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HELP PS 5 WIN SAMSUNG'S SOLVE FOR TOMORROW COMPETITION!

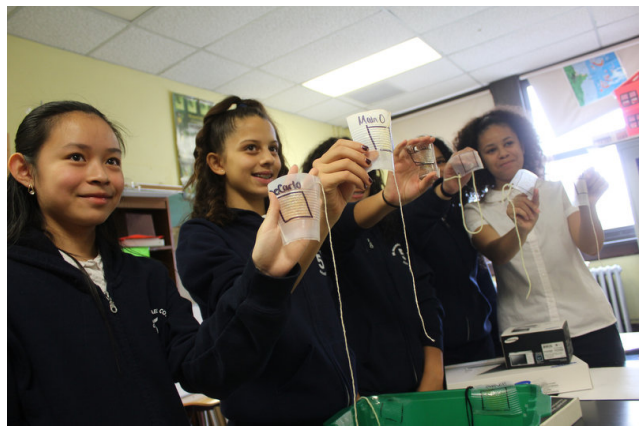


***"Air Fresheners" need your votes to make the Final Five
Tweet or Instagram: #SamsungSolve #SamsungSolvePS5
(must use both hashtags)***

The "Air Fresheners" team from Dr. Michael Conti School, PS 5 was selected to be in the final 15 of the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Science competition winning an additional \$20,000. As some of our readers may recall, we reported last issue that the team was chosen as the NJ Finalist earning the school \$20,000. Their selection as national finalists earned the school an additional \$20,000, making their winnings so far \$40,000. On March 15th, the team will travel to New York City to present their work and compete for an additional \$80,000. In addition to the final presentation, part of their final score will be based on voting from the public on Twitter and Instagram. To vote for the Air Fresheners, tweet or Instagram: SamsungSolvePS5

The competition, which requires students to develop a STEM solution to a problem they face in their lives and community, attracted more than 4100 applicants and the Air Fresheners have now made it to the Final 15. Students Lailany Maldonado, Ivonne Ovalles, Sidney Kensley,

Gianna Quijada, and Nancy Do, designed air filters to help clean the air in their school. They conducted research on the pollutants most likely to impact their environment, tested the air, improved commercially available filters and organized a "No Idling" campaign. As part of the competition, they created a video about their project, which you can see [here](#).



PS 5's *Air Fresheners* advance to the final 15 teams out of over 400 for their project to improve air quality in their school.

PS 23 ART STUDENTS GET TO PAINT PORTRAITS OF SPECIAL GUEST, ZACHARY

On Wednesday, February 3, Art Specialist Maria Francisco had a very special guest visit her 6th grade art class. Rita Lamar-Alvarado, a friend of the school, had Zachary (her pet parrot) "pose" for the students, providing them with the experience of sketching and painting a live animal.



Students reveal their portraits of "Zachary the Parrot." We think Zachary approved of all portraits.

PS 23 is extremely thankful to Rita and Zachary for taking time to visit them. A big thank you also goes out to Ms. Debbie Accurso-Marquez for allowing students to paint in the library and to Ms. Afaf Muhammad (parent volunteer) for her assistance during this special art project.

PS 39 STUDENTS MEET 4-TIME OLYMPIAN

Joetta Clark Diggs, New Jersey's four-time Olympian and NJ's Hall of Fame Inductee (Class of 2013), and her Foundation concluded their 10-week "Fitness/Academic Program" at PS 39 on the morning of January 15. The Joetta Clark Diggs Program is: Students Interested in Sports Career Opportunities (SISCO). This program, which also has a physical fitness and wellness component, introduces the various opportunities that exist in the sports industry to elementary, middle, and high school students.



Four-time Olympian Joetta Clark Diggs visited PS 39 for a culminating activity/workout with students on the final day of her SISCO program.

PS 28 TO REPRESENT JERSEY CITY AT STATEWIDE CONCERT



Education Law Center and the NJ Education Association (NJEA) are partnering for the 18th year to present *Kids in Concert*. Students in kindergarten through 12th grade audition by sending in videos of their acts. Those chosen perform in one concert at a state-of-the-art facility at Long Branch High School. Christa McAuliffe PS 28 is one of only eight schools from across the State chosen to be in this year's performance. More than 25 acts auditioned. There is nothing beyond this at a national level.

The school's music teacher, Mr. John Tarantula, submitted three acts to be considered, and *Kids in Concert* chose two of them. The *PS 28 Rock Band* will perform, and Karen Ayoub will open the show with an acapella rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner." Karen is in 7th grade, and the rock band consists of students from grades 5-8.

Mr. Tarantula stated, "I'm extremely proud to see the talent of PS 28 and Jersey City recognized at the State level. These students demonstrate an enormous amount of drive and enthusiasm in the arts and in all areas of their education."



Students of Abraham Lincoln High School's CTE Program gain real-world experience through two programs.

STUDENTS GET HANDS-ON, REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE IN THEIR CAREER CHOICES OF INTEREST

The fall semester has been an eventful one for the Police and Fire Program. Back in November, students were addressed by Mr. Jonathan Cabrera, a former student of the Program who now is a supervisor from Rikers Island Correctional Facility and a council member of Planet Prison, Inc. Planet Prison is a not-for-profit organization that supports formerly incarcerated individuals transitioning back into society and the workforce. Students learned about re-entry programs in the State of New Jersey. In December, Ms. Jessica Rivera, from the Morris County Juvenile Detention Center, visited our students and offered a career profile presentation and discussed the Juvenile Criminal Justice System with them.

The Police and Fire Program is an application-based, year-long, district-wide program that offers high school seniors the opportunity to receive six (6) college credits from Hudson County Community College. The classes are taught by college-level professors and public safety personnel. The goal of

this program is to allow students who are interested in public safety the opportunity to begin pursuing this career during their senior year of high school. Mr. Jonathan Olavarria is the advisor for the program; Mr. Jesse Prokopczyk is the supervisor overseeing the program, which is in its 42nd year.

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JANUARY ATTENDANCE WINNER!

PS 16 has earned best attendance for the first month of 2016 with a 95.5% attendance rate. This is PS 16's second consecutive January attendance win.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES (tentative)

- **2/29** - Sneak-a-Peek Week, through 3/4
- **3/1** - ACCESS for ELLs, 3/1 - 4/15
- **3/2** - Read Across America Day
- **3/5** - AEP/Infinity Entrance Exam, MS 7, 8 a.m. *must have admission ticket in advance
- **3/7** - Early Childhood Registration, Mondays to Fridays 3/7 - 3/24 from 9 - 11 a.m.
- **3/9** - Interim progress reports distributed
- **3/13** - Daylight Savings Time Begins (set clocks ahead one hour)

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