

HIP FAIR WELCOMES FAMILIES WITH IMPORTANT SLC INFO

The Higher Initiative Project (HIP) Fair took place at Franklin L. Williams MS 7 on Saturday, November 2. Guests were greeted by members of the Dickinson HS JROTC. When they entered the main lobby, the JC Arts Jazz Band was playing a wonderful array of musical fresco. District supervisors and student greeters assisted attendees by handing out applications and other important information.



Guests entered the gymnasium where each high school had a booth set up for every Small Learning Community (SLC) available. Dickinson's JROTC Air Force opened the fair with the presentation of colors, which was followed up by a beautiful rendition of the Star Spangled Banner sung by two students from Snyder HS. All high schools had a large

cadre of students to help represent each SLC and talk to eighth graders and their parents/guardians about the vast opportunities each high school has to offer. A tally at the end of the day revealed that 1,328 people were in attendance!

IMPORTANT DATES

- 11/12, Special Education Advisory Council, 6 p.m. at Central Office
- Parent Conferences, 6-8 p.m.:
 - 11/18, Middle Schools
 - 11/20, High Schools
 - 11/25, Snyder HS only
 - 11/26, Elementary Schools
- 11/21, Board of Education meeting, 6 p.m. at PS 11

On Monday, November 4, copies of the applications were sent to all elementary and middle schools. The eighth grade application process has officially begun! Contact your school guidance counselor for more info and an application!

***BIG DIG* REAPS GREAT REWARDS AT DICKINSON HS**



William L. Dickinson High School students and staff, including Associate Superintendent of High Schools Ellen M. Ruane and Acting Principal Mary Jo Trusso-Sabbers, gathered recently on their day off in late October to participate in Big Dig. Students noticed that the grounds around their massive school had not been well cared for and

wanted to do something about it. They used this sunny autumn Saturday to dig out the old dirt and weeds and prep the grounds by planting flowers and shrubs that will grow and beautify the school next spring.

RISD COLLEGE RECRUITER VISITS SNYDER HS

The Academy of the Arts at Henry Snyder High School was excited to welcome the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) to their building in October. One by one, each senior, like Tyler Ballon pictured here, met with Antonio Peters, RISD recruiter. Students gained valuable feedback on their portfolios and now have the possibility of earning \$140,000 in scholarships to the prestigious art college, if selected. This is all thanks to the dedicated art teachers at Snyder who continue to build on their partnerships with RISD and other art colleges across the country.



JCFD VISITS PS 17



October was Fire Prevention month. Joseph H. Brensinger PS 17 Pre-K teachers used this opportunity to educate students to take precautions needed to prevent fires and the important steps needed for surviving them. The students also received a visit from Captain Moody and one of Jersey City's Bravest, Engine Company #9.

DISTRICT CELEBRATES HALLOWEEN, *FINALLY*

Weather-wise, the last few Halloweens have not been too kind to kids in search of candy, but this past Halloween finally met Jersey City students' expectations in a big way. Students and teachers at Charles E. Trefurt PS 8 were excited to once again hold their annual outdoor costume parade. Kindergarten students are pictured here with their teacher Mrs. Bachmann.



ELEMENTARY AND HIGH SCHOOL ART STUDENTS MERGE FOR A DAY

Artistically talented students from Mahatma K. Gandhi PS 23 visited Ferris High School to experience an art studio at a high school level. PS 23 students excitedly displayed their pottery projects and discussed them with Ferris students and administrators. Ferris students then acted as mentors, assisting in glazing the pottery and finalizing their projects.



FERRIS STAFFER COMPLETES NYC MARATHON



Ferris HS Teacher Assistant Thomas Cook is all smiles donning the medal he received for running in and completing the NYC marathon. He completed the 26.2-mile run with a time of 4:18:32. The entire Ferris community is very proud of Mr. Cook.

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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