

JERSEY CARES & PS 37 CELEBRATE "A DAY OF SERVICE" TOGETHER

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and President Obama's declaration of "A Day of Service," seventy-five Jersey Cares' volunteers and thirty-five PS 37 middle school students and staff assembled at Rafael de J. Cordero PS 37 on their day off from school on Monday, January 20, in order to beautify their school building and help the community. Projects included: sorting donated coats for distribution to local



organizations in need, assembling welcome home kits for families who were displaced by Super Storm Sandy, packaging First Night Kits for homeless shelters, continuing mural painting, and painting the cooking room. The day was highlighted on ABC's Channel 7, News Channel 12 NJ, and Verizon FiOS Channel 1.

IMPORTANT DATES

- ❑ **2/4**, Special Education Parent Advisory Council meeting, central office, 6 p.m.
- ❑ **2/8**, Winter HSPA Institute Session 3, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- ❑ **2/14**, 4-hour school session for all schools
- ❑ **2/17**, Presidents' Day, District closed

RONALD McDONALD MAKES CHARACTER ED VISIT TO PS 34



Ms. Mahatma Alicea stands with her kindergarten class and Ronald McDonald.

PS 34 once again welcomed a Character Education-based performance by Ronald McDonald for students in grades Pre-K to 5. The show, “On the Inside,” reinforced that it’s what is “on the inside” that really counts - qualities like trustworthiness, responsibility, respect, and fairness. Ronald McDonald and his cast of silly friends made the message fun, yet meaningful, through interactive skits, magic, music, and lots of laughter. Prior Ronald McDonald performances at PS 34 have focused on peer pressure and self-esteem.

PS 11 STUDENT TO COMPETE IN COUNTY SPELLING BEE

On Friday, January 10, 2014, Martin Luther King Jr. PS 11 held its annual Spelling Bee. Participants represented the fourth through eighth grade classes. They studied long and hard, and their determination provided for a fierce competition. In the end, only one participant could be declared the winner. Carlos Castillo (right) of Dr. Braida's fifth grade class will represent PS 11 at the Hudson County Spelling Bee this Saturday, February 8, at New Jersey City University at 9 a.m. We wish Carlos great success!



PS 38 STUDENTS ATTEND STATEWIDE CONFERENCE



On Wednesday, January 8, 2014, the officers of James F. Murray School's newly founded Student Council (pictured above) joined nearly 2,000 other middle and high school students from across the State at the New Jersey Association of Student Councils' 88th Annual Winter Convention at The College of NJ in Ewing. The Student Council officers, NJHS officers, and their two advisors, Ms. Perez and Mrs. Mebarez, participated in over twenty workshops facilitated by students, gathering creative activity and fundraising ideas to implement in their school. The students left the convention energized, inspired, and with the confidence to lead their peers throughout this school year.

PS 12 STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE



Students at Julia A. Barnes PS 12 recently completed a series of six *working lunches* training sessions with Angela McKnight of *Angela Cares* (standing left). The sessions focused on community service and volunteerism.

FERRIS ART STUDENTS EARN THEIR FIELD TRIP TO THE MET



Students in Ms. Berry's ceramics class at Ferris High School felt empowered to expand their learning of ceramics and the arts beyond the classroom. What better way than to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City? Students participated in a holiday fundraiser in December to pay for their trip by selling their

handmade ceramic pieces. They achieved their goal and made it to the Met on Friday, January 10! Students took a guided tour at the museum of Ancient Greek and Roman art, focusing on ancient pottery at the museum. This was the first time students raised money through their artwork for the purpose of expanding their knowledge of ceramics.

INFINITY INSTITUTE AIDING THE COMMUNITY

Infinity Institute takes great pride in community service. During the month of November, Infinity Institute provided Saint Paul's Church with eight giant containers of canned goods and eleven turkeys, feeding over 100 families on Thanksgiving Day. Students and staff also collected sixty hats and gloves, fifty scarves, and twenty-five blankets for the homeless in Journal Square.



PS 28 GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES SCHOLARSHIP



Mrs. Cavanagh, guidance counselor (right), stands with cast and crew members of George Street Playhouse and PS 28 middle school students.

The Guidance Department of Christa McAuliffe PS 28 was awarded a scholarship from George Street Playhouse and the New Jersey State Bar Foundation. The scholarship was used for an in-school performance by the George Street Playhouse, titled *IRL: In Real Life*, which addresses cyber-bullying.

VISUAL ARTS AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM AT PS 29

Ms. Barbara Gannon, art teacher at Gladys Cannon Nunery PS 29, is running a visual arts after-school program for 5th grade students. The program will develop student's critical-thinking skills, creativity, visual literacy, and self-esteem, as well as an appreciation of other cultures.



DISTRICT PRE-K ARTWORK DISPLAYED AT CONCENTRA



Artwork by our district's youngest students has recently been put on display at Concentra's Jersey City office, bringing many smiles to patients and staff.

Matt Berkowitz of Concentra has asked the Early Childhood Department to continue collaborating in bringing our children's expressions

of art and anecdotes to his office, as they are very appreciated by the staff and clients. For the month of February, Early Childhood Nurse Arlene Egan and the Early Childhood Department are submitting student artwork on heart health. Artwork from December (above) depicts children's ideas of "healthy habits." Last month, displays represented artwork about changing weather, as well as remembering Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

FEBRUARY OPEN HOUSE REMINDER

10	11	12	13
<p>Snyder HS Parent Conferences/ Report Card Distribution Snyder HS, 1:30-3pm 4-hour session for Snyder HS <u>only</u></p>	<p>High School Parent Conferences/ Report Card Distribution 1:30 - 3pm 4-hour session for High Schools <u>only</u> (excludes Snyder)</p>	<p>Elementary School Parent Conferences/ Report Card Distribution 1:30 - 3pm 4-hour session for Elementary Schools <u>only</u></p>	<p>Middle School Parent Conferences/ Report Card Distribution 1:30 - 3pm 4-hour session for Middle Schools <u>only</u></p>

School parent conferences are approaching. Please check the boxes above and in the district calendar to see, specifically, what day your school has a 4-hour session. Each school will have one 4-hour session between February 10-13 (e.g. MS 7 will have a 4-hour session on February 13 and full days on February 10-12).

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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