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Alfred E. Zampella PS 27 students and staff became a sea of blue in recognition of Autism Awareness Day.

PS 27 RECOGNIZES AND SUPPORTS AUTISM AWARENESS

Students & Staff Rally to Become a Sea of Blue

The month of April is recognized as National Autism Awareness Month. Staff and students at Alfred E. Zampella PS 27 were a "Sea of Blue" in honor of Autism Awareness Day on April 2. The school's National Junior Honor Society kicked off an Autism Awareness Day by sponsoring an assembly with Kori Buro, a representative from *Autism Speaks*. The assembly was motivating and inspiring. The students organized and ran it under the guidance of the National Junior Honor Society Faculty Council. The assembly informed staff and students what autism means and how the school would raise money throughout April. The school raised and donated \$2,382 to the organization *Autism Speaks*.

[Learn more about Autism Speaks](#)

PS 25 SHOWS SUPPORT FOR JCPD

A couple of months ago, the students of Nicolaus Copernicus PS 25 sent thank you letters and pictures to the fine men and women of the Jersey City Police Department, who serve and protect our wonderful City. The JCPD was so touched by the outpouring gratitude that PS 25 students expressed in their letters, they wanted to demonstrate their appreciation to the students. Members of the JCPD held a special assembly at the school in February. The students were able to read their letters to the police officers in person. News 12 New Jersey was also on hand to run a story.



Members of the Jersey City Police Department host an assembly for students and staff at PS 25.

[Check out the News 12 NJ story here](#)

FERRIS STUDENTS MAKE PRESENTATIONS TO VISITORS

Students from Mrs. Bridgeforth-Goodman's Global Logistic and Supply Chain Management class at James J. Ferris High School were visited by Mr. Zachary Riffell from the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) in Georgia and Mr. Gralyn Diggs from the NJ Department of Education. Students presented three of the six projects required from the syllabus and presented their version of "How can we manage inventory?" This was the first project presented to someone other than classmates and the classroom teacher. This introductory course engages students in the concepts of supply chains, warehouse location, contingency planning, and in-sourcing and out-sourcing decisions.



Back row l to r: Vice Principal Mr. Pane, Gralyn Diggs from NJDOE, Savanna Howe, Mrs. Juanita Sifflet, Nyaila Muhammad, Mrs. Bridgeforth-Goodman, and Mr. Zachary Riffell from SREB. Front row l to r: Fung Li, Elaine Latumbo, Asthi Chatterjee, and Zuleika Coplin

MS 4 HOLDS RECYCLABLE FASHION SHOW AT JC MEDICAL CENTER

Frank R. Conwell Middle School 4 students, under the direction of their Art Specialist Diana Gonzalez, recently participated in a "100% recyclable fashion show," crafting avant-garde dresses from generic household materials. Several students modeled the dresses, that they and other students helped create, at the Jersey City Medical Center. According to Ms. Gonzalez, "the students did actual sketches and learned the process of creating concept boards, like fashion designers currently do." The challenge has inspired some students to want to be "future fashion designers," she added.



MS 4 students show off their dresses, made of 100% recyclable materials, at JC Medical Center.

The event was part of an annual Visual and Performing Arts' student showcase, which evolves from year to year, and is put on with the help of MS 4 art, music, drama, and life-skills educators and the Jersey City Medical Center. Attendees said this year's show also involved musical performances, dramatic readings, and displayed artwork. According to Jersey City Medical Center's Director of Public Affairs Mark Rabson, a student art show has been put on by MS 4 at the Medical Center for the past seven years. It has become something that the "hardworking nurses and doctors" look forward to during their lunch break, Rabson said. "We give them the venue and the staff," he said. "They like to perform for us." [article credits to Laura Herzog, Jersey Journal]

RUTGERS VISITS PS 25

On April 17, Program Director of Junior Achievement, Alicia Fusco, and Rutgers University student volunteers visited Nicolaus Copernicus PS 25. Volunteers presented the Junior Achievement curriculum in grades K-5. The program fostered work-readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy skills, and used experiential learning to inspire students to dream big and reach their potential. Junior Achievement Day helped prepare the students for the real world by showing them how to generate and effectively manage wealth, how to create jobs that make their communities more robust, and how to apply entrepreneurial thinking to the workplace. The students were able to implement the lessons into action and learn the value of contributing to their communities.



Rutgers students pose with PS 25 students.

FERRIS STUDENTS CERTIFIED MICROSOFT SPECIALISTS

To celebrate Career Technical Education (CTE) month, students of Mrs. Theresa Rampino's Computer Business Applications 1 (CBA1) class became Microsoft Office Specialists in Word 2007. Ten students earned this achievement after studying and practicing over 250 tasks available on the program. This was above and beyond the classroom assignments at that time. Mrs. Rampino created special training programs and practice exams for these gifted students, using the SAM2007 website to which our district subscribes. A Microsoft Office Specialist is a person who has passed an exam administered through a Microsoft Authorized Testing Center on one of the Microsoft Office products. As more and more employers begin looking for verification of employee software skills, this certification will increase their visibility, differentiate them from their peers, and bring recognition for their knowledge and skills. People who pass the Office Specialist exams are frequently employed even in professions outside of the computer field.



Pictured l to r: Avinash Sookdeo, Mrs. Theresa Rampino, Jerry Acosta, Cameron Barfield, Edyta Sikorska, Jovanni Alvarez, Remsha Tazhar, and Jenifer Nolasco.



MARCH ATTENDANCE WINNER!

MS 7 has earned best attendance for the month of March with a 96.7% attendance rate. Students and staff were honored at the April board meeting. Congratulations!

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **5/13** - Parents As Partners Conference, NJCU, 9 am - 2 pm
- **5/14** - Superintendent's Student Leadership Forum, MS 7, 9 am - 12 pm
- **5/18** - Interim Progress Reports distributed
- **5/20** - Title I Parent Liaison meeting, CO, 6-8 pm
- **5/21** - Board of Education meeting, PS 11, 6 pm
- **5/22** - 4-hour session for schools, 12:45 pm dismissal
- **5/25** - Memorial Day, district closed

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