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"I Love Jersey City Public Schools" Sneak-a-Peek Week!

MARCH 3-7, 2014

During Sneak-a-Peek Week, all elementary schools will host events to introduce themselves to parents of Pre-K and Kindergarten children, to showcase their programs and the great work they do.

Schools have planned a wide array of events from school tours to student performances. All of the events will give families an opportunity to connect with the schools their children will attend and to learn about the school's programs.



For more information and details on various activities planned during "I Love Jersey City Public Schools" Sneak-a-Peek Week, please contact your school. Also check our website, www.JCBOE.org, for a complete schedule of events.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **3/3**, Read Across America Day observed
- **3/3**, ACCESS for ELLs, through 4/11
- **3/4**, HSPA, through 3/6
- **3/4**, Special Education Parent Advisory Council meeting, central office, 6 p.m.
- **3/6**, Interim progress reports distributed
- **3/8**, SAT Administration at Snyder HS
- **3/12**, Citywide Parent Advisory meeting, CO, 6-8 p.m.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND A RECEPTION FOR THE
2013-2014 PERMANENT
STUDENT ART COLLECTION

FEATURING THE ART WORKS OF STUDENTS K-12 FROM THE JERSEY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO BE HELD AT:
CITY HALL | 280 GROVE STREET
THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2014 | 3:30-5:30 PM

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MS. ANN MARLEY, SUPERVISOR, VISUAL & MEDIA ARTS, JCPS
201.915.6038 OR AMARLEY@JCBOE.ORG

Artwork by Mary Joyce Alejandrino, Growing Up Too Fast, McNair Academic High School, Teacher: Scott Mallin

PS 33 STUDENTS AND STAFF CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY

In celebration of African American Heritage Month, students in Mrs. Stephanie Maxwell's third grade class at Dr. Paul Rafalides PS 33 fused math concepts with the study of Black History. Using an unknown author's quote, "Laundry is the only thing that should be separated by color," students were able to demonstrate fractional parts on t-shirts hanging on a clothes line display (photo right). Students made a class statement: *We are part of the whole.*



INFINITY RAISES MONEY FOR AMERICAN HEART ASSOC.



Infinity Institute recently hosted their first annual Jump Rope and Hopes for Hearts event. On February 7, 2014, students participated in vigorous, cardiovascular activities, including jump rope stations, scooter races, and three-point hoop competitions. Students and staff raised over \$500 for the American Heart

Association and will continue to collect donations throughout the month of February. The most important outcome of the event is the students' increased awareness of cardiovascular disease and effective fitness strategies they can use to become "HEART HEALTHY."

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAVARRO VISITS SNYDER HS



On January 24, Henry Snyder High School was delighted to welcome Mr. Rolando Lavarro Jr., Jersey City Council President. Mr. Lavarro spoke with students during their History class about city government and how the City Council functions. He also informed students of possible internships in Jersey City government.

Ms. Susan Schernwetter, school librarian, arranged and coordinated the visit.

“LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS” PRODUCTION AT PS 23

The Performing Arts Department at Mahatma K. Gandhi PS 23 recently completed a 3-show run of their 4th Annual Winter Musical “Little Shop of Horrors.” The production was directed by Ms. Melissa Jayme and conducted by Mr. David Ng, with vocal direction by Miss Christine Carter. “Little Shop” starred 8th graders Alex Espinal as



Seymour Krelborn, and Dejah Kolomycka as Audrey, and featured a cast, crew, pit band, and pit choir of nearly fifty (50) students in grades 5-8. This production also featured a collaboration with Ms. Carolyn Berry and her sculpture students from Ferris HS, who created the fantastic “Audrey II” plant puppets. Proceeds for the show helped fund the school’s annual Broadway field trip in May to see “Les Miserables,” as well as fund future productions. For performance and rehearsal photos and videos, as well as updates on future productions, “like” us on Facebook at [facebook.com/PS23PerformingArts](https://www.facebook.com/PS23PerformingArts).

LIBERTY HS STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES GO ICE SKATING

Liberty High School recently planned a Family Ice Skating Trip through Cohen Arts and Education. On February 23, our students, along with their parents, siblings, and other family members, went to Pershing Field Ice Skating Arena. Some brave parents also put on ice skates and glided around the arena with their family.



DUAL LANGUAGE & PRE-K REGISTRATION HAVE BEGUN! DETAILS BELOW!

J E R S E Y C I T Y P U B L I C S C H O O L S

DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM Pre-K4 through First Grade English/Spanish

Prepare your child for a brighter future! Apply to the Dual Language Immersion Program!



The Program integrates native English-speaking students with native Spanish-speaking students for instruction in both languages.



Research shows that English Language Learners have the opportunity to make faster progress, and Native English speakers can exceed their academic levels through Dual Language instruction.

What's New?

- Rosetta Stone subscription for every student
- Android Tablet for every student
- Comcast Reduced Rate Internet Program* (*Must meet certain requirements)

Space is limited!

Applications Due: March 28, 2014

TO APPLY FOR THE DUAL LANGUAGE PROGRAM:

- Complete and submit Dual Language Program application by March 28 to:
Jersey City Public Schools, Bilingual/ESL/WL Programs
346 Claremont Ave, Jersey City, NJ 07305
* Pre-K application -- Attn: Sharon Sleva ~ * K-1 application --attn: Blanca Jackson
- A lottery will take place if there are more applicants than available slots for each language (English/Spanish).
- If your child is selected for the Pre-K4 through 1st Grade English/Spanish Dual Language Program, it is a long-term commitment of 5-6 years.

For more information:

**Pre-K program -- 201-915-6045 or email: PreKDual@jcboe.org
K-1 program -- 201-915-6060 or email: BJackson1@jcboe.org**

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PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

For new applicants entering the 4-year old program for 2014-2015 and 3-year olds living in the school area of PS #3, 5, 16, 23, 24, 31, 33, 37, or 39

Pre-Kindergarten registration will be held in ALL neighborhood elementary schools.*

March 10-14, March 17-21, and March 24-28, 2014

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

- OR -



**Register for a four-year old preschool program
at the Contracted Childcare Center listed below:**

SuperTots Educational Center, Inc. - 167 Sterling Ave. (201) 332-7411



Parent (legal guardian, caretaker) is required to bring the following in order to register:

- Photo ID of parent/guardian
- Child **must** accompany parent/guardian at the time of registration
- **Child's Birth Certificate documenting three or four years of age on/or before October 1, 2014, and one copy**
- 2 Proofs of Residency (current telephone bill, property tax bill, or utility bill), and one copy of each
- Child's Record of Immunizations (and one copy) including ALL of the following:
 - Immunization series against Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTP/DTaP), at least four (4) doses
 - Immunization against Measles, Mumps, and German Measles (Rubella/MMR), One (1) dose must have been administered on or after the first birthday
 - Immunization against Hepatitis B, Three (3) doses recommended
 - Hib - One (1) dose must have been administered on or after the first birthday
 - Immunization against Varicella (Chicken Pox), One (1) dose must have been administered on or after the first birthday/or physician's documentation of disease
- Every child 12 months through 59 months of age enrolling in or attending a licensed childcare center or preschool on or after September 1, 2014 shall have received at least one dose of PCV on or after their first birthday
- Every child 12 months through 59 months shall annually receive at least one dose of influenza vaccine between September 1 and December 31 of each year

Immunizations may be obtained from your family doctor. Families without insurance may obtain immunizations at the Jersey City Department of Health & Human Services, 360 Martin Luther King Drive, (201) 547-6800.

**There is a limit to the number of students that can register on any given day. Every effort will be made to place children in their neighborhood public school. Courtesy busing will be provided to a magnet Pre-Kindergarten site for the children whose neighborhood schools are filled to capacity, when available.*

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Do you have news you'd like to share with our district? If so, please email items for consideration to: communications@jcboe.org.

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