — **June 25th**

Gun Violence Awareness Month — **Whole Month**

in the month of
June

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