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Treatonian

Principal's Message

The last edition of the Treatonian is dedicated to the graduating class of 2019 and their accomplishments. We cannot talk about their accomplishments without including the results of the high school placement process.

The class of 2019 received the following acceptances; boarding schools = 28, private day schools = 23, Newark Public School = 35, Essex County Vocational/Technical = 24, Parochial = 134.

Their initial merit and financial aid offerings totaled nearly 2 million dollars. This class of 2019, received more in merit and financial aid offering than any class before them.

While the merit and financial aid offerings are impressive, the most important aspect of the process is that students, parents, and staff worked very hard to ensure the best possible fit for each student.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Trillo and Ms. Diaz for their efforts in ensuring the process went smoothly and all deadlines were met. I would like to thank our 8th grade instructional staff who assisted students through the editing process with hundreds of application essays. I would like to thank all of our staff including Mr. Parada who completed hundreds of recommendations.

As someone who is very familiar with the process I can tell you it is a herculean task. Especially when all of those involved have other primary responsibilities.

We can all take pride in the accomplishments of the class of 2019!

P.S. Please enjoy the pictures on pages 2 through 5 of our spring concert. The student performances were outstanding. Thanks to Ms. Walker, Mr. Comanda, Ms. Heinlein, Mr. Hade, Mr. Radliff, and Ms. Mendez.





Two Campuses
One Community United by a
Passion for Learning



Stephen N. Adubato



Jackie Robinson

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Spring Concert 2019









Stephen N. Adubato Students of the Month for March 2019					
Angela Lagonigro	104	Jocelyn Chavez	207	Janylah Cosme	308
Melany Cuellar	107	Krystal Santiago	208	Eric Li	310
Randy Sarango	201	Antonio Lance	210	Angel Reyes	P.E.
Alana Zarate	202	Jaelynn Reyes	301	Nasir Middleton	Science
Rasean Rothschild	203	Nigel Gittens	302	Genesis Fawcett	Technology
Alexander Ramirez Catota	204	Kristen Arteaga	303	Clarence Josiah	Music
Victoria Romero	205	Sophia Duthie	304		
Jonathan Rodriguez	206	Andres Hernandez	306		



Stephen N.Adubato Citizens of the Month for March 2019

Jose Moran Caleb Carpintero Jasmine Padilla Jayden Carrasquillo Emy DeLeon Janeles Morales



Jackie Robinson Campus Students of the Month for March 2019					
Takia Meggett	12	Ashley Ortega	22	London Alston	Technology
JeDaren Leben	13	Ntifafa Dzokoto	23	Jayden Betances	Music
Niurka Betances	14	Moises Castillo	24	Ronell Jackson	Science
Ivette Mitchell	15	Tre'Von Jackson	27		
Kayla Perry	21	Naomi Harris	P.E.		



Jackie Robinson Campus Citizens of the Month for March 2019

Nayeline De La Cruz Serenity Reeves Elizabeth Esteves Ronell Jackson-Williams Arturo Blake Sara Marallano Juan David Ramos



Stephen N. Adubato Students of the Month for April 2019					
Everett Johnson	104	Solmarie Rodriguez	207	Jaslene Saguay	308
David Solano	107	Victoria Correia Da Silva	208	Alonso Vega	310
Leah DeLeon	201	Owen Kelly	210	Jacob Marengo	P.E.
Jurem Cuellar	202	Janeles Morales	301	Zashenka Molina	Science
Katherine Ovallez- Ramirez	203	Sharlene Galvez	302	Jarelyss Melendez	Technology
Alexandra Bobadilla	204	Wendy Castillo	303	Ronnie Rodriguez	Music
Raquel Ginorio	205	Liliana Roldan	304		
Seydi Maury	206	Jahnae Daley	306		



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Jackie Robinson Campus Students of the Month for April 2019					
Tyler Johnson	12	Jaylenne Acosta	22	London Alston	Technology
Mia Franco	13	Janis Zempare	23	Miracle Hamilton Gillis	Music
Kairo Campbell	14	Genesis Batista	24	Britney Edionseri	Science
Josiah Berrios	15	Ian Hylton	27		
Saladin Small	21	Munachimso Anikwe	P.E.		



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RTA GOLF FUNDRAISER

The RTA Golf Fundraiser is fast approaching. Part of what makes our event so successful is our raffle during the dinner portion of the event. The more prizes we can raffle off the better. We are looking for any donations that can help. Below is a list of some examples.

- Gift Cards (local restaurants, coffee places, I-Tunes etc...)
- Themed gift baskets (Dunkin Donuts, wine or spirits, etc..)

Most establishments will donate, sometimes all you have to do is ask.

Any contribution helps and remember all proceeds from the event go right back to the students in the form of scholarships through the James A. Pinaire III foundation.



Women in Science and Technology!

Ms. Barbalaco

In celebration of Women's History Month, the sixth graders had a fantastic time researching and writing reports about women who excel in the fields of Science and Technology. They worked in pairs, in coordination with Mr. Pallante in the Computer Lab (thank you), to research each woman and her achievements. In Science Class, they wrote their drafts by sharing their documents with each other, and then printed their reports when they were back in the Computer lab! A few of the sixth grade girls also helped me create a beautiful bulletin board display as well, so that other students and staff can read about these tremendous women!



Completing Number the Stars Fifth grade, JRC

Throughout the month of March, Grade 5 has completed our novel unit, Number the Stars, along with the informational texts that support learning about the Holocaust. At the beginning of the month, students completed a jigsaw activity about this historical topic. Groups of students became "experts" about one subtopic of the Holocaust. They then had the opportunity to teach their classmates what they had learned in small groups! This was an engaging, hands-on activity, that allowed us to incorporate informational ELA standards in a more authentic way.



In math, students learned about different systems of measurement, and they practiced making conversions between different units of measurement. One notable activity that students completed this month was a cooperative learning project where the class had to calcu-

late the cost of carpeting a home! We provided students with different carpet samples, as well as room dimensions and photos, and they had to apply their learning to this real-life example. Students then used their calculations, along with additional information, to write proposals about which carpet sample was superior!

Students completed their ecosystem projects in science, and they finished presenting

these projects throughout the month. We are now moving into learning about the solar system, and students have received new research topics for this unit. In addition, we have now implemented an online component to our Measuring Up science program, which will help us monitor student achievement in this content area!

Developing our Academic Awareness Seventh grade, SNAC

The 7th Grade students have done very well academically throughout the school year. They take their academic responsibilities very seriously and have performed very well across the subject areas. This is especially impressive as their courses are difficult and progressively get more complex. Students have demonstrated their desire to reach and exceed their goals through their focus, determination, and perseverance. We have seen them ask analytical questions and develop strong arguments in both written and verbal form. They motivate each other in the classroom by challenging each other to achieve their goals. In the same sense, we have also helped them to realize their responsibilities to set a good example for others in terms of their conduct and maturity. This is an area that has been addressed consistently and has also shown improvement. We will continue to reinforce these lessons as the school year moves forward.

Making The Mark Mr.Ontell, Phys. Ed., SNAC

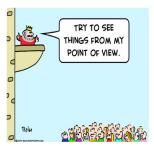
In the month of March, the entire student body participated in hockey. We started with the fundamentals and worked out way up to competitive games. The primary grades also took part in a vigorous competition of Bowls Vs. Mountains were two teams try to work faster than the other by turning cones over spread throughout the gym. Moving forward, I will introduce Lacrosse and four Square which has become an inclusive activity for all!





Unit Three Writing Assignment: Point-of-View Fifth grade, SNAC

The fifth graders have just completed their third reading selection of the year. The end-of-unit writing assignment requires each student to write an essay from a particular point of view. Students will understand that the details of an event can vary greatly depending upon which character is narrating it. They will also learn how to identify the four different points of view from which a text is written.



Go Green! Kindergarten, SNAC

A St. Patrick's Day celebration was in full swing in the kindergarten this month. Students celebrated the St. Patricks Day holiday on Friday March 15th, 2019. The holiday's theme could be seen throughout the day. Students counted shamrocks and gold coins and used them to practice number sequencing in math. Using, Fruit Loops cereal, our little



leprechauns made rainbows that followed our ROYGBIV pattern. They listened to stories about leprechauns in reading. Students even wrote about what they would do if they found a pot of gold! Here are some examples of what our students would do with the gold:

If I found a pot of gold, I would share with poor people. -Rafael Roldan

If I found a pot of gold, I would buy sunglasses. –Jasmith Cambronero

If I found a pot of gold, I would buy a Lamborghini. - Jaivin Santiago

If I found a pot of gold, I would go on a vacation with my family. - Victoria Velazquez

Tips for Answering Multiple Choice Questions Seventh grade, JRC

This month the seventh grade scholars have been working hard to get ready for testing after Spring Break. They have done a variety of assignments to help strengthen their close reading and analyzing skills. The seventh grade team has some helpful tips that might be able to help you when you are completing multiple choice questions. First, be sure to read every possible answer before selecting the one you think is correct. This can help you because there may be an option that seems like it is a good response, but another option further down may be a better response. Additionally, you should cross off the options which do not accurately answer the question. This will make it easier for you to find the correct answer if you have narrowed down the possible solutions. Finally, when you are answering questions associated with a passage, you should always go back to the passage to find text evidence to support your thinking. We hope that these tips will help you find success with any test that has multiple choice questions!

She Believed She Could, So She Did! Second grade, JRC

Students in Room 14 spent the month of March learning about various women in history. Through each discussion, students learned about the different challenges each woman had faced and the steps they took to reach their ultimate goal. Students were astonished to learn that at one point, women were not allowed to vote or get particular jobs because they were a woman. With each obstacle, the women all stay determined and perse-



vered through the challenge in order to pursue their dream. Our discussions focused on role models like: Susan B. Anthony, Sojourner Truth, Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, Malala Yousafzai, Helen Keller, Rachel Carson, Jane Goodall, and Sonia Sotomayor. We wrapped up the month by having students choose one inspiring individual and explain why their story contributes to Women's History Month! Overall, it was great to see students understand the importance of equality and realize how far women have come!

Third Grade Testing Tips Third grade, SNAC

How to prepare for the NJSLA-ELA (Formerly PARCC)

Here are three tips to help you ace the NJSLA-ELA Assessment- ELA:

- Evidence. Nearly every NJSLA-NJ task asks your child to justify his or her reasoning. The search for evidence will help your child analyze the text better, pay closer attention to various literary devices, and generate richer insights. Practicing with both an academic and investigative approach will help your child find stronger evidence and write stronger arguments.
- Learn from mistakes. Help your child find his or her weaknesses by reviewing and analyzing various types of texts. Interaction with persuasive, informative, and narrative-based texts will help your child spot and conquer whichever task posed a challenge to him or her in the past.
- Always go back to the source. Whether it is a question or an essay, any uncertainty can be addressed by going back to the text. The text serves not only as the rest but also as a guide and a source for ideas, arguments, and evidence.

NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY 2019 INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Wednesday, March 6, 2019 Robert Treat Academy proudly inducted the following students into the National Junior Honor Society. The ceremony was followed by a dinner reception which was attended by the new members, their family members along with over 40 staff members. Congratulations to all the new members!!

2018-2019 NJHS Inductees

Jaylenne Acosta Nasir Middleton Alain Beade Ishaan Myrie

Angela Blair Riyah Myrie

Alexandra Bobadilla Christopher Negron

Bryan Calle Sanchez Esosa Notemwanta

Chelsea Chambers Samson Nwobi

Destiny Cruz Ethan Fadilla

Jack Cumbicus Patrick Penafiel

Mithaniel Diaz Richard Fisano

Jakob Gherardy Alexander Ramirez Catota

Celesta Goeh-Akue Aryanna Reyes Maria Guaba Brianna Romero

Brandon Hernandez Jason Rosado

Ronell Jackson-Williams Jocette Rosavio

Javielis Javier-Astacio Grace Scales

Kristen Laidley David Solano

Antonio Lance Jenebah Tyler

Ciara Latchman Daniel Toledo Navarro

Adrian Lopez-Silvero Gabriel Vega

Eliana Lugo-Peralta Sebastian Vega

Aiden Martin-Bradley Milagro Velazquez

Lyanette Martinez Tahiyah Williams

Ashley Martins Andrew Zapata

Seydi Maury



Exploring Nonfiction

First grade, JRC

This month, the first graders explored nonfiction by writing nonfiction stories about themselves, their classmates, our classroom, our school, and their favorite things. They learned the characteristic of nonfiction by hearing and discussing nonfiction books. They conducted interviews with their partners and wrote books about them as well. It was an amazing month to extend our knowledge of one another. In this one month, students were reporters, interviewers, and authors!

The Great Wildebeest Migration Third grade, JRC

This month, the students practiced how to complete a narrative writing performing task. The topic for the performance task is taking an imaginary safari in East Africa during the yearly animal migration. The task consists of three sections: Students read and examine sources, students answer research questions about the topic, and then students write their own stories.

Did you know?

- Over one million wildebeests migrate
- Zebras and gazelles migrate too
- The migration takes place in East Africa
- These animals spend Dec-April on the Serengeti Plains
- What We Have Learned About Narrative Writing

 Begins with an opening that makes the reader want to keep reading

 Includes interesting characters and events

 Describes the setting of the story

 Has a chronological sequence of events

 Sometimes includes dialogue

 Stays focused and makes sense

 Uses sensory details

 Has a point of view

 Follows writing rules for spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and grammar



- In April-May, the grasses die, so animals move north to find rain and new grass
- The animals begin returning to the Serengeti Plains in October or November

Final Cycle Eighth grade, SNAC

The 8th Grade students at Robert Treat Academy have entered their final cycle at Robert Treat Academy and are excited about the many events to come. It is evident that they are beginning to experience mixed emotions about their final three months at RTA. Of course, they are excited to move on to the many great opportunities that await them--prestigious high schools where they will continue their outstanding education, new friends to be made, and a brand new environment to experience. However, it is also bittersweet in that they will soon say goodbye to the place where they learned so much--not only in the classroom, but about good decision-making and displaying positive character. We will also miss them very much. As the 8th Graders take on some practical and complex projects in the fourth cycle, they will solidify their place in the history of Robert Treat Academy. We look forward to some exciting upcoming events with this very enjoyable group of students!

Reading News

Fifth Grade, SNA Campus

Fifth graders have concluded reading *Esperanza Rising* and have begun working on their next writing project, which is author's point of view. They have reviewed the four different author's points of view and how to identify them in the text.

To help them appreciate how the narrator's perspective influences the events of a story, the class heard an updated version of the classic nursery tale "The Three Little Pigs" entitled "The True Story of the Three Little Pigs." Written by contemporary children's author Jon Scieszka, this version is narrated by the wolf, who gives a very different account of the events that occurred the day he visited each of the three pigs. According to him, he was framed!

Students will soon begin reading the final selection of the school year entitled *Number the Stars*. This is the story of the Danish Resistance during World War II and their plan to rescue the entire Jewish population from the Holocaust.

Seussville takes over Kindergarten Kindergarten, JRC

For the month of March, the students had a spectacular time reading, writing, and creating art projects to celebrate the well-known Dr. Seuss. The students enjoyed helping their teachers decorate their classroom and school hallway to resemble Seussville. Our class really enjoyed the week of Read Across America as they had a fun activity prepared for them each day. After reading *Green Eggs and Ham*, the students made a prediction on whether or not

they would like green eggs. We also read, *Oh, The Places You'll Go* and our students each brought in something from a place they have been. *Wacky Wednesday* was the craziest when all of our students were allowed to dress up and wear their hair as silly and zany as they wanted to. Overall, March was a Seussriffic month!



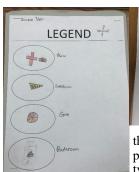
Planting Eighth grade, JRC



During the past month the 8th grade students were able to accomplish and explore a lot of different ideas and topics across their subjects. In science, the eighth grade has been working hard to germinate and plant many different species in order to gain an understanding of an artificial ecosystem. They have also been tasked with

learning about different types of waves that are found daily in our lives. The students in math have been working diligently to prepare for PARCC. They have continued to strengthen their skills and will hopefully be able to show their proficiency on the PARCC in the coming month of April. Lastly in social studies, the students were able to be creative in designing a campaign for a fictional person

that they composed. They were able to then present this to the class and hold an election for the candidates. We will continue to work hard as we near the end of the school year!





Learning New Things Second grade, SNAC

In the month of March, 2nd grade found themselves learning many new things. In math, we learned the values of coins as well as how to say/write different amounts of money. Towards the end of the month, we began learning a new concept that was met with a lot of excitement: fractions. Second grade is also excited to start on our animal research projects which will be finished up in

the month of April. We also started to learn more about maps. We started by familiarizing ourselves with the parts of a map as well as learning all of the vocabulary associated with them. We looked at the many different types of map and decided what kinds of questions or problems we could solve by using each type of map. We practiced making legends and decided what symbols would best express our key locations. Once we got more

comfortable with maps, we had the opportunity to make our very own maps of RTA.

March Madness Mr.Comanda, Music, SNAC

March Madness is clearly not only a term referring to basketball. This month has been an incredibly fun and productive month. Our kindergarteners have finished learning all their music for graduation and are ready to start becoming first graders. Some of our little ones are learning basic drum rudiments on practice pads and having blast doing so. Our middle schoolers have just completed their unit on acoustic guitars and are now ready to begin the Cycle 4 project in which they break into small groups and create their own original songs. Lastly, our after-school music program is plugging away at our Spring Concert music little by little, but surely in preparation for another really spectacular show.

Model Seder/Celebrate Freedom Haggadah Sixth grarde, SNAC

On April 9, 2019, our sixth grade students, along with students from Golda Och Academy of West Orange, NJ and the Gottesman RTW Academy of Randolph, NJ, gathered at Ahavas Sholom synagogue, here, in Newark, for the Third Annual Joint Greater MetroWest Newark model seder.

The program commenced with a question-answer session about the Jewish culture, prompted by items evident in the design of, and other items within, the temple itself. This discussion, facilitated by our host, Ms. Ilyse Shainbrown, encouraged total interaction between the three schools, as the students not only shared information with each other, but sat in an arrangement that completely integrated the three schools. As our students discovered new knowledge about the Jewish culture, they also made new friends.

Following the Q&A session, students were led to the temple's community room where they participated in a full model seder that included food, music, and a **Haggadah** (the text recited at the Seder on the first two nights of the Jewish Passover). Our host opened the celebration with an exposition that familiarized the students with the various foods on their plates, including an explanation of each food's position on the plate (see above), as well as its significance to the seder. As students enjoyed their meal, the schools collaborated by taking turns to recite the Haggadah, which included a combination of poetry and music. Central to this text was the theme of freedom, emphasis on the shared history of the diverse groups participating in the celebration, and a through explanation of the tenets that play a major role in the Jewish religious culture: *The Cups for Elijah and Miriam, The Four Questions, and The 10 Plagues of Egypt.*

In every aspect, this event was a veritable combination of participatory learning and fun. We send very special thanks to: our host, Ms. Shainbrown, the Paula and Jerry Gottesman Family Supporting Foundation of the Jewish Community, the Foundation of Greater MetroWest NJ, the Congregation Ahavas Sholom, as well as Ms. Adubato and Mr. Trillo for their support of our participation in this event!

Robert Treat Academy Students Win Poetry Contest Fourth grade

We are delighted to announce our very own Robert Treat Academy fourth graders won an essay contest hosted by the County of Essex Division of Cultural and Historical Affairs. Amani Mosely was the first place winner and Aakash Myrie won second place. The essays depicted their thoughts, reasons, and memories on the reasons Essex County Parks was so important to them. Both of the winners were invited to attend the Cherry Blossom Festival on Sunday, April 14, 2019 and read their essays. Amani Mosley attended and delighted the audience with her essay. Congratulations to both of you! Below are excerpts from our winners:

Amani Mosely:

I was pretty sure that I was the most excited one in my family to ride my bike but everyone was excited because we got to ride our bikes together as a family. "Squeak, Squeak" my dad took my training wheels off and I was ready to go but I was kind of nervous so I asked my sister for advice she said," Don't think hard about if you're going to fall or not but if you do get back up and keep riding because remember practicing is worth it." I was confident in what she said and so I went for it. I put my helmet, my knee pads, and my hand pads on, so if I fall it would protect me. I got on my bike and my dad was next to me to protect me like he always



does including my mom I can't forget her she was there for me to. I pushed my legs to make me move but then I fell however, I remembered what my sister told me so I got up and said I can do it! I told my mom and dad that I will try it myself, so I got back on my bike and then I started to ride my bike. I was so impressed that I got it on my second try and my family was too, so they got on their bikes and started to ride. This was the best day in Branch Brook Park!

Aakash Myrie:

I remember, I was panting after the mile run that took fifteen minutes the whole circle. It was my first time running a while mile without stopping. As I reached the finish line I dropped on the grass, I was too tired to walk one more step but I didn't walk. I crawled! I remember people were happy but tired and everyone was laughing. The track is when you run a distance. Track is when you record a time for running a distance. This is a reason why Branch Brook Park is special to me and others.



Rabbits First grade, JRC

This month we learned about rabbits and how they can live in different environments. Mr. Monchie also introduced his two lovely rabbits for all of us to pet. We really enjoyed meeting Sophia and Panchito. Some students even saved a few carrots from lunch to give to the rabbits. In class, we wrote about "If we were Rabbits for a day" and our friends really enjoyed some of the things we came up with. We even designed our own bunnies for our writing.

Lenape Wigwams Fourth grade, JRC

The 4th graders have been learning about the Lenape Indians. Students learned how the Lenape met the early explorers from The Netherlands and guided these colonists in farming, trapping, and living off the land of New Jersey. As a home project, students created a wigwam, labeling the essentials of wigwam living. The way of life for these Native Americans was simple and they tried to guide the colonists to do the same. The colonists followed their own path which unfortunately forced many of the Lenape to move westward.







Preparing for the Next Chapter Seventh grade, JRC

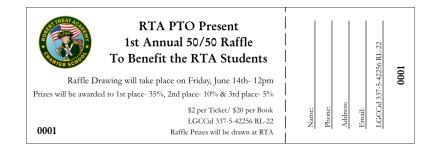
Now that we have finished preparing for and taking the NJSLA, the seventh grade scholars will be preparing for the SSATs. SSAT stands for the Secondary School Admissions Test, and it's used for admission to private high schools. The reason the 7th graders take this test is because many of them will be applying to private high schools during the start of their eighth grade year, and this test is an important part of the application process for them. The SSATs assess student ability in Reading Comprehension, Math, and Vocabulary. The vocabulary section focuses on synonyms and analogies. The test also has an un-scored essay that is sent directly to the schools that the student is applying to. We will be reviewing relative material and completing practice tests in order to help students prepare for the SSATs. As the end of the school year approaches, we are very excited to begin working on the high school application process with the seventh grade scholars.

Eighth grade, SNAC

The eighth-grade students are now entering their final two months at Robert Treat Academy. The excitement and anticipation continues to grow. They have now completed their state testing and are focused on their final cycle of middle school. It has been quite a journey for the eighth-grade students as they now are realizing that the end (and a new beginning) is one step closer. May will be filled with a series of complex, but enjoyable assignments and responsibilities. June will be filled with a series of exciting and fun events for them to enjoy. They have one more cycle to remain focused on and maintain the strong grades they earned to this point. Their grades will be examined right to the end of 8th Grade. As their teachers, we have been very pleased with their overall performance and display of maturity throughout the school year and have high expectations for them. We will enjoy our remaining time with them and guide them with any concerns they have for the future. This eighth Grade class exhibits many positive qualities that we are certain will serve them well.

Golf 50/50: First Annual 50/50!

The Robert Treat Academy PTO presents to you our first annual 50/50 Raffle to benefit Robert Treat Academy students. Raffle books will be sold in the office at each campus for \$20 per book. Drawing will be on Friday June 14th, 2019 at Robert Treat Academy. Don't miss out on this amazing opportunity to give back to our students, and potentially win some money



SNA Middle School Science

Ms. Barbalaco



Our eighth graders just finished studying about waves and their applications. They explored how the amplitude, frequency, and speed of a wave is affected by the media it is traveling through, and examined the unique properties of light waves and how this contributes to the way humans perceive color.

In addition to their regular curriculum, eighth graders have also been reviewing concepts of Life Science and Earth and Space Science, in preparation for the ASK Science test at the end of May.

Seventh Graders have just finished learning about the diversity of living things. They explored the conditions necessary for fossilization, and analyzed how the relative and absolute ages of rock layers are used to determine the ages of fossils in the context of the geologic timescale. They also identified patterns of similarities in the anatomy and development across species. They developed an understanding of the relationship between adapta-

tion and natural selection.

Sixth Graders have learned how rock formations and other matter on Earth's surface have changed over time through chemical and physical processes. They studied the movement of Earth's plates, and how geological processes operate over many scales of time and space.

Natural Disasters Fifth grade, JRC

At the end of March, students completed their poetry unit, and have now moved into our Natural Disasters unit for ELA. This unit has piqued students' curiosity, and many have even taken the initiative to independently research some of the topics being discussed in class! In ELA, we are currently balancing the launch of this new unit with some review for the upcoming NJ-SLA. Lessons about natural disasters have allowed students to practice with reading and responding to informational texts, and they have also facilitated connections to learning in science!

In math, students have been reviewing a multitude of skills, including adding and subtracting fractions, responding to multistep word problems, and converting units of measurement. Students have had the opportunity to work in groups to review what they have learned throughout the year, and they have been practicing with real-world contexts to allow a more authentic application of skills.

In science, students have been very busy! Our class has been learning about the solar system and about Earth's systems, and many students have chosen to make independent connections beyond our classroom learning! Students have selected one topic about the solar system (or universe) to independently research, and they will present their projects in the upcoming weeks.

We are very proud of all of the effort that Grade 5 has been putting forth throughout the past several months! Students have continued to show incredible progress in all subject areas, and we know they are ready for the NJ-SLA!

Let's Stay Motivated! Third grade, SNAC

The good news is, with a bit of extra attention and creative thinking, you can be proactive when it comes to doing your best work right up until the last day of school. These tips, which can easily be implemented into your daily routine, can help you stay motivated and focused until summer vacation.

Get plenty of time out of doors

Enjoy those extra hours of daylight before bedtime. After those long hours in the classroom, there's nothing like a softball game, a few rounds of catch, or a nice long walk to sweep the cobwebs away.

Keep healthy snacks on hand

An increase in outdoor activity can also lead to an increase in appetite, so make sure to have plenty of healthy snacks such as fruits, nuts, and dark chocolate.

Make sure you get plenty of sleep

De-clutter work/study spaces

Creating a peaceful, clutter-free work/study space for yourself can go a long way toward relieving unnecessary stress. Join in with a bit of early spring cleaning, so that you'll be prepared for those last weeks of school.

(from https://www.learningliftoff.com/help-child-focus-on-school-avoid-spring-fever/)

Informative Essay Third grade, JRC



Third grade has been learning about renewable and nonrenewable recourses. Renewable resource is a resource which can be used repeatedly and replaced naturally. Renewable energy almost never runs out, for example: solar energy is powered by heat from the sun and never runs out. Examples include oxygen, fresh water, solar energy and biomass. Nonrenewable energy is a resource of economic value that cannot be readily replaced by natural means on a level equal to its consumption. Most fossil fuels, such as oil, natural gas and coal are considered nonrenewable resources. About 300 million years ago, water, sand, and mud covered dead plants and animals. Over a very long time, the dead plants and animals changed into oil, natural gas, and coal. These are called fossil fuels.

We burn fossil fuels to produce electricity, heat homes, and cook food. Some fossil fuels are used to make gasoline for cars and airplanes. Some are used to make plastic, cosmetics, detergent, and tooth-paste.

We use other forms of energy. Wind and solar power are two examples. These sources are cleaner than fossil fuels. When fossil fuels burn, they give off gasses. These gases pollute the air. Wind and solar power do not pollute the air which results in costing more money to use these types of energy sources.

Spring into Poetry Second grade, JRC



Students in Room 14 have been working on poetry. We have discussed different elements in poetry that include rhyme, rhythm, similes, alliteration, and onomatopoeia. Students have written a variety of poems that they have compiled in their portfolios. Students created their own 'SPRING' acrostic poems. The second graders enjoyed working on these poems as they were able to be creative with their ideas. Students look forward to their next project where they must select their own favorite poem to get published in our "Book of Poems." Not only will they be able to include their own poem,

they will also include an illustration with the poem as well. We look forward to seeing and reading the finished product!

April Treatonian Second grade, SNAC

Throughout the month of April, 2nd grade has been busy as bees with our animal research projects. We began by selecting an animal to research. Once everyone chose their animal, the hard work began! First we completed a fact sheet that gave a summary of the main information of our animal. Next, we wrote a paper that included all of our research as well as some of our opinions on the animal and the project process. Once we had completed the fact sheet and the writing, we began to work on our presentations. We worked with many materials and ideas to create some truly beautiful and informative displays. Each of us stood in front of our teachers and classmates to present our animal and explain what we had learned. Our projects will be displayed



near the office so that everyone in the school can see how diligently we worked. Hopefully they can learn something new from all of our hard work!

Happy Earth Day! Kindergarten, SNAC

The students of Kindergarten 301 and 303 at the Stephen N. Adubato campus celebrated Earth Day by brainstorming ideas on how to keep the earth clean. They learned about the responsibilities we have as citizens of the Earth and how important it is to keep our world nice and clean. They are looking forward to growing up in a world that is clean and healthy for years to come! Some ideas we brainstormed on ways we can keep the earth clean are by recycling and taking shorter showers to save water.

Getting Ready for Sixth Grade!

Fifth grade, SNAC

It is hard to believe that there are less than two months of fifth grade left! With the warm weather upon us and thoughts of activities planned over the summer, often times it is challenging for the students to remain focused this time of year. We still have plenty of learning time left and important work to do. It is vital that the students remain alert and understand that school and hard work is not over. Please make sure that your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a nutritious breakfast each day. It really helps!

I'm not telling you it's going to be easy, I'm telling you it's going to be worth it.

We are continuing to plug away in math and are currently gaining an even deeper understanding of fifth and sixth grade concepts and skills. These include fractions, decimals, percent's, graphing, order of operations, units of measure and problem solving. It is important that students complete their homework as this will help them to review concepts already taught in class and better prepare them for next year. Please encourage your child to stay motivated and to always give his or her best effort. "I'm not telling you it's going to be easy - I'm telling you it's going to be worth it." ~ Art Williams

Latter Stages Seventh grade, SNAC

The 7th Grade students at the SNA Campus are approaching the latter stages of the school year. They continue to do very well academically and are beginning to demonstrate more leadership qualities. We are pleased that they have achieved strong academic success throughout the school year and that some students are showing their desire to set an example with maturity. We would still like to see some improvement in this area, but it is coming along. Students have also just completed their state testing and are now focused on maintaining their focus in the final marking cycle of the year to complete each course successfully. As there are a series of enjoyable activities and events that approach towards the later stages of the school year, they have a great deal to look forward to. We also anticipate that the many lessons they learned in 7th Grade such as setting positive examples, time management skills, organizational focus, and being respectful and responsible in all areas of their education and interactions will carry them well into their 8th Grade year as the incoming leaders of Robert Treat Academy.

Music Making

Mr.Comanda, Music, SNAC

We have had another incredible month of incredible music making. We are rapidly nearing concert season and all of our groups have been working tirelessly (with the exception of a well-deserved Spring break). But since we've been back, we've put our noses to the grindstone and are getting extremely excited to put on some truly fun performances. Our theme for this concert is called "American Rhapsody." This entails music by wonderful American Artists. It is not genre specific so we will hear from a wide variety of musicians such as Alicia Keys, Bob Dylan, The Eagles, Jeff Mangum, Simon and Garfunkel, and even some of our very own students. We look forward to seeing you at the show!





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Since its founding in 1997 by the North Ward Center, Robert Treat Academy Charter School (RTA) has become a nationally recognized school of excellence. It was awarded the Blue Ribbon by the U.S. Department of Education. The Academy was one of only eight in New Jersey and 329 nationwide to win the coveted award. The school has been prominently featured on the DOE's website as a "high performing, high poverty school." RTA has earned Reward School status for the fourth consecutive year making it the only charter school in the state to accomplish this. Robert Treat's students consistently score among the highest of all students in New Jersey on statewide standardized tests. Year after year, RTA's graduates receive scholarships to attend some of the most prestigious day and boarding schools in the nation.

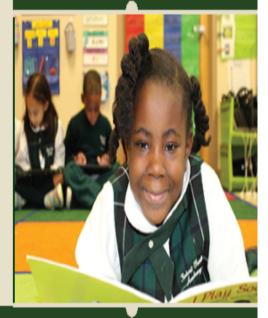
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www.roberttreatacademy.org



GOLF OUTING

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019 SHOTGUN START AT 1:00 P.M.



ESSEX COUNTY COUNTRY CLUB WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY

ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY

Please join us at Robert Treat Academy's
Sixth Annual Golf Fundraiser. The proceeds
raised will go to the James A.
Pinaire Scholarship Fund. This fund was
established in memory of James, a beloved
teacher who passed away in 2014, to help
the families of RTA graduates earn
scholarships towards their high school
tuition.

Robert Treat Academy graduates regularly get accepted to prestigious boarding and private day high schools from New Hampshire to Virginia. Although many of our students earn scholarships and financial aid to attend, the money awarded is not always enough to cover the full tuition. The purpose of this fund is to bridge the gap to ensure that our students do not miss out on a life changing opportunity.





EVENT INFORMATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019



- Registration begins 11:00 A.M.
- Lunch begins 11:45 A.M.
- Shotgun start at 1:00 PM.
- Dinner begins at 5/30 P.M.

GOLF OPTIONS

Golf includes golfer gift, green fees, cart, lunch, beverages and snacks, cocktail hour, dinner, awards, and door prize raffle tickets

Foursome:	\$1300
Twosome:	\$700
Single:	\$350
Dinner only:	\$100

*Jeans not permitted-Jackets not required



CONTESTS

- Hole in One (Car/\$10,000 Cash Prize)
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Saturday Class Schedule Starting October 13th !!!

North

8:30 to 10:45 3rd Grade

8:00 to 10:15 4th Grade

8:15 to 10:30 5th Grade

8:00 to 11:15 6th Grade

8:45 to 11:00 7th Grade

8th Grade

8:15 to 11:30(non-SSAT)

8:30 to 11:45(SSAT only)

Starting January 5th class times will be 8:15 to 11:30 for all 5th and 8th Graders

Central

3rd Grade through 8th Grade

8:30 -11:30

Saturday Class Schedule 2018 - 2019

Parents/Guardians.

We count on you to ensure your child (ren) attend all Saturday classes. You have always been cooperative and I know I can continue to count on your support.

(3rd through 8th grades) October 13th (3rd through 8th grades) October 20th (3rd through 8th grades) October 27th November 3rd (3rd through 8th grades) November 17th (3rd through 8th grades) (3rd through 8th grades) December Ist December 8th (3rd through 8th grades) (3rd through 8th grades) January 5th

NEW Schedule Begins for 5th & 8th Grade on January 5th

(3rd through 8th grades) January 12th (3rd through 8th grades) January 26th (3rd through 8th grades) February 2nd (3rd through 8th grades) February 9th (3rd through 8th grades) February 23rd March 2nd (3rd through 8th grades) March 9th (3rd through 8th grades) March 16th (3rd through 8th grades) March 23rd (3rd through 8th grades) March 30th (3rd through 8th grades) (3rd through 8th grades)(Last Day for 7th & 8th) April 6th (3rd through 6th grades) April 27th May 4th (3rd through 6th grades)(Last Day for 5th & 6th) (3rd through 4th grades)(Last Day for 3rd & 4th)

PARCC Testing for Grades 7 and 8 will begin Thursday, April 26thth and end Tuesday, April 30th.

PARCC Testing for Grades 5 and 6 will begin Tuesday May 7th and end Friday May 10th. PARCC Testing for Grade 3 and 4 will begin Monday, May 13th and end Thursday, May 16th. NJSLA- Science for Grades 5 & 8 will begin Wednesday, May 29th and end Thursday, May 30th

May IIth

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE 2018-2019

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 6:30 PM

<u>DATE</u>	LOCATION	TOPIC
Wednesday, August 15 th	Both Campuses	BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
Wednesday, October 17 th	SNA (6pm)	Title I Parent Information Meeting
		(Only for parents of Title I students—notices will be sent home)
October 29 th –November 2 nd	Both Campuses	Parent Conferences-Cycle I Report Cards Distributed
	(No Co	onferences on October 31st - Late Night Thursday, November 1st)
Wednesday, November 14 th	Both Campuses	Thanksgiving Play
Tuesday, December 18 th	SNA	SNA Winter Concert
Wednesday, December 19 th	SNA	JRC Winter Concert
January 22 nd – January 25 th	Both Campuses	Parent Conferences-Cycle II Report Cards Distributed
		(Late Night Wednesday, January 23 rd)
Tuesday, February 12 th	SNA	STATE OF THE SCHOOL
Wednesday, February 13 th	JRC	STATE OF THE SCHOOL
Wednesday, March 27 th	SNA	JRC Night of the Arts
Thursday, March 28 th	SNA	SNA Night of the Arts
Wednesday, April 24 th	SNA	JRC International Dinner
Thursday, April 25 th	SNA	SNA International Dinner
Monday, May 20th	SNA	SNA Spring Concert
Tuesday, May 21st	SNA	JRC Spring Concert
Friday, June 14 th North	Ward Center/	Founder's Day *

Branch Brook Park

(*Although this is a student activity we welcome parent volunteers. Please sign up in the office.)

PARENTS MAY ATTEND EITHER MEETING DATE AT EITHER CAMPUS. THE DECISION TO HOLD THE LARGER EVENTS AT OUR SNA CAMPUS IS FOR THE COMFORT OF OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS.

PROJECT CHILD FIND 1-800-322-8174

Project CHILD FIND is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist in the identification of unserved/underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth through twenty-one years of age. In addition, Project CHILD FIND develops and distributes information to the public about early intervention services and special education programs throughout New Jersey.

Project CHILD FIND's comprehensive efforts include:

- Assisting families of infants and toddlers, birth through two, concerned about their child's development by directing all requests regarding early intervention to the family's local Special Child Health Case Management Unit. If you need the number for your Special Child Health Case Management Unit, call: Project CHILD FIND 1-800-322-8174.
- Assisting families of preschoolers, ages three through five, concerned about their child's development by directing requests to their local school district.
- Helping families access community services through referral.
- Promoting community and public awareness of all children with disabilities by providing information.
- Assisting local school district boards of education to identify unserved children from age three through twenty-one who are in need of special education and related services.

Information through Project CHILD FIND may be obtained by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-322-8174, which is in service 7 days a week, 24-hours a day. All calls received are confidential.

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School Board Meeting Schedule

Thursday, September 20,2018
Thursday, October 18, 2018
Thursday, November 15, 2018
Thursday, December 20, 2018
Thursday, January 17, 2019
Thursday, February 21, 2019
Thursday, March 21, 2019
Thursday, April 25, 2019
Thursday, May 16, 2019
Wednesday, June 19, 2019



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