



ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL NORTH AND CENTRAL CAMPUSES



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THE TREATONIAN

Our Principal's Message

INDIVIDUAL SPEAKERS



THE NORTH CAMPUS STAND AND DELIVER TEAM



GROUP FINALISTS

NORTH CAMPUS

INDIVIDUAL SPEAKERS

VERONICA BLAIR
LIZA GREER

GROUP FINALISTS

ARYANA MERCADO
ROSE MARTINEZ
VERONICA BLAIR
KYLA ROMERO
BRITTNEY MARTINEZ

OTHER MEMBERS

EMIR AKDOGAN
CHRISTOPHER CRESPO
DESIREE CALDERON
RUBELQUIS D'OLEO
ROCIO UZETA
KATHERINE RAMOS
MADISON PARILLA
CIARA COHEN

Congratulations to the Stand and Deliver Team for the wonderful job that all of you did this year. It's nice to see that all of you are so interested in this activity. A special thank-you to Mr. and Mrs. Feinstein for all of their work!

Thomas Adubato

BRYANA MARTINEZ
DESTINY FIGUEROA
A'MYA BRASWELL
YASIN PEPPERS
GIANCARLO CALLE
RAMESES MINUS
GABRIELLA CRUZ

CENTRAL CAMPUS

AMARIS HERNANDEZ
YASEENAH ABDULLAH
JOHANN JIMENEZ-SEVILLANO
SHAYLA MILLER
JAMIE HORN
GENESIS BILLUPS
TAMIA BUTLER
NAAZIR JACKSON
NYLA GILLIAM
GABRIELLE JIMENEZ
ELISANIA LUGO-PERALTA



CENTRAL
CAMPUS

North Campus Students of the Month for April 2013

Bryana Martinez	104	Latisha Austin	207	Jasmin Velez	308
Maria Montero	107	Amanda Martinez-Molina	208	Javelis Javier Astacio	310
Genesis Crespo	201	Diego Gonzalez	210	Isaiah Miller	Art
Ebony Marshall	202	Josue Baez	301	Balthazar Sheehan	Music
Kylee Lopez	203	Genesis Chalmers	302	Danielle Alcantara	Phy.Ed.
Nicolas Ginorio	204	Amari Mosley	303	Amari Charles	Science
Alexis Beade	205	Sara Richardson	304		
Vanessa Fernandez	206	Katelynn Figueroa	306		



LEFT TO RIGHT:

Row 1:

**ISAIAH MILLER AND
JASMIN VELEZ**

Row 2:

**JAVELIS JAVIER-
ASTACIO,
KATELYNN FIGUEROA,
BALTHAZAR
SHEEHAN,
EBONY MARSHALL,
GENESIS CRESPO,
GENESIS CHALMERS
AND ALEXIS BEADE**

Row 3:

**DIEGO GONZALEZ,
LATISHA AUSTIN,
BRYANA MARTINEZ
AND AMARI
CHARLES**

**Row 4: AMANDA
MARTINEZ-MOLINA,
SARA RICHARDSON,
AND JOSUE BAEZ**

TOP Row:

**KYLEE LOPEZ,
MARIA MONTERO,
NICOLAS GINORIO, ,
VANESSA
FERNANDEZ
AND AMARI MOSLEY**

Congratulations to our Students of the Month, Principal's List and Honor Roll Students!

MAY 2013

Central Campus Students of the Month for April 2013

Jayla Smith	12	Gabrielle Jimenez	15	Skyla Granger	Music
Eliana Lugo-Peralta	13	Dante Terry	27	Sanaa Murph	P.E.
Alice Doirin	14				



LEFT TO RIGHT:

ROW 1: ELIANA LUGO PERALTA AND SANAA MURPH

**ROW 2: ALICE DOIRIN, GABRIELLE JIMENEZ, SKYLA GRANGER,
DANTE TERRY AND JAYLA SMITH**

Academic

Achievements-Cycle IV

Principal's List

Room 12C

Linai Blackmon
Kiyara Goodson
Isamar Martinez
Sanaa Murph

Room 14C

Catherine Esteves
Aria Watson

Room 15C

Nyla Gilliam

Room 27C

Amaris Hernandez
Mekhi White
Isis Pabon
Camila Zapata

Room 104

Gabriella Cruz
Emiliana Geronimo
Giovan Guanill
Katherine Ramos

Room 107

Tiana Barkley
Jayshawn Fuller
McAfee Sheehan

Room 201

Kyla Butler

Room 202

Noel Rios

Room 203

Kylee Lopez
Madison Serrano

Room 204

Indira Douglas
Moise Pierre
Amber Rua
Alejandro Toledo-
Navarro

Room 205

Balthazar Sheehan

Room 206

Brianna Hawley
Nicholas Carrero
Amari Charles

Room 207

Veronica Blair
Aryana Mercado

Room 208

Sophia Figueroa
Narena Nerahoo
Leah Ramos

Room 210

Jessie Bernardo
Dorothy He

Room 302

Genesis Chalmers
Rafael Cruz
Izabelle Herrera
Rosemary Lopez
Dru Strand

Room 304

Jailynn Martins
Krystal Narvaez
Adrianna Perez
Elizabeth Ramos
Sara Richardson
Maylynn Rodriguez
Amanda Roman

Room 306

Angela Lagronigro
Sara Rodriguez

Room 308

Joseph Alvarez
Aryanna Reyes
Jada Watson

Room 310

Mithayus Diaz

Honor Roll

Room 12C

Hayat Bemby
Aziyah Fitch
Kyla Jones
Oduwa Iyoha
Osaruonamen
Okwudishu
Skylar Motley
Dexter Phillips
Saladin Small
Sanaa Snead
Mavelous Uzebor

Room 13C

Jaylenne Acosta
Rayhaan Adenaike

Celesta Goeh-Akue
Malachi Beachum
Eliana Lugo-Peralta
Ashley Martins
Samson Nwobi
Mireya Miranda
Esosa Notemwanta
Christopher Negrón
Adrian Lopez-Silvero
Samantha Castillo

Room 14C

A'Nyla Botts
Raven Burwell
Moises Castillo
Jamoni Ellis

Elizabeth Esteves
Gabriela Hueting
Aaliyah Isahawk
Jordan Jones
Sariah Richardson
Gael Zambrana
Liana Zempare

Room 15C

Gabriely Acosta
Genesis Billups
Carlos Martinez
Brianna Morales
Joshua Negrón
Osasogie Iyoha

Room 27C

Isaiah Ahmed
Nyobie Boddie
Johann Jimenez
Sevillano
Shayla Miller
Tom'Miece Pickett
Telfair
Kennedy Robinson
Alani Rodriguez

Room 104

Marc Balacuit
Angel Bruno
Katheline Cosme
Vanessa Goez

Bryana Martinez
Nasir Martinez
Madison Parrilla
Nayale Quimis
Brianna Terrero
Lyandro Zuniga

Room 107

Freddy Ballester
Giancarlo Calle
David Chapparo
Justin Cruz
Rubelquis D'Oleo
Alana Garcia
Liza Grier
Jordan Hubbard
Allya Jaquez
Jihad Marshall
Brianna Matos
Ashley Medina
Rameses Minus
Glorinette Miranda
Maria Montero
Joel Ramos
Monica Soto
Rocio Uzeta
Lamara White

Room 201

Alexandra Barbaran
Elijah Douglas
Massa Godbold
Sara Gonzalez
Amour Henry
Emily Padilla
Riayan Reyes
Melissa Molina-
Martinez
Devin Narvaez
Marcus Santiago
Claryssa Martinez

Room 202

Amelie Bobadilla
Gabriela Celi

David Cueva
Pamela Goetz
Kendra Harrell
Dasia Johnson
Ebony Marshall
Magain Melgar
Peter Reyes
Julianna Rivera
Laura Shipman

Room 203

Ethan Glover
David Guerrero
Joshua Lopez
Mike Quishpe-Cevallos
Jacob Rosario
Alex Solano
Yariel Zuniga
Eliese Bruno
Destiny Maury
Zariah Middleton
Ciara Morales
Kamara Robinson

Room 204

Jazlynn Alvarado
Raymond Alvarez-
Adorno
Brianna Fontanez
Elisha Godbold
Arelys Jaquez
Sebastian Santiago
Rubien Torres
Adrian White

Room 205

Juan Miranda
Camille Strand
Emely Gomez
Alexis Beade
Jocelyn Calderon
Leslie Cevallos-
Sarmiento
Tyrone Lee
Stephanie Calle

Mia Toledo-Navarro

Room 206

Emily Acosta
Briana Berrios
Micah Rivas
John Martinez
Marquis Rivera
Eric Showers
Henry Suchite-
Rodriguez
Michael Torres

Room 207

Emir Akdogan
Brittany Cardona
Ashley Figueroa
Justin Negron
Kayla Romero
Arthur Shipman

Room 208

Michael Caceres
Jonathan Crespo
Darren Hernandez
Julisa Marcano
Gabriela Montero
Amanda Martinez-
Molina

Room 210

Isaiah Aldea
Raphael Castillo
Diego Gonzalez
Daniel Guzman
Declan Kelly
Justin Rodriguez
A'mya Braswell
Desiree Calderon
Tatiana Nazario
Janiece Pacheco
Lauren Pannullo

Room 301

Josue Baez

Luna Cardenas
Kamryn Correia
Grave

Kristen Laidley
Jeremiah Lopez
Nasir Middleton
Jared Miranda
Patrick Penefiel
Brianna Romero

Room 302

Justin Guaman
Tamia Louissaint
Nuri Raheem
Scott Quishpe-
Cevallos
Milanis Rivas
Khalil Stallings
Gabriel Toledo-
Navarro
Nayalee Cordero
Gabriel Quinde-Paez
Jordan Alix

Room 303

Alexandra Bobadilla
Jose Castaing
Xavian Cintron
Mithaniel Diaz
Naralis Jimenez
Seydi Maury
Ailani Miller
Dereck Molina
Amari Mosley
Ishaan Myrie
Ethan Padilla
Mattheu Rua
Jenebah Tyler

Room 304

Stephanie Crespo
Melany Cuellar
Everett Johnson
Kimbery Figueroa

Natasha Leines
Gian Martinez
Dylan Mejia
Zashenka Molina
Roselyn Muniz
Richard Pisano
Milagro Velazquez

Room 306

Camila Zamora
Danielle Alcantara

Delaia Baez
Alain Beade
Destiny Cruz
Ronnie Rodriguez
Katelynn Figueroa
Brandon Hernandez
Kellani Laidley
Ana Melgar
David Solano
Jeami Solano
Brandi Turner

Glendaly Mendez
Room 308
Jack Cumbicus
Erica Jimenez
Antonio Lance
Ciara Latchman
Kai Kennedy
Jim Quishpe-Cevallos
Khaelyn Robinson

Room 310

Daniel Toledo-Navarro
Aysha Penafiel
Jocelyn Chavez
Samantha Castaing
Javielis Javier Astacio
Riyah Myrie

Parent Council Attendance for 2012-2013 Academic Year

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**Thank
you very
much!**

ROOM #/GRADE	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL
301-K	92%	68%	P	64%	52%	P	68%	P	60%
303-K	76%	84%	A	52%	64%	A	54%	A	58%
308-1	92%	80%	R	100%	72%	R	60%	R	60%
310-1	84%	71%	E	100%	83%	E	72%	E	76%
304-2	96%	72%	N	68%	76%	N	68%	N	44%
306-2	96%	81%	T	69%	65%	T	77%	T	62%
302-3	96%	72%		60%	48%		38%		81%
203-3	85%	54%	C	23%	48%	C	65%	C	35%
201-4	96%	63%	O	65%	65%	O	61%	O	52%
202-4	79%	58%	N	60%	60%	U	72%	N	48%
205-5	81%	64%	F	52%	60%	N	56%	F	54%
208-5	72%	73%	E	42%	65%	C	58%	E	58%
204-6	76%	52%	R	52%	56%	I	64%	R	52%
206-6	70%	46%	E	36%	52%	L	44%	E	32%
207-7	65%	46%	N	33%	50%		50%	N	25%
210-7	83%	79%	C	54%	83%	C	58%	C	58%
104-8	60%	52%	E	29%	50%	A	50%	E	44%
107-8	96%	56%	S	56%	68%	N	52%	S	40%
C-13-K	96%	84%		88%	92%	C	88%	★	100%
C-12-1	92%	79%		100%	76%	E	96%	★	88%
C-14-2	96%	92%		85%	100%	L	92%	★	96%
C-15-3	100	84%		96%	96%	E	80%	★	96%
C-27-4	84%	75%		75%	96%	D	71%	★	92%
TOTAL	85%	69%	100	63%	69%		65%		61.3%

We expect that you will be supporting

your children

by attending their

Annual Spring Concert

and

Art Show

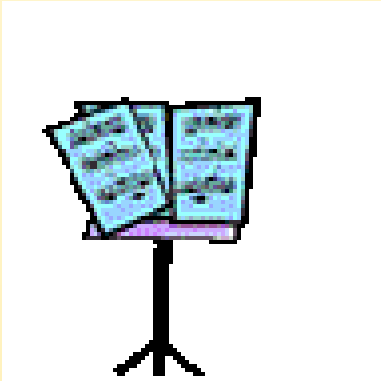
On Wednesday evening

May 29th

at 6:45 P.M.

at both campuses

We look forward to seeing you there!



Meet the New Art Teacher at North

Ms. Michelle DePuma holds a B.A. in Fine Arts Education from Montclair State University and will attend Caldwell College this fall to obtain a M.A. in Counseling with a Specialization in Art Therapy. She has taught elementary and middle school level art classes for the last four years at Knollwood School in Fair Haven and Canvas Art Studio in Rumson. She also instructs private sessions which focus on everything from traditional to modern innovative art methods. As a certified art teacher, Ms. DePuma offers aspiring artists a learning environment full of inspiration that guides them to express themselves in diverse, meaningful ways. Her class and private sessions consist of various concepts and techniques that stimulate creative thinking and broaden the understanding of several artistic mediums. Ms. DePuma's philosophy in Art Education allows her to guide children along their journey of growth and development as highly functional human beings.



The Book Fair Is Coming to Both Campuses

If you could give the gift of reading and have that gift keep on giving for years to come with cash, would you do it?

The Usborne "Reading is a Gift" book fair starts soon. Everyone who is interested in giving the gift of learning is welcome.

Teachers and children preview the books during the Fair and create their own Wish List of books to encourage donations to the school and classroom libraries.

A percentage of the cost of every book purchased is returned back to Robert Treat Academy in cash. Everybody wins!

Our goal is to encourage reading, promote literacy and raise money to enhance some of our programs.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the book fair, so if you're interested call Ms. Jessie at North Campus and Ms. Lydia at Central Campus

Get involved in the Usborne "Reading Is A Gift" book fair—be a volunteer, donate a book, promote your child's reading, attend the fair—and you'll give the precious gift of reading to children in your life.



Seventh Grade Girls Learn How to Lead

Submitted by Ms. S. Moje
High School Placement

Leadership Weekend at Miss Porter's School

Seventh grade students, Jessie Bernardo and Kayla Romero, had the opportunity to spend a weekend at Miss Porter's School in Connecticut. This exclusive leadership training weekend was only open to fifty young ladies from across the East Coast and two of our Robert Treat Academy students were able to attend. Both Kayla and Jessie came back full of wonderful ideas about how to adapt the skills they learned over the course of the weekend into interview skills as they prepare for 2013 Interview Day next September.

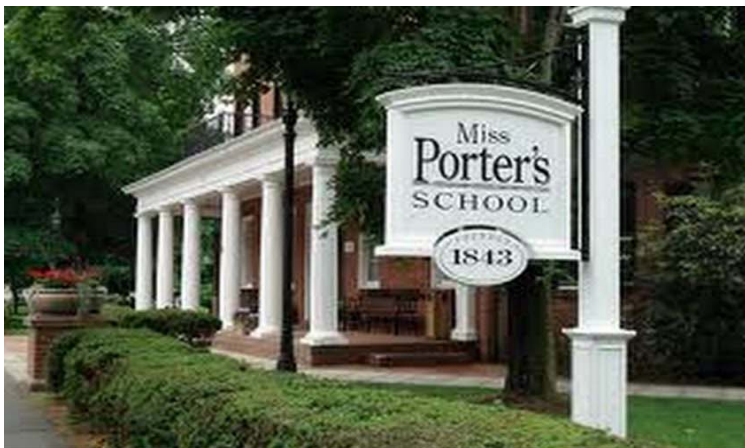
The importance of shaking hands, making eye contact while speaking, and speaking slowly and clearly were just some of the skills the young ladies mastered. Additionally, they analyzed different ways people communicate and evaluated their own methods of communication to find out how they communicate most effectively. They practiced using different types of communication skills in different scenarios in order to learn how to communicate to make

a positive difference in the world.

"Spending the weekend at Miss Porter's gave me the opportunity to meet many girls and appreciate their strengths. I learned it is important for us girls to know how to express ourselves in a positive way, because our opinion matters," said Jessie Bernardo, when asked what lesson she took away from this experience. Jessie, who is looking to attend either boarding school or private day school after she graduates in 2014, was very impressed with all Miss Porter's has to offer young women.

Kayla Romero, who is also interested in private boarding or day school, thought the entire weekend was an educational and exciting experience. "I really enjoyed this experience and appreciate being one of the few young ladies chosen to participate. It opened my eyes to how to communicate effectively and I know I can use those skills next year."

The High School Placement Office is certainly proud of Jessie and Kayla for taking the opportunity to get a head start on perfecting their interviewing skills. We know both of these young ladies will make excellent impressions on Interview Day 2014.



Scale Drawings and Proportions-Scaling the World!

Submitted by the Sixth Grade Team

As the 6th grade students prepared for NJ-ASK, they studied scale drawings. A scale drawing is a reduced or enlarged drawing of an actual object or distance. It is reduced or enlarged by the Scale Factor. The students have looked at drawings and determined through math exactly what the actual dimensions of rooms in blueprints were. They examined maps and determined the mileage from one town to the next. They set up ratios of the scale drawings to the actual drawings to determine each measurement. After testing, the students will be designing replicas of their homes, classroom, or famous sites such as the George Washington Bridge, the City of Newark, or Disneyland all through scale drawings.



Real Horse
1500 mm high



Drawn Horse
150 mm high



Eighth Graders Moving Forward in Many Ways

Submitted by the Eighth Grade Team

The 8th Grade students of Robert Treat Academy have learned many lessons along their educational process. They have taken many difficult courses and achieved success across subject areas. They have learned how to establish an argument--both in writing and verbally--and learned how to stand behind it. They have displayed respect for the authority figures in their lives--their parents, teachers, and administrators. They have developed their communication skills, unique personalities, and made many good friends along the way. All of these actions demonstrate their level of

maturity as they approach the entrance of the next phase of their lives. With state testing upon us, a final marking period to solidify their academic success, and two months remaining to finalize their legacy to our school, the class of 2013 has much to be proud of--and we are proud of them. We look forward to their continued academic achievement, a series of enjoyable activities with them, and the confidence they will take with them to the many prestigious high schools they will soon enter with an eye on the very successful futures that they will certainly achieve.

Youngest Students Learn About the United States

Submitted by the North Campus Kindergarten Team

The Kindergarten Team at North has had a month filled with learning about The United States of America in our literacy unit. The students learned about various patriotic symbols. They were especially interested in the Eagle as they have been faithfully watching the eagle cam in Hillsborough, NJ. They have enjoyed watching the eaglets hatch and grow!

The students also learned how the Lorax spoke for the trees in the beloved Dr. Seuss story *The Lorax*. We talked about conservation and how everyone needs to do their part in taking care of our Earth! The students wrote about how they would save the Earth if they were the Lorax! They had many creative ideas and have shown that they are wonderful helpers!



News from the North Campus Music Room

**Submitted by Mr. Yannuzzi
North Campus Music Teacher**



Buds blooming, birds chirping, geese flapping, and oh, those cherry blossoms! Spring has sprung! And here at RTA, we keep sprouting with music! The elementary classes are busy as honey bees singing and dancing to their favorites songs, and adding songs to their

singing repertoire every week. We are learning about major scales and practicing our hand signs for Do – Re – Mi – Fa – So – La – Ti – Do. It's our first step to reading music. As the song says "when you read you begin with A, B, C, when you sing you begin with Do, Re Mi."

In grades 3 through 5 we are increasing our skills in note and rhythm reading. Third grade is beginning to play the recorder, working diligently to create beautiful sounds.

The Smithsonian Institution declares every April to be National Jazz Appreciation month. In

celebration of that, all classes have been learning about some of the great artists in jazz. Focusing on the earlier part of the last century, we have listened to the likes of Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, Benny Goodman, and Lionel Hampton. We have even practiced some scat singing. What a joy!

RTA is the place to be on May 29th for our Spring Concert and Art Show. We have been working very hard to be the best we can be, and we would love to show off for all of our families and friends. So mark it down and get here early for a good seat.

It was a pleasure to see and talk with many of you at the International dinner. The food and the conversation were delicious. As always, feel free to contact me at the school if you have any questions or concerns about the Music program.

Enjoy the beautiful weather! Can Summer be far behind?



Internet Safety

Taken from Common Sense Media

Teaching Internet safety includes reminding your children not to give out private information online, to behave responsibly and respectfully toward others, and to understand the difference between ads and content. Being responsible about online life also means limiting the amount of time children spend online and teaching them to balance online activities with other activities. Start by visiting the sites your elementary-aged children enjoy. Ask them to show you what they like and why.

Why Internet safety matters

Keeping your children safe requires active parental engagement and real conversations about online life. In today's world, where children turn to the Internet for just about all of their interests, education is a parent's first line of defense in keeping children safe.

It's harder than ever for parents to keep track of what their children are doing online. children today can go online from so many different

sources, including video game consoles, iPhones and smart phones, and even handheld gaming devices. Young people are increasingly living their lives online, and their digital devices are some of their favorite toys and tools. Shouldn't this new playground be a safe and nice place? With your guidance, it can be. Teaching Internet safety in the elementary years will have lasting rewards for you and your children. can be.

Internet Safety



International Dinner at Both Campuses

Submitted by the Central Campus Fourth Grade Team

Macaroni and cheese, chicken, pasta, casseroles, rice, and empanadas were just a few of the dishes that were served at our Fourth Annual International Dinners. The food was delicious and the gathering of people



was simply delightful. The staff, teachers, and families of Robert Treat Academy Central and North were all together enjoying each other's company. Smiles and laughter filled the air as everyone filled their tummy with the various foods of all our cultures. We all look forward to this joyous occasion on a yearly basis.



Advice from the Third Grade Teachers

Submitted by the North Campus Third Grade Team

Our third graders are the youngest NJASK testers here at RTA. We know the importance of preparation for this exam. There are many things that parents and caregivers can do at home in order to provide solace for children participating in this test.

Ways to help at test time!

1. Get plenty of rest each night before testing.
2. Eat breakfast each morning before testing. It's hard for students to think when they are hungry.
3. Avoid rushing on the days of testing. Be sure to have clothes and books ready the night before so that students can arrive at school on time each morning.

4. Try not to be absent or tardy during testing days.
5. Listen carefully to instructions and do not spend too much time on any one question.
6. Encourage your child to do his or her very best.
7. Close your eyes, breathe deeply, and count to ten if you feel stressed or nervous.

By working together, we can ensure your student's academic success!!

Ways to help your child at home all year long:

- Encourage reading.
 - Your child should read for at least 20 minutes a day
 - Talk with your child about what they read. Ask questions.
 - Provide all kinds of print materials – nonfiction and fiction books, magazines, etc.
 - Encourage your child to write
 - Try to expand their vocabulary, including math and science terms.
 - Use money with your child so they know the denominations and values.
 - Get an analog clock and practice time concepts.
 - Practice measuring with a ruler.
- Use cooking to practice fractions.



Earth Day

Submitted by Ms. Kelley-Kemple, North Campus Science Teacher

Earth Day is Celebrated around the globe on April 22. People from all walks of life take time to think about making positive decisions that will help our planet. We have learned a great deal about the benefits of recycling, reusing, and reducing. We understand that thoughtful actions today can lead to a brighter future for tomorrow. Here are a few helpful hints on how families can celebrate Earth Day everyday!

1. Recycle electronics such as old computers and televisions instead of putting them in the garbage. Most communities have special days and locations for dropping off unwanted machines.
2. Walk instead of getting in a car. If you have a short trip to make to a store or post office consider putting on a pair of comfortable shoes and taking a walk.
3. Plant a small tree or flowers. By planting you are not only making your home a more beautiful place, you are helping to keep our air clean.

The Focus Is Fitness!

Submitted by Mr. Bush, Central P.E. Teacher very helpful throughout the activities.

The focus in Physical Education class for the month of May is fitness. Back in November, the students got a chance to participate in all of the different physical fitness activities. This is a very important month because at the end of the unit, the students will get the opportunity to participate in at least one fitness test. They will see if they can improve on their scores from November and check their improvements. The shuttle run and sit up test will definitely be back for testing at the end of the unit and, hopefully, we will be able to test a quarter or half mile run outside.

We have been lucky in the month of April to enjoy the fresh air and play some activities outside. The students really enjoy getting outside and participating in multiple activities. Students have shown how to be responsible, follow directions, play by the rules, and play safely. We have not had any injuries, students have not crossed any boundaries where they are not supposed to be, and they have been



THIS GAME IS CALLED PINBALL WIZARD. THE STUDENTS HAVE TO KICK THE SOCCER BALLS OFF THE POLYSPOT AND AIM FOR THE BROWN BOX. IF IT GOES INTO THE BROWN BOX THEY GET 100 POINTS, IF IT LANDS INSIDE A HULA HOOP THEY GET 150 POINTS, IF IT KNOCKS DOWN A BOWLING PIN THEY GET 50 POINTS. THE STUDENTS SEEM TO REALLY ENJOY THIS GAME WHILE BEING OUTSIDE.

Away We Grow!!

Submitted by the Central Campus Kindergarten Team

Our kindergarten class is blooming into something quite special. As we all know, April Showers bring May flowers. The kindergarten class has gotten a start at learning about plants and flowers and how they grow. They learned the different parts of a flower and even planted a few seeds. They are hoping their seeds will sprout and beautiful flowers will grow. Every day they will be checking their seeds to see if they have sprouted. Each child has their own pot with a few seeds planted. Although we want everyone's seeds to sprout, the children are well aware they may not sprout due to a variety of reasons. They understand that sometimes you can do your best at something and the results may not be what you want but you should never give up. We have read many stories that encourage our students to keep trying. We want to wish everyone a Happy Spring.



**CHIAGOZIEM NWAFOR AND
DONALD LEONARD**

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:

1. 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 University

Project CHILD FIND 1-800-322-8174

2. Assisting families of preschoolers, **three through five**, concerned about their child's development by directing requests to their local school district.

3. Helping families access community services through referral.

4. Promoting community and public awareness of all children with disabilities by providing information.

5. 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, including those students who are migrant or homeless.

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.

Project CHILD FIND was established by the New Jersey Department of Education through I.D.E.A., Part B funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

Poetry is in the Air

Submitted by Central Campus First Grade Team

Since April is National Poetry Month, the first grade has become magnificent poets. They have been reading, writing, and publishing many different kinds of poems. The students have enjoyed reading all different kinds of poems, but their favorites are usually the silly rhyming poems. Acrostic poems, list poems, ABC poems, and letter poems are just some of the types of poems they have been composing. Here are a few of the first grade's poems for you to enjoy.

Mad Bees

By: Hayat Bemby

Honey in the high sky.
Mad bees in the hive.
Angry bees on flowers.

Bees help flowers.
Why not in the sky?

School

By: Dexter Phillips

I work.
I learn.
I talk.
I write.
I like to read,
With all my might.

Can't Do My Homework

By: Kiyara Goodsoon

I'm too too tired.
My stomach's aching.
I have a pain in my side.
My dog is licking me.
My brother colored on my homework.
My arm is weak.
My back is cramped.
My sister is jumping on my bed.
The TV is loud.
My ears are hurting.

My cousin is ringing the bell.
My mom is yelling loud.
My paper is ripped,
My pencil is broke,
And my arm is hurting.
She's bothering me,
She making noises that sound weird,
And she doesn't stop.
She makes a new noise for a long time.
She continues over and over and over again.
When am I going to get my homework done?

Spring

By Skylar Motley

Sweet juicy fruit has blossomed.
Picking them as I go.
Rich juicy watermelon
Iching to be eaten.
Nawing on Fruit
Great yummy snack!

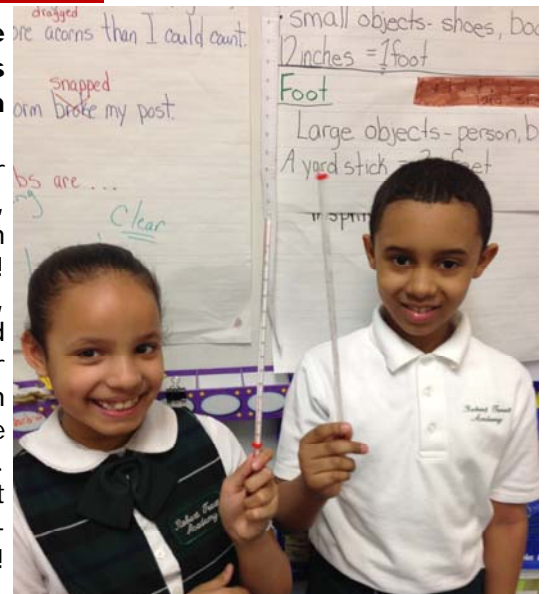
Second Graders Use Thermometers?



Submitted by the North Campus Second Grade Team

You wouldn't wear flip-flops on a snowy day, or mittens to the beach in the middle of summer! During the month of April, the second grade learned how to use a thermometer to measure temperature in

degrees Fahrenheit. A thermometer is a tool used to measure temperature, which determines how hot or cold something is. Learning about temperature and how it works is often a difficult task. A better way to learn about temperature is by going outside to our beautiful RTA playground, on a bright sunny day! Students from room 304 and 306 were divided into groups of 5. Each group was given a thermometer to measure the temperature outside. When groups returned to their classroom, they each had to write the location and temperature on the board to find the difference of the temperature outside and inside of our classrooms. Thank you to **Ms. Kelley-Kemple** for giving the second grade classes the opportunity to use the thermometers to complete this activity! Second Grade had a terrific time with temperature!



**ANGEL REYES AND
KIMBERLY FIGUEROA**



Central Campus **Book Fair**

will be held on

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

May 28th, 29th, and 30th

North Campus **Book Fair**

will be held on

**Friday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and
Friday**

May 24th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st



Central Connection

Submitted by Mr. Parada, V.P. the four seniors will be working in K-2 class-



Once again, this year's "International Dinner" gave us an opportunity to showcase two of the Academy's strengths; parental participation and diversity. With the hallways draped with flags from nations all over the world, we enjoyed the opportunity to share food and conversation as an RTA family. Thank you to all of our families for their generous contributions to the dinner.

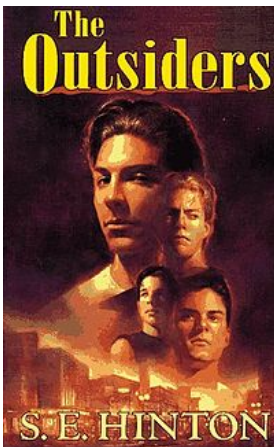
During the week of May 13th-17th, our 3rd and 4th graders will be taking the NJ ASK. In the weeks leading up to the test, 3rd and 4th grade students will be encouraged to get proper rest in preparation for this big week. On Friday, May 10th, we will hold a "prep rally" to encourage and help instill more confidence as they embark on a challenge that they're all prepared for.

Four students from St. Benedicts Preparatory School are completing a five-week Community Service Project here at the school. As a part of the project,

rooms between the hours of 9:00am – 2:00pm every day until May 28th. We will help assist them in achieving their goals that include a stronger understanding of people with different experiences, a better understanding on how to effect change in their community, and share their skills and gifts for the betterment of the community.

First and Second graders will be heading back to the pool on May 10th to participate in the Physique Aquatics Swim Program at NJIT. This program is ideal for all swimming levels, even those students who haven't learned to swim yet. It is a 6 week program that teaches kids how to swim and breathe, how to combine strokes, and different push-glide-kick techniques. This is our third consecutive year participating in the program and we look forward to continuing with Physique in the fall with our 3rd and 4th graders.

Reading To Be Done!



Submitted by the Eighth Grade Team

We are very excited to be reading a new novel. We just started SE Hinton's "The Outsiders." Your children should be reading at home every night. We are working on preparing your children for high school where the bulk of their reading takes place at home, not in school. Class time will be spent discussing the previous night's reading as well as engaging in small group activities.

Also, we are gearing up for the SSAT test in June. This test is used for admission for private boarding and day schools. Your children will be receiving instruction both in school as well as out.

Calendar of School Events



Monday-Thursday	May 6-9	NJ ASK Testing for Grades 5 and 6
Monday-Thursday	May 13-16	NJ ASK Testing for Grade 3
Monday-Friday	May 13-17	NJ ASK Testing for Grade 4
Thursday	May 16	Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 P.M.
Friday-Friday	May 24-31	North Campus Book Fair
Monday	May 27	School Closed-Memorial Day Observance
Tuesday-Thursday	May 28-30	Central Campus Book Fair



2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS

SCHOOL CLOSING DATES

2013

**# OF DAYS
STUDENTS/TEACHERS**

May	27	School Closed – Memorial Day Observances
June	28	Last Day of School – 8th Grade Graduation
TOTAL # of Days – STUDENTS		203
TOTAL # of Days – TEACHERS		205