

DISTRICT RAISES OVER \$300,000 IN CANCER WALK

Jersey City Public School district staff, parents, and students participated in the American Cancer Society's *Making Strides Against Breast Cancer* community walk at Jersey City's Lincoln Park on Sunday, October 19. More than 4,000 residents took part in the walk, which raised approximately \$320,000.



We thank all of those who came out and volunteered their time to support the event that benefited students and families!

IMPORTANT DATES

- **11/2**, Daylight Savings Time ends. Set clocks **BACK** one hour.
- **11/3**, Elementary, Middle, & High School 1st Marking Period Quarterly Assessments, through 11/12
- **11/4**, Election Day/School Board Election, District closed
- **11/6-11/7** NJEA Convention, Schools closed, CO open
- **11/11**, Veterans' Day, District closed
- **11/15**, HIP Fair, MS7, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

For more information on the American Cancer Society and how to donate, please visit: cancer.org/involved



PS 12 FLIES DISTRICT ANTI-BULLYING FLAG AT CITY HALL

In honor of October being recognized as Anti-Bullying Awareness Month, Julia A. Barnes School 12 began their weeklong Red Ribbon celebration on Monday, October 6, with a visit to City Hall. Selected students, along with the anti-bullying specialists, raised the anti-bullying banner from the roof of the City Hall building.



Director and Anti-Bullying Coordinator Paula Christen led the ceremony with Mayor Fulop's remarks read by Councilwoman Diane Coleman. The program ended with a recitation of the "Anti-Bullying Pledge" by the children.

PS 22 PLEDGES TO "STOP THE DROP"



On Thursday, October 2, Mayor Steven Fulop and the Department of Recreation hosted a "Stop the Drop" event at Rev. Dr. Ercel F. Webb Elementary School 22. This event made PS 22 the first school in Jersey City to join the anti-litter campaign by pledging to keep the area around the school clean and litter-free. Students and staff

enjoyed a short assembly in the school auditorium and then were treated to various fun activities including music, face painting, and soccer skills' training in the park across the street from the school.

For more information on the "Stop the Drop" campaign, visit: cityofjerseycity.com/StopTheDrop

DICKINSON HIGH SCHOOL VISITS AT&T HEADQUARTERS



On Thursday, October 2, Job Placement Coordinator Greg Tyrka and Cooperative Business Education Coordinator Angela Laurenza, along with twenty-four students from Dickinson HS, had the opportunity to visit the AT&T headquarters in Bedminster, NJ. The event was hosted by AT&T and sponsored by Junior Achievement of NJ. The day began with a welcoming introduction and was followed by interactive activity sessions on career preparedness, financial literacy, economics of life, and an overview of employee roles at AT&T. Students also toured AT&T's 12-foot-high by 250-foot-wide video wall housed in their Global Network Operations Center (GNOC). The video wall operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Students were grateful to have been chosen to be a part of this rewarding and educational experience. A sincere thank you goes out to Junior Achievement of NJ and AT&T for providing this opportunity to our young adults at Dickinson HS.

PS 25 CUTS RIBBON ON NEWLY RENOVATED CAFETERIA

On Tuesday, October 7, Principal Diane Pistilli of Nicolaus Copernicus School 25 held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to showcase the school's newly renovated cafeteria. Superintendent Dr. Lyles and other distinguished guests were in attendance.



OPEN SCHOOL PARENT DAY AT PS 14



On Friday, October 17, Ollie E. Culbreth, Jr., School 14, celebrated Open School Parent Day. This day is designed to incorporate parent involvement into school-wide literacy initiatives. Parents are invited to come into the classes to read stories and participate in activities with the students. Ms. Rice and Mr. Shurn

(pictured above) visited the students in Mrs. Markey's first grade class. The students were treated to two stories and then the parents assisted in a re-telling activity. It was a wonderful day to celebrate their love for literacy within the PS 14 community.

COLLEGE FAIR HELD FOR ALL HS JUNIORS & SENIORS

Jersey City Public School students are working steadily at preparing for their futures. On Thursday, October 16, our district, in partnership with Saint Peter's University, hosted a College Fair. In order to maximize participation of all high school juniors and seniors, the Fair was conducted during the



school hours of 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. High school juniors and seniors completed a pre-program survey to develop a mindset for the Fair. School guidance counselors prepared their students with questions to ask the college and university representatives. Students were transported to and from the Fair by district bus transportation. Approximately 3,000 juniors and seniors attended the Fair. The purpose of the Fair was to have the students prepare for their futures by completing another step in the process of college planning. As a follow up to the Fair, all students will complete a post-program survey to reflect on their experience.

PS 5 PLEDGES TO GO GREEN



Principal John Rivero of the Dr. Michael Conti School 5, along with Mayor Steven Fulop, announced that PS 5 has been selected as one of only two schools in New Jersey for a pilot program to develop a green school master plan. The selection means that USGBC and its partner, Parette Somjen Architects, will study PS 5's current energy usage, including how much water and electricity it uses. A plan will then be developed as to how the school can further cut down on water and energy usage, while developing more cost-effective and energy-efficient policies. PS 5, which applied for the program, was selected since the school had already shown that it was truly willing to become more green and energy-efficient. "We will be part of a movement that will help our school and our community to be sustainable," Rivero said.

"Congratulations, good luck, and make us proud," the Mayor told the students at the end of his speech, after explaining how they can serve as a model for other schools across the state.

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