



The Treatonian

Robert Treat Academy
Charter School

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Our Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is to remind you Parent/Teacher Conferences are being held from Tuesday, October 15, 2013 through Monday, October 21, 2013. Wednesday, October 16, 2013 is the late night. The sign up books are now available to you in the office.

All parents/guardians are required to attend these conferences as Progress Reports will be distributed. Progress Reports will **not** be sent home with students.

I review with teachers the kind of information they should be sharing with parents and guardians. Your child's(ren's) strengths and areas of difficulty should be clearly communicated to you. Teachers should also be sharing with you ways you can assist your children at home.

As indicated in my letter to you, our teaching staff is always available to you if/when you need a conference other than the designated months. The only exception is during instructional time. **However, if it cannot be avoided I will make arrangements for the classroom.**

The communication between our parents/guardians and the school is a pillar of the strength of the Academy. It is my sincerest desire to strengthen these communications, and to keep them positive and productive. I will always be available to you if there are any difficulties in communication with our staff.

Along the same lines, we have been experiencing a significant issue with students not completing homework. We have instituted interventions to assist our students. Homework club is available on every grade level, teachers are available from 3:30-4:00 to have students begin their homework before going to other activities. The most dramatic intervention is my Homework Hotline. Students who are having chronic issues with homework are required to call me when they complete their homework.

It is a parental responsibility to ensure their children complete homework. Depending on the grade/teacher, parents are required to sign the Student Planner or individual homework assignments.

Students have told me their parents don't ask them if they have homework. While I find this highly questionable, the way to ensure they are doing their homework is to look at the Student Planner and sign it.

You know I will do whatever it takes to assist our students in becoming more responsible. However, I am getting up there in years and I need my sleep. The older students have caught on - if they call me after 10:00 p.m. they know they are waking me from a sound sleep and deriving pleasure in doing so.

Sincerely,

Theresa Adubato, Principal



North Campus Students of the Month for August, 2013!

Tatiana Nazario	104	Arelys Jaquez	207	Ishaan Myrie	308
Iris Charneco	107	Ariana Cordero	208	Ethan Padilla	310
Izabelle Herrera	201	Erisdania Martinez	210	Amari Charles	Art
Tamia Louissaint	202	Ethan Carpintero	301	Alex Roman	Music
Danielle Alcantara	203	Krystal Narvaez	302	Jimaya Johnson	Phy.Ed.
Sophia Figueroa	204	Dylan Colon	303	Dorothy He	Science
Meagan Figueroa	205	Kai Kennedy	304		
Jazlyn Santiago	206	Aysha Penafiel	306		



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Central Campus Students of the Month for August, 2013!

Justin Morton	12	Moises Castillo	15	Shayla Miller	Art
Caleb Lobban	13	Amaris Hernandez	23	Dave Osunde	Music
Sabrina Bailey	14	Mya Sims Taylor	27	Matthew McSween	P.E.

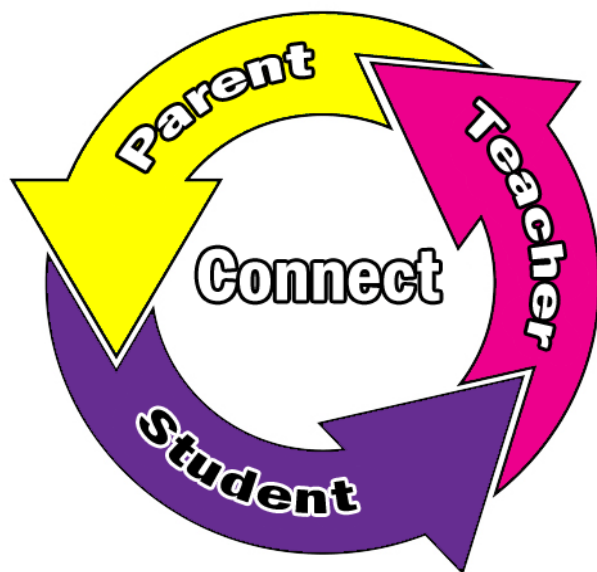


LEFT TO RIGHT AND BOTTOM TO TOP:

ROW 1: JUSTIN MORTON, DAVE OSUNDE, CALEB LOBBAN AND MATTHEW MCSWEEN

ROW 2: TAMIA BUTLER, MYA SIMS TAYLOR, AMARIS HERNANDEZ, SABRINA BAILEY AND MOISES CASTILLO

North and Central Campus Parent Council Attendance



If you didn't attend the "Back to School Night" last month, you missed a golden opportunity.

This was your opportunity to meet your child's teacher, hear what the classroom and school policies are and listen to the expectations

that the teachers have for their students.

We usually have 100% at the first meeting for the opening of school. Seems as though we fell short. The Parent Council Executive Committee has tried to line up informative and sometimes entertaining experiences for the parents. Please don't let them down by not attending your meetings.



ROOM #/GRADE	AUG
301-K	100%
303-K	92%
308-1	88%
310-1	96%
304-2	84%
306-2	96%
302-3	96%
203-3	88%
201-4	88%
202-4	80%
205-5	75%
208-5	92%
204-6	77%
206-6	80%
207-7	80%
210-7	83%
104-8	74%
107-8	92%
RTA North	87%
C-13-K	100%
C-12-1	96%
C-14-2	88%
C-15-3	96%
C-27-4	92%
C-23-5	96%
RTA Central	95%
TOTAL	89%

IDENTIFICATION OF STUDENTS IN PICTURE ON PAGE 2. (LEFT TO RIGHT AND BOTTOM TO TOP)

ROW 1: TAMIA LOUISSAINT, KAI KENNEDY, ISHAAN MYRIE, JIMAYA JOHNSON, ETHAN CARPINTERO, ETHAN PADILLA AND DYLAN COLON

ROW 2: DANIELLE ALCANTARA, IZABELLE HERRERA, KRYSTAL NARVAEZ, ALEX ROMAN AND ERISDANIA MARTINEZ

ROW 3: ARELYS JAQUEZ, ARIANA CORDERO, JAZLYN SANTIAGO, AND MEAGAN FIGUEROA

ROW 4: AMARI SAVION CHARLES, IRIS CHARNECO, TATIANA NAZARIO AND DOROTHY HE

PICTURED SEPARATELY: SOPHIA FIGUEROA

Six Pillars of Character

Copied from CharacterCounts.org

The CHARACTER COUNTS! approach to character education doesn't exclude anyone. That's why we base our programs and materials on six ethical values that everyone can agree on — values that are not political, religious, or culturally biased. Use the points below to help young people understand the Six Pillars, and use the mnemonic devices at right to help them remember

Trustworthiness

Be honest • Don't deceive, cheat, or steal • Be reliable — do what you say you'll do • Have the courage to do the right thing • Build a good reputation • Be loyal — stand by your family, friends, and country

Respect

Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule • Be tolerant and accepting of differences • Use good manners, not bad language • Be considerate of the feelings of others • Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone • Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and disagreements

Responsibility

Do what you are supposed to do • Plan ahead • Persevere: keep on trying! • Always do your best • Use self-control • Be self-disciplined • Think before you act — consider the consequences • Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes • Set a good example for others

Fairness

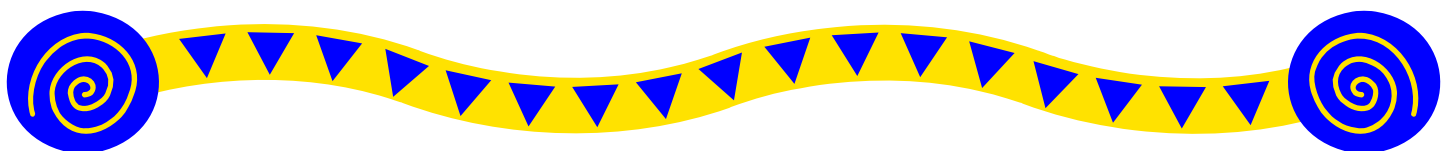
Play by the rules • Take turns and share • Be open-minded; listen to others • Don't take advantage of others • Don't blame others carelessly • Treat all people fairly

Caring

Be kind • Be compassionate and show you care • Express gratitude • Forgive others • Help people in need

Citizenship

Do your share to make your school and community better • Cooperate • Get involved in community affairs • Stay informed; vote • Be a good neighbor • Obey laws and rules • Respect authority • Protect the environment • Volunteer



Meet Our New School Nurse at Central Campus

My name is Crystal Sager and I am the new school nurse at Robert Treat Academy's Jackie Robinson (Central) Campus. I received my Bachelor's in Public Health from Rutgers University and my Associates in Nursing from Middlesex County College. My favorite subject when I was in elementary school was Science. In my spare time I enjoy spending time with friends and family, watching movies, reading about Astrology as well as relaxing. I'm excited to be working with such a wonderful group of students as well as teachers and staff at Robert Treat Academy.



**Parent Conferences
will be held from
Tuesday, October 15th to Monday,
October 21st.
Sign up will begin on October 1st.**



Welcome Back!

**Submitted by Mr. Yanuzzi other side!
North Campus Music Teacher**

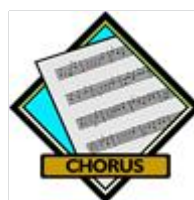
It's nice to know that it's still summer for a while longer.

We jumped right in on the first day of school, exercising our singing muscles, and making good music. All grades have been rehearsing "The Star-Spangled Banner," as we plan on singing it daily at our morning meeting.

We welcomed the new Kindergarten class, and are getting to know one another. The newest students enjoy learning new songs like "Bubblegum," and "Pizza Hut," and they all want to move like the animals they sing about in "I Like Ants."



It was also very nice to have some of our recent graduates come back to help us out with our classes. It's eye-opening to see how it works from the



other side!

We had chorus auditions in June and special auditions for the students that were away at that time. The chorus is set, and looking forward to our first rehearsal in September. There will be a lot of opportunities to perform, so we hope to see all of our parents and friends many times this year.

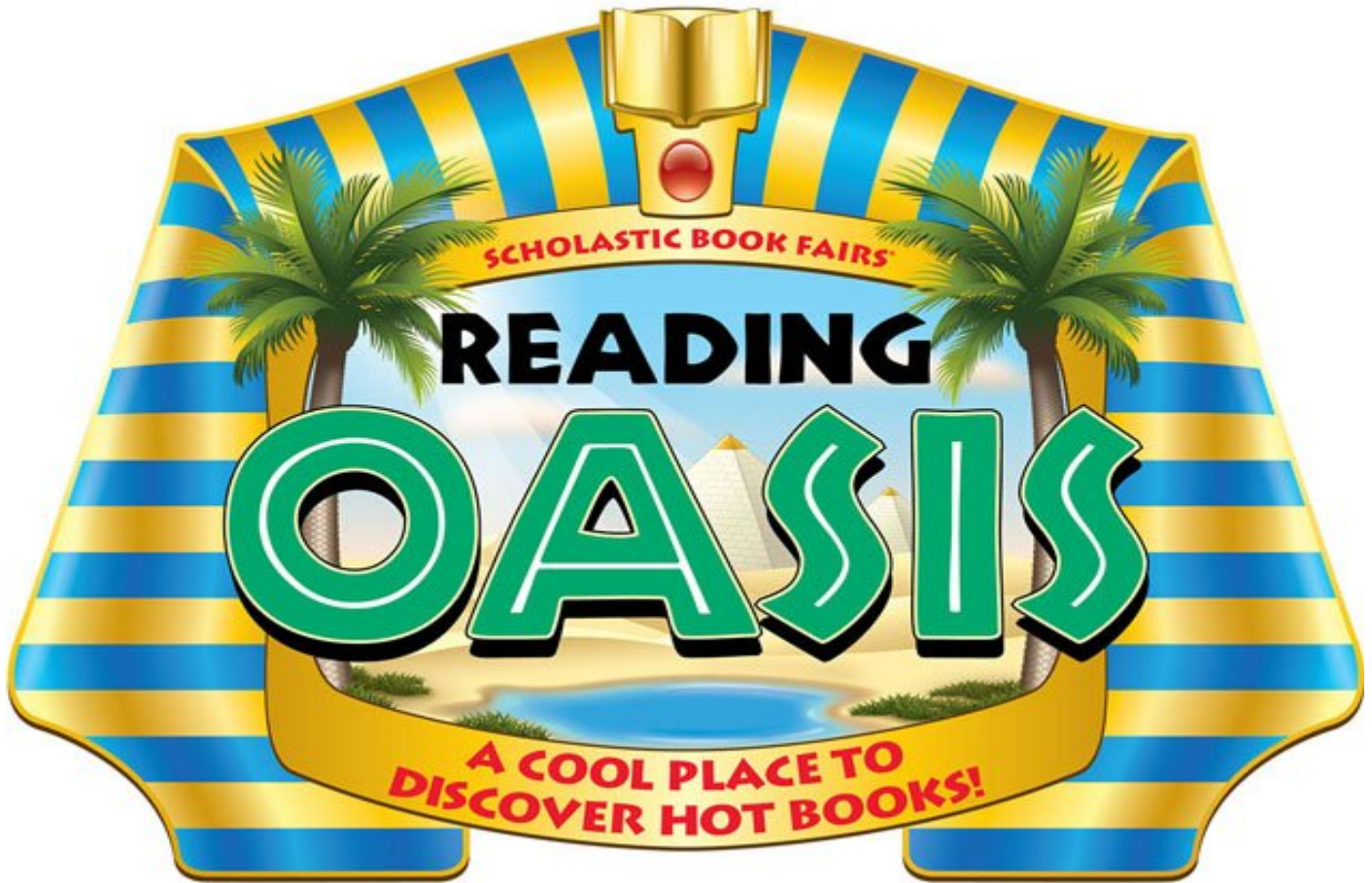
Mark the date now; our Winter Concert will be on Wednesday, December 18th. It will be a very special performance that you won't want to miss.

18th

Here's to another great year at Robert Treat!!



Help Needed!



Submitted by Mr. Peacock

The Book Fairs for both campuses have been booked earlier this year. This was done with the Holidays in mind. Everyone likes to receive a good book, so we thought we would make it easier for you to do some of your shopping. You can do it here.

Both Book Fairs will run from November 18-22, 2013 and we need your help. The Fairs will be set up on Friday, the 15th of November and we also need parents to assist us every day.

If you have some time and can help us, please don't hesitate to call the following:

Ms. Jessie at North Campus (973)482-8811

and

Ms. Lydia at Central Campus (973)286-1020

I will certainly get back to you.

Please don't let us down!!

We Learned About the Academy!

Submitted by the North Campus Kindergarten Team

The Kindergarten students at North have spent the last few weeks learning all about Robert Treat Academy. One of their favorite stories was *David Goes to School*, by David Shannon. The pictures were so funny and David had a hard time learning the rules. Our students have done a wonderful job learning the rules at school and are off to a wonderful start! We are all looking forward to the coming months! There is so much to learn!

PICTURED ON THE RIGHT FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

JENNIECE AND JESSENIA RIVERA



Back to School Night !

Submitted by the North Campus Second Grade Team



Our parents had the opportunity to meet the second grade team and tour our beautiful classrooms. They were most excited about reading letters from their children. The students crafted a friendly letter addressed to their parents describing their classrooms, favorite subjects, and what they're looking forward to learning this year.

Solmarie Rodriguez from Room 306 wrote, "I am learning a lot in second grade. Look at all our work hanging up!"

"We will be studying multiplication and division," explained **Mikaylah Ware** from Room 304.

Many parents wrote back to their children encouraging them to do their best and continue to work hard all year. The second grade teachers and parents will work together to ensure that our students reach all the goals they set for themselves.



Back at School and Loving It!

Submitted by the Central Campus First Grade Team

During August, the students in first grade expressed their excitement to be back in school by writing about one thing they like the most about school. First, the children were given the opportunity to brainstorm some ideas. Students came up with different reasons for enjoying school. The teacher wrote down all of the student's ideas on a big poster board paper. Once everyone was done brainstorming, the children were ready to begin writing their first draft! Students worked independently to write one paragraph. After they finished their first draft, they met with a teacher to make corrections. The very last step was to publish the writing. Students were given fancy paper and their work is now hanging in the bulletin board outside of classroom 12C!



Golden Sneakers Award???

**Submitted by Mr. Bush, Central Campus
Physical Education Teacher**

The area of focus in Physical Education class for the months of August and September are cooperative games. Physical Education is all about playing safe, exercising, having fun, and building new relationships. The students must understand the importance of how to cooperate, respect, and trust one another. At the end of this unit, the students will have experienced numerous different activities that will help them build their cooperative skills needed to succeed in class and in the future.

In order to establish a positive learning environment, the students must feel comfortable with their peers. Throughout these activities, I am able to see the progress each student makes on a daily basis. I have stressed the importance of staying safe during Physical Education class. I keep telling them that if they stay safe, they will always have fun. If we are not playing safe, then we will not have any fun. Last year we did not have any major injuries and that's the way I want to keep it!

The Golden Sneakers Award is given out to the class who displays the best cooperation, respect, positive attitude, 100% participation, and coming to class prepared. If they are able to display this during class, they will earn one sticker to be put up on the



Physical Education bulletin board. The class that has the most stickers at the end of the two month period gets the Golden Sneakers. Last year, the classroom teachers hung up the Golden Sneakers on their classroom walls. The students seemed very excited about winning them and had the opportunity for some bragging rights.

iPads Make Learning Fun In First Grade!

**Submitted by the North Campus
First Grade Team**

Recently, the first grade received a set of iPads for the classroom. The students were very excited to get the chance to use the iPads in small groups. Students can use the iPads for all sorts of activities ranging from literacy to math and everything in between! Just a few examples of some apps the students will be using this year include: Brain Pop Jr., Google Earth, Singapore Math, Alphabet tracing, and Poetry Magnets. It was impressive how many students already know how to use this technology! We will continue to work with them as the year goes on.



**Eighth Grade Interview Day
was held on
Tuesday, September 24, 2013.**

Music and Art at Central!

**Submitted by Ms. Walker, Central Campus
Music/Art Teacher**

I would like to congratulate Robert Treat Academy's star Students of the Month. It is quite an accomplishment to receive this amazing reward. Keep up the hard work.

Welcome back everyone. I am looking forward to a great year in our music and art classroom this year. We will be going on a great artistic and musical journey over the next few months and I'm excited to see how much each child will improve and evolve throughout the year.

Music has been lots of fun so far. Students have been learning new songs, sharing new songs, playing fun games and working with each other in

groups. They have learned rhythmic games and fun musical rounds they can do. I apologize for any banging on the tables that your children may be doing but it was all a part of the assignment. Music can be very rewarding and satisfying. We are in for an exciting year.

During art, each child was given a sun-glasses template and they were to create their own collage by drawing what they did and where they went over the Summer. So many students had amazing drawings but here is a picture of a few projects on our "Sea Our Creative Side" bulletin board in our classroom.

"The artist doesn't see things as they are, but as he is."



Estimating Can Be Fun!

**Submitted by the North Campus
Third Grade Team**

In third grade, we are beginning to learn how to estimate and use mental math. The ability to estimate sums has numerous applications in everyday life. There are many ways you can help your child excel in this area of math!

For example, have your child estimate the cost of your next shopping trip. You could help him or her draw up a short family grocery shopping list. Then have your child write the prices of each item (wherever possible) by looking at advertised prices in the newspaper. Ensure the prices are in

whole dollars as your child has not learned to estimate cost in compound units. *Finally, have him or her estimate the total cost of the groceries.

Another suggestion is to give your child a budget and have him or her look for holiday or birthday gifts in a flyer or on the internet. This way your child will learn to prioritize what gifts or toys they want and learn how to estimate at the same time.



Physical Ed. Program Up and Ready!

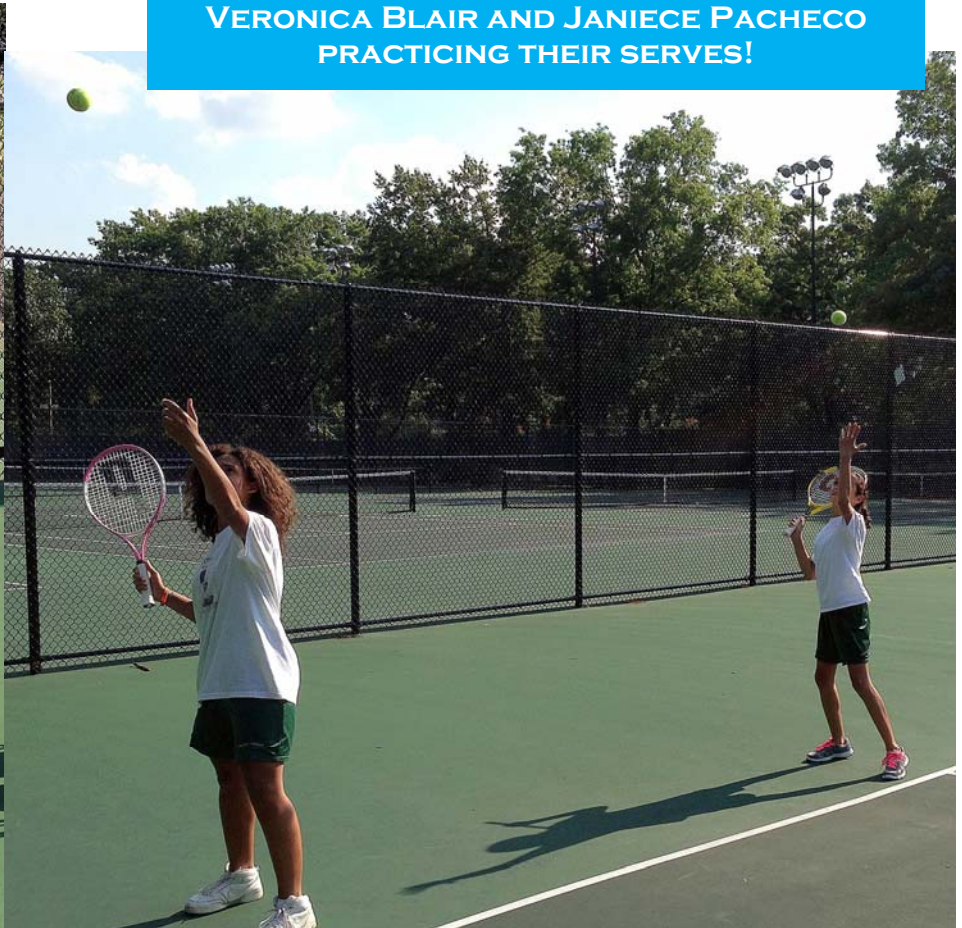
Submitted by Mr. Ontell, North Campus Physical Education Teacher

Physical Education classes in August played a significant role for every student. Each class was reminded of the guidelines and expectations that will lead them to success throughout the year. Many classes had the opportunity to become active through cooperative games in the Gymnasium as well as outside on the **Adrianne Davis Playground**. Also, we have implemented a Golf and Tennis Program after school for our middle school students to learn a new set of skills! Our elementary students are anxiously waiting for their Basketball Club to start come September.

EMIR AKDOGAN
COLLECTING BALLS.



VERONICA BLAIR AND JANIECE PACHECO
PRACTICING THEIR SERVES!



School begins promptly at 8:30 am!
Students arriving after that time are considered late.
When students arrive late, they
miss one of the most important
exercises of the day-
Morning Announcements.



Being Understood is Important!

Submitted by Central Campus
Third Grade Team

discuss any topic from the story's main message or lesson to the characters, setting, problem, and solution.

The students in 3rd grade are learning to cooperate and work together in groups. During reading lessons and activities they are encouraged to demonstrate good class norms for discussion. These include speaking in complete sentences,



They understand that in order to be active participants in their learning, they must use these norms to strengthen their comprehension of the stories they read. The students are excited to apply what they've learned so far

and to be better speakers and listeners during classroom discussions. They can

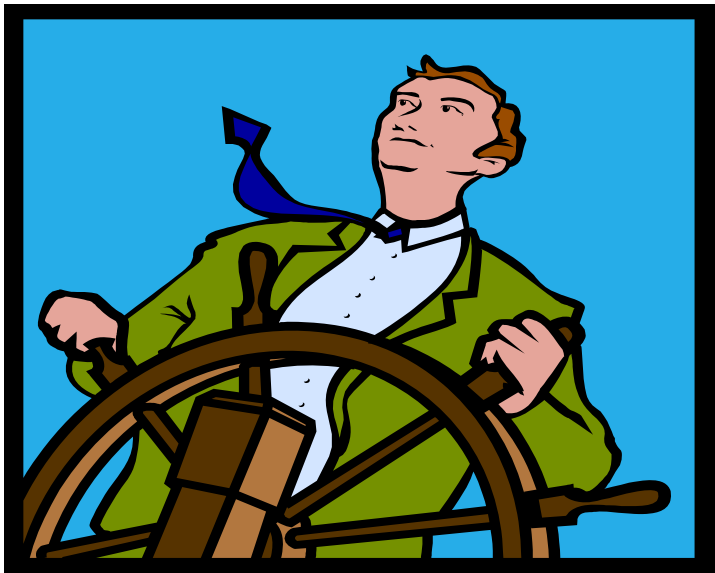
and to be better speakers and listeners during classroom discussions.

Eighth Graders Showing Leadership

Submitted by the Eighth Grade Team

The new RTA class of 2014 is off to a strong start in terms of showing their leadership skills and demonstrating their maturity to rest of the school. It is clear that they are putting forward a strong effort to achieve academic success and understand that the difficulty level of their courses requires a maximum effort. In addition to this, their conduct demonstrates that they have assumed a leadership position in the school which they are pleased to accept. Their teachers are impressed to this point and expect that this effort will continue throughout the school year. We look forward to a successful year!

BE A LEADER!



**“You don’t just stumble into the future.
You create your own future.”**

Roger Smith

ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

SCHOOL CALENDAR - NORTH AND CENTRAL CAMPUS

SCHOOL CLOSING DATES			2013-2014 <u>2013</u>	# OF DAYS STUDENTS/TEACHERS
September	1 – 2	School Closed - Labor Day		
	3	School Reopens		
	20	Staff Development School Closed		19 / 20
October	14	School Closed – Columbus Day		22 / 22
November	11	School Closed – Veteran's Day		
	28-29	School Closed – Thanksgiving Recess		18 / 18
December	23 – 31	School Closed – Winter Recess		15 / 15
<u>2014</u>				
January	1	School Closed – New Year's Day		
	2	School Reopens		
	17	Staff Development School Closed		
	20	School Closed – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day		20 / 21
February	17	School Closed – President's Day Observance		19 / 19
March				21 / 21
April	14-18	School Closed – Spring Recess		
	21	School Reopens		17 / 17
May	26	School Closed – Memorial Day Observance		21 / 21
June	26	Last Day of School – 8 th Grade Graduation		19 / 19
TOTAL # of Days – STUDENTS				204
TOTAL # of Day – TEACHERS				208

Energy Investigation

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

Grade seven is off to a great start in science. They have been working on an Energy Investigation. The lessons focus on electrostatic energy, which is associated with static electricity. The most fun part of the inquiry is seeing how energy can be transferred from one object to another or from one person to another. They have successfully been working together to provide scientific explanations for difficult concepts based on what they are observing in the lab. Keep up the terrific work!



LEFT TO RIGHT:

**JOSEPH NIEVES, INDIRA DOUGLAS,
DOROTHY HE AND JOSEPH TERRONES**



LEFT TO RIGHT:

**ALEX RAMOS, BRIANNA FONTANEZ,
MYRICK HILL AND EMILY ACOSTA**

The Wonder Series?

**Submitted by the Central Campus
Kindergarten Team**

Our kindergarteners absolutely love the new Wonders series, especially the online component. Listening to stories, rhymes, and singing songs are all exciting ways that the students acquired new skills this month. Our unit for August mainly focused on how each of us is special. The children spent time telling us what is special about themselves and what is special about someone they know. Our Interactive Read Alouds (aligned to the Common Core) are just another part of our day that the students embraced. We read about tales, fiction, and fantasy stories. Their favorite story was "The Ugly Duckling." This tale led the children to the understanding that everyone is different, and that is what makes us special. Our listening comprehension lessons were followed by writing. The children were able to complete a sentence based on one of the topics we read about. The connection our series makes between reading and writing will enable our students to become avid readers and

writers. All of us look forward to a challenging and exciting school year.



**MYLES BROWNRIDGE AND
LAILA DAILEY**

**SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2013-2014 ACADEMIC YEAR**

Day	Date	Agenda
Thursday	July 18, 2013*	Annual Reorganization Meeting
Thursday	August 15, 2013	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday	September 19, 2013	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday	October 17, 2013	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday	November 21, 2013	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday	December 19, 2013	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday	January 16, 2014	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday	February 20, 2014	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday	March 20, 2014	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees - Budget Approval
Thursday	April 24, 2014**	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday	May 15, 2014	Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Thursday	June 19, 2014	Annual Reorganization Meeting

*Final meeting of 2012-2013 school year

**This meeting is scheduled for the fourth Thursday of the month.

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.



Calendar of Events

September 10	Friday	Interim Reports were sent home
September 12	Thursday	33rd Annual Latino Scholarship Dinner was held at the North Ward Center
September 17	Tuesday	Seventh Graders attended the Far Hills Country Day School High School Fair.
September 19	Thursday	Board of Trustees met
September 20	Friday	School was closed for students. Staff engaged in Professional Development.
September Parent Council Meetings—will be rescheduled at a later date.		
October 15-21	Tuesday-Monday	Parent Conferences for the first report card of the year will be held. The sign in book will be in the office on October 1st . <u>No</u> report cards will be sent home without a meeting!!

**Support the School Store
run by our RTA
Student Council!**