

PS 27 STUDENT WINS PATH HOLIDAY POSTER CONTEST

This year marks the 24th anniversary of the partnership between the Jersey City Public Schools and Port Authority Trans Hudson (PATH) to create original holiday messages for the community. With the support of the Visual Arts Department, students in grades K-8 designed holiday posters for the competition. In all, students in 31 schools submitted 550 entries.



Standing with the winning poster from left: Ana Tejada, winner from PS 27; Stephen Kingsberry, Director/General Manager of PATH; and Dr. Marcia V. Lyles, Superintendent of Schools.

Winners were chosen by PATH administrators who spent over three hours deciding upon the finalist and winners. Congratulations to:

1st Place: Ana Tejada, Grade 7, PS 27 – Nancy Conde, Art Specialist

2nd Place: Yakeiris Franklin, Grade 5, PS 8 – Karen Nilsson, Art Specialist

3rd Place: Thomas Nguyen, Grade 8, PS 11 – Linda Fiore, Art Specialist

IMPORTANT DATES

- 12/18, Interim progress reports distributed
- 12/19, Board of Education meeting, 6 p.m. at PS 11
- 12/23, Winter Recess for schools through 1/1/14
- Schools reopen 1/2/14
- Central office closed 12/24, 12/25, 12/31 & 1/1/14 only

The winning poster will be commercially printed and displayed in all PATH trains and stations throughout the holiday season. In addition to this honor, each winner received four tickets to the “Radio City Christmas Spectacular” show in New York City. In addition, PATH provided complimentary round-trip PATH SmartLink cards to get the winners and their guests to and from the show, and American Express gift cards were donated as prizes by the Port Authority (\$50 to the

first-place winner and \$25 each to the second- and third-place winners). All participants received a certificate of participation from Governor Chris Christie. PATH also graciously honored the three finalists, their teachers, principals, and families at an awards ceremony and luncheon at PATH headquarters.

PATH thanks all of the principals, art specialists, and students who contributed by participating in the contest. Stephen Kingsberry, Director/General Manager of PATH summed up the event by stating, “Your efforts are commendable. The artwork this year from all schools was outstanding.”

DICKINSON HS RECOGNIZED AS *BIG DIG* SITE AT CITY HALL

Volunteers and sponsors of the *BIG DIG* at William L. Dickinson High School were recently recognized for their contributions by Mayor Fulop and the City Council at City Hall Chambers. Additionally, Dickinson HS was recognized as a *BIG DIG* site, and the students were congratulated for their efforts and service to the Jersey City community.



Ellen Ruane, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Division (left); Mayor Fulop (center); Mary Jo Trusso-Sabbers, Principal of Dickinson HS (second from right).



PS 37 teacher Dionne Gronda poses with her students Kimberly Granada and Walid Eitoukhi.

PS 37 GIVES BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY

On Monday, November 25, Rafael de J. Cordero PS 37 participated in their Annual Potato March. This old-fashioned style Potato March provides students with a sense of giving during the Thanksgiving season. Several middle school students assisted with the sorting and boxing of donations. All of the donations that were collected were given to local families and organizations in the neighborhood.

PS 11 WINS LIBERTY HOUSE RESTAURANT “SNOWFLAKE CONTEST”

Liberty House Restaurant recently held its annual “Snowflake Contest” at its Liberty State Park location. Students in grades 1 through 4 were permitted to participate in decorating a tree with a theme that reflected their school, community, and/or special interests. This year Martin Luther King, Jr. PS 11 took 1st place with their theme of “Anti-Bullying/Acceptance of All/Born this Way.” Art Specialist Ms. Linda Sabbia-Fiore, along with Mrs. Kristy Escaleira and student-teacher Mahum Hashmi (of Saint Peter’s University), worked collaboratively with the students in creating decorations with an anti-bullying theme. Students and teachers enjoyed a luncheon after the competition, which came complete with goody bags and visits by Santa Claus and Mayor Fulop.



PARENTS’ DAY AT PS 14

Open School Day/Parent Day takes place once a month at Rev. Dr. Ollie E. Culbreth, Jr. PS 14. This is a day set aside for parents/guardians, like Diana Green (photo left), to visit and participate in reading to the children. If you’d like to participate, contact the school’s principal, Sharon Abbruscato, for more information.



PS 25 HOLDS FOOD DRIVE TO BENEFIT “HOPE HOUSE”

Nicolaus Copernicus PS 25 held a food drive for the month of November to benefit Hope House. This organization shelters twenty mothers and twenty-three children in Jersey City, providing three hot meals a day to their occupants.



The fifth grade Student Council worked very hard in visiting classes throughout their school building, collecting non-perishable foods from students and staff. Students boxed the gathered items and arranged for a representative of Hope House to make a pickup at the school on Monday, November 25, in time for Thanksgiving.

*To see more photos of the event, featured in The Jersey Journal, please visit:
http://photos.nj.com/jerseyjournal/2013/11/jersey_citys_nicholas_copernic_9.html*

JC KIWANIS HONORS SNYDER HS TEACHER OF THE YEAR

The Jersey City Kiwanis recently honored the Jersey City Public Schools and Hudson County Teacher of the Year, Margaret Freeman of Snyder High School. This program was generously sponsored by Liberty Savings Federal Credit Union (LSFCU). Ms. Freeman received a plaque and \$400.



From left: Billy Cunningham, President of JC Kiwanis; Maria Solorzano, Vice President of LSFCU; Dr. Marcia V. Lyles, Superintendent; Honoree Margaret Freeman; Ellen M. Ruane, Associate Superintendent of Secondary Division; and Michael Kell, Principal of Snyder HS.

FALL FESTIVAL & FUNDRAISERS AT INFINITY INSTITUTE

Infinity Institute hosted The Fall Festival on Wednesday, November 13. This event brought approximately eighty-five parents, students, faculty, and community members together for a night of fine food and conversation. The Festival provided the Infinity family with an opportunity to socialize and meet people from the community.

Infinity's French Club hosted a Café Au Lait fundraiser (photo right) on Friday, November 15, which was a coffeehouse setup, complete with a five-course French dessert. Student performances included singing, dancing, beat-boxing, and instrumentals. The event was well attended by students, parents, and faculty, raising \$570 for the French Club's charity project.



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