



# The Treatonian

Robert Treat Academy  
Charter School

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## Our Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Guardians,

On June 28, 2013, Robert Treat Academy graduated the class of 2013.

The ceremony was held at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart Cathedral. In attendance were the students from our North and Central campuses, our staff, our Board of Trustees, special guests, parents and extended families. Due to the large capacity of the Cathedral you don't often see it full. However, on that day it was.

I was proud of the graduates on that day as they walked a fine line between excitement and maintaining composure, as they knew all eyes were on them. I was further inspired by our student body consisting of Kindergarten through Seventh grade students, as they listened to and observed the hour and one half long ceremony. As I watched the faces of the younger students, I could see how they were inspired by the graduates and perhaps thinking about when they graduate from the Academy.

The class of 2013, was offered more than five million dollars in scholarships and financial aid. They included members of the girls basketball team who won the Charter School Athletic League Championship and boys basketball team who won the Division Championship in the same league. They were members of the award winning Debate and Stand and Deliver teams. Equal to their achievements, they as a group were all around good 'kid's'. They were respectful, funny, and full of school pride. The only negative thing I can say about them is they were the most talkative 8th grade class we have ever had.

As is tradition, each graduating class presents our Founder, 'Big Steve' with a gift. This year his gift was a certified replica of the Stars on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. A re-creation of the star will be installed on the front steps at our North Campus.

Another tradition is the last line of my Principal's Address "I will tell you the same thing I have told every graduating class who has come before you. You will always have a home at the Academy and I will always be here for you if you should need me. You will be missed."

Sincerely,

Theresa Adubato, Principal

## North Campus Students of the Month for June, 2013!

Ricardo Ortiz	104	Jason Alvarado	207	Aryanna Reyes	308
Tiana Barkley	107	Ethan Carrero	208	Jonathan Colon	310
Sara Gonzalez	201	Justin Rodriguez	210	Jeremiah Rodriguez	Art
William Figueroa	202	Jeremiah Lopez	301	Destiny Figueroa	Music
Jordan Alix	203	Khalil Stallings	302	Amaya Romero	Phy.Ed.
Alejandro Toledo-Navarro	204	Seydi Maury	303	Jessie Bernardo	Science
Mia Toledo-Navarro	205	Melany Cuellar	304		
Deveon Lopez	206	Kellani Laidley	306		



**BOTTOM TO TOP  
AND LEFT TO  
RIGHT:**

**Row 1:**

**KELLANI LAIDLEY  
ARYANNA REYES  
JONATHAN COLON  
WILLIAM  
FIGUEROA AND  
MELANY CUELLAR**

**Row2:**

**JEREMIAH LOPEZ  
JESSIE BERNARDO  
ALEJANDRO TOLEDO-  
DO-NAVARRO  
JASON ALVARDO  
JUSTIN RODRIGUEZ  
MAYA ROMERO  
AND  
SEYDI MAURY**

**Row 3:**

**SARA GONZALEZ  
KHALIL STALLINGS  
MIA TOLEDO-  
NAVARRO  
JORDAN ALIX  
AND  
DEVEON LOPEZ**





## Central Campus Students of the Month for June, 2013!

Sanaa Snead	12	Roselyne Vazquez	15	Ashley Ortega	Music
Esosa Notemwanta	13	Camila Zambrana	27	Mya Sims-Taylor	P.E.
Catherine Esteves	14				



**BOTTOM TO TOP AND LEFT TO RIGHT:**

**ROW 1: CATHERINE ESTEVES, ESOSA NOTEMWANTA, ASHLEY ORTEGA AND SANAA SNEAD**

**ROW 2: CAMILA ZAMBRANA, ROSELYNE VAZQUEZ AND MYA SIMS-TAYLOR**

# Academic Achievements-Cycle V

## Principal's List

### Room 12-C

Linai Blackmon  
Kiyara Goodson  
Isamar Martinez  
Skylar Motley  
Osaruonamen  
Okwudishu

### Room 14-C

Catherine Esteves  
Aria Watson

### Room 15-C

Nyla Gilliam

### Room 27-C

Amaris Hernandez  
Isis Pabon  
Camila Zambrana

### Room 104

Emiliana Geronimo  
Nayale Quimis  
Katherine Ramos

### Room 107

Jayshawn Fuller  
McAfee Sheehan

### Room 201

Kyla Butler  
Massa Godbold  
Sara Gonzalez  
Marcus Santiago

### Room 202

Noel Rios  
Laura Shipman

### Room 203

Joshua Lopez  
Destiny Maury  
Madison Serrano

### Room 204

Indira Douglas  
Moise Pierre  
Amber Rua  
Alejandro Toledo-  
Navarro

### Room 205

Balthazar Sheehan

### Room 206

Nicholas Carrero  
Amari Charles

### Room 208

Sophia Figueroa  
Leah Ramos  
Julisa Marcano  
Narena Nerahoo

### Room 207

Veronica Blair  
Aryana Mercado  
Kayla Romero

### Room 210

Jessie Bernardo  
Dorothy He  
Lauren Pannullo

### Room 302

Izabelle Herrera  
Rosemary Lopez  
Milanis Rivas  
Khalil Stallings  
Dru Strand

### Room 304

Jailynn Martins  
Adrianna Perez  
Gian Martinez  
Melany Cuellar

Krystal Narvaez

Roselyn Muniz  
Amanda Roman  
Maylynn Rodriguez  
Elizabeth Ramos  
Sara Richardson

### Room 306

Delaia Baez  
Brandon Hernandez  
Angela Lagonigro  
Sara Rodriguez  
Ronnie Rodriguez  
David Solano  
Jeami Solano  
Brandi Turner  
Camila Zamora

### Room 308

Joseph Alvarez  
Erica Jimenez

### Room 310

Mithayus Diaz

## Honor Roll

### Room 12-C

Hayat Bembry  
Aziyah Fitch  
Kyla Jones  
Aiden Martin-  
Bradley  
Sanaa Murph  
Ekene Nwafor  
Dexter Phillips  
Sahar Shariah  
Saladin Small  
Sanaa Snead  
Mavelous Uuzebor  
Oduwa Iyoha

### Room 13-C

Jaylenne Acosta  
Rayhaan Adenaike  
Malachi Beachum  
Samantha Castillo  
Ryan Doirin  
Celesta Goeh-Akue  
Ronell Jackson-  
Williams  
Sebastian Lopez  
Adrian Lopez-Silvero  
Eliana Lugo  
Ashley Martins  
Mireya Miranda  
Esosa Notemwanta

Christopher Negron

Samson Nwobi  
Tyrese Pickett-  
Telfair  
Ashley Ortega

### Room 14-C

Hanaan Adenaike  
A'Nyla Botts  
Raven Burwell  
Moises Castillo  
Jamoni Ellis  
Elizabeth Esteves  
Gabriela Hueting

Aaliyah Isahawk

Jordan Jones  
Sariah Richardson  
Jaila Wade  
Mark Yancey II  
Gael Zambrana  
Liana Zempare

### Room 15-C

Gabriely Acosta  
Genesis Billups  
Carlos Martinez  
Joshua Negron

## Honor Roll (continued)

### Room 27C

Nyobi Boddie  
Janel Booker  
Tamia Butler  
Shayla Miller  
Tom'Miece Pickett-  
Telfair  
Nilsa Ramos  
Kennedy Robinson  
Alani Rodriguez  
Dante Terry  
Mekhi White

### Room 104

Marc Balacuit  
Angel Bruno  
Gabriella Cruz  
Vanessa Goez  
Giovan Guanill  
Bryana Martinez  
Madison Parrilla  
Justin Rosa  
Brianna Terrero  
Lyandro Zuniga

### Room 107

Tiana Barkley  
Giancarlo Calle  
Justin Cruz  
Rubelquis D'Oleo  
Alana Garcia  
Allya Jaquez  
Brianna Matos  
Ashley Medina  
Maria Montero  
Monica Soto  
Lamara White

### Room 201

Amour Henry  
Claryssa Martinez  
Melissa Martinez-  
Molina  
Devin Narvaez  
Emily Padilla  
Riayan Reyes

### Room 202

Amelie Bobadilla  
Gabriela Celi  
David Cueva  
Pamela Goez  
Ebony Marshall  
Peter Reyes  
Julianna Rivera

### Room 203

Jordan Alix  
Ethan Glover  
David Guerrero  
Mike Quishpe-  
Cevallos  
Jacob Rosario  
Alex Solano  
Eliese Bruno  
Kylee Lopez  
Zariah Middleton  
Ciara Morales  
Kamara Robinson

### Room204

Raymond Alvarez-  
Adorno  
Elisha Godbold  
Christian Lopez-  
Gomez  
Sebastian Santiago  
Adrian White

### Room 205

Avani Jiminez  
Stephanie Calle-  
Sanchez  
Ashley Camacho  
Lesley Cevallos-  
Sarmiento  
Jordan Geronimo  
Emely Gomez  
Juan Miranda  
Tyrone Lee  
Leslie Alexis Beade  
Miguel Espinal-  
Guzman

### Room 206

Emily Acosta  
Manuel Arocho  
Yamisha Barconiel  
Brianna Hawley  
John Martinez  
Micah Rivas  
Eric Showers  
Henry Suchite-  
Rodriguez  
Michael Torres

### Room 207

Emir Akdogan  
Jason Alvarado  
Brittany Cardona  
Ashley Figueroa  
Rose Martinez  
Justin Negron  
Amaya Romero  
Arthur Shipman

### Room 208

Joselyn Castaing  
Torrian Smith  
Ethan Carrero  
Ashanti Gilland  
Jonathan Crespo  
Darren Hernandez  
Gabriela Montero  
Ashley Cordero  
Amanda Molina  
Joceline Cosme  
Mariah Lopez-  
Gomez  
Michael Caceres

### Room 210

Javon Anderson  
Raphael Castillo  
Diego Gonzalez  
Daniel Guzman  
Declan Kelly  
Justin Rodriguez  
A'mya Braswell  
Tatiana Nazario  
Janiece Pacheco

### Room 301

Jeremiah Lopez  
Patrick Penafiel  
Josue Baez  
Amiyah Mosley  
Nasir Middleton  
Jared Miranda  
Brianna Romero  
Kristen Laidley  
Alexander Ramirez  
Kamryn Correia-  
Grave  
Luna Cardenas  
Lyanette Martinez

### Room 302

Genesis Chalmers  
Rafael Cruz  
Justin Guaman  
Gabriel Toledo-  
Navarro

### Room 303

Ceana Jones  
Dereck Molina  
Ailani Miller  
Jose Castaing  
Seydi Maury  
Alexandra Bobadilla  
Estefania Reyes  
Xavian Cintron  
Naralis Jimenez  
Amari Mosley  
Mattheu Rua  
Jayden Carrasquillo  
Jenebah Tyler  
Mithaniel Diaz  
Ishaan Myrie

### Room 304

Kimberly Figueroa  
Stephanie Crespo  
Zaida Lagarez  
Natasha Leines  
Morgan Woodridge-  
Lanzot  
Zashenka Molina



## Honor Roll (continued)

Milagro Velazquez  
Everett Johnson  
Richard Pisano

### Room 306

Alain Beade  
Destiny Cruz  
Destinee Duran  
Katelynn Figueroa  
Ana Melgar

Glendaly Mendez  
Isaiah Ramos  
Nyla Vasquez

### Room 308

Veronica Cales  
Kayden Correia-  
Grave  
Jack Cumbicus  
Owen Kelly

Ciara Latchman  
Kai Kennedy  
Jasir Quddus  
Aryanna Reyes  
Khaelyn Robinson  
E'meel Thomas-  
Baker  
Jada Watson

### Room 310

Samantha Castaing  
Andrew Herrera  
Javielis Javier-  
Astacio  
Matthew Padilla  
Aysha Penafiel  
Andrew Zapata  
Riyah Myrie

## Meet Our New and/or Transferred Staff

**Ms. Suzanne Capuano** has been teaching at Robert Treat Academy North Campus for two years. She is now teaching at the Central Campus. She is a graduate of Montclair State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. Ms. Capuano has also earned her Post Bac Certificate in Early Elementary Education. She is teaching kindergarten this year, but has also enjoyed the experience of second and third grade. RTA feels like family to her and she is extremely excited to be part of such an elite group of teachers. Her greatest reward is when her students revisit her room to share something special or a goal they have accomplished. In her spare time, she loves reading, writing, and spending time with her two children and an energetic Golden Retriever.

**Ms. Amanda Liccardi** is teaching fifth grade with Miss Velez at the North Campus. She graduated from Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English and Elementary Education certification. This past year, she was a pre-



school teacher in Chester. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and friends, and going to the beach. She is excited and looks forward to working here at Robert Treat Academy!

**Mr. Joshua Raposo** is an honors graduate from Montclair State University where he obtained his degree in Early Childhood Education with a concentration in Family and Child Studies. Mr. Raposo will be working with Ms. Nardone in the sixth grade at the North Campus. He is often inspired by the following quote: "The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled."



**Ms. Nabila Ammar** is a recent graduate from Montclair State University with a Master's degree in Elementary Education (K-6) and Special Education. She has been working in the educational field for the past six years and takes great pleasure in leading students on a path of learning and discovery. During her spare time, Ms. Ammar enjoys reading, traveling,



## *New/Transferred! (continued)*

and spending time with friends and family. As the new third grade teacher at Central, Ms. Ammar is looking forward to starting her teaching career here at Robert Treat Academy.

**Ms. Jessica Cruz** is the fourth grade math and science teacher at Robert Treat Academy Central. She joined the RTA family in the North Campus last



year after graduating from Montclair State University with a B.A. in Family and Child Studies with a Certification in Early Childhood Education K-5 and Middle School Science. She has a love for teaching and wants to share that with all

her students. In her free time she loves reading, art and watching movies.

**Ms. Carolyn Garcia** is a recent graduate of Montclair State University with a BA in Family and Child Studies. She is highly qualified to teach Elementary Education (K-6). Ms. Garcia is currently working on her middle school mathematics certification. She is very excited to start her new career at Robert Treat Academy and get to know her wonderful students. During her free time from school, she enjoys playing softball as well as reading scientific and historical articles.



**Ms. Marilyn Herrera** will be team teaching with Ms. Olsen in Room 208 at the North Campus.



She joins the RTA staff this year teaching fifth grade. Ms. Herrera holds a Bachelor's Degree from Barnard College at Columbia University. Before joining RTA, Ms.

Herrera worked at the Newark Business Training Institute teaching ESL. Ms. Herrera is a member of the Board of Trustees of The North Ward Center. She will be the first Robert Treat alumna joining the teaching staff. During her free time, Ms. Herrera enjoys photography, spending time with family and friends, running, and reading about history.

**Ms. Oneida Rivera** graduated from Montclair State University this past May with a master's degree in teaching.

She is blessed to be teaching the second grade at Central Campus of Robert Treat Academy. Ms. Rivera's goal as a teacher is to provide her students with many opportunities for educational growth



based on their individual learning styles. She has many goals for her students, which all focus on the importance of fostering a love of learning and a desire for success. She enjoys reading and hopes to provide students with many journeys and knowledge all books can bring!



**Mark the date!**

**The next Parent Council Meeting**

**will be held on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 6:45 PM**



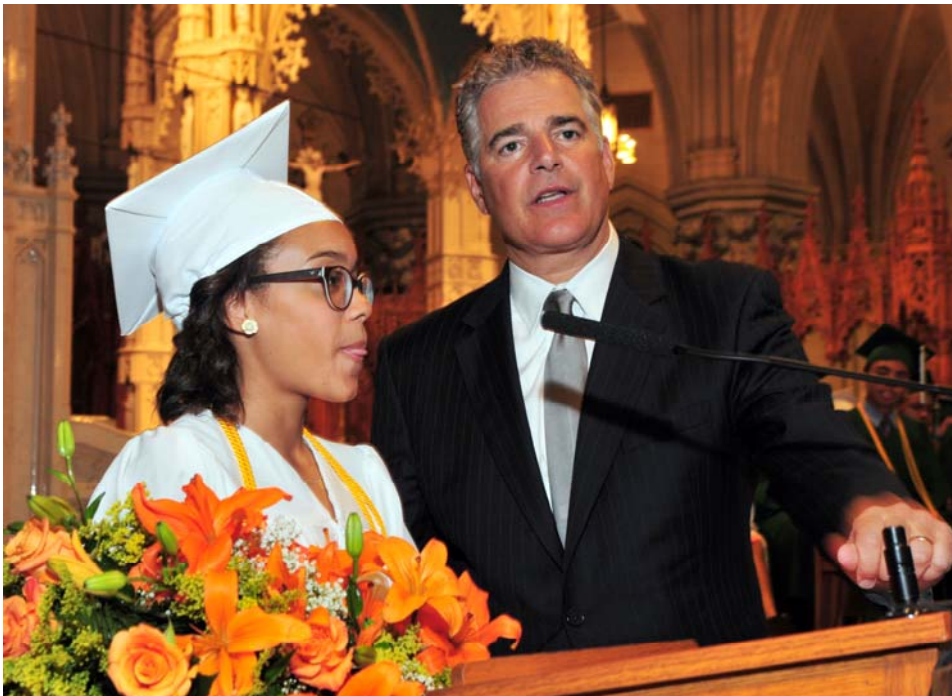
## June 2013 Graduation



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER  
DR. LAWRENCE S. FEINSOD,  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION**







**TIANA BARKLEY, ATTENDING NEWARK ACADEMY, LIVINGSTON, AND MASTER OF CEREMONIES, STEVE ADUBATO, JR.**



**COUNCILMAN ANNIBAL RAMOS, JR., PRESENTED TWO SCHOLARSHIPS TO NASIR MARTINEZ AND ALANA GARCIA.**



**MR. TRILLO AND NASIR MARTINEZ, WHO WILL BE ATTENDING CHRIST THE KING, NEWARK**







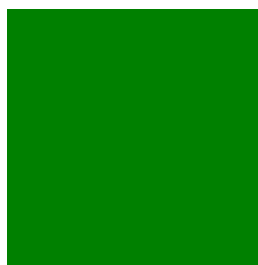
**VALEDICTORIAN-McAFEE SHEEHAN, WHO WILL BE ATTENDING REGIS HIGH SCHOOL IN NEW YORK CITY.**



**PICTURED WITH HER DAD IS EMILIANA GERONIMO, WHO WILL BE ATTENDING ST. PAUL'S IN NEW HAMPSHIRE .**



**SALUTATORIAN-JAYSHAWN FULLER, WHO WILL BE ATTENDING PHILLIPS ACADEMY ANDOVER IN ANDOVER, MA**







**ALUMNUS, MS. JARITZA RAMOS, WHO IS ATTENDING BARNARD COLLEGE-COLUMBIA.**



**MR. AND MRS. STEPHEN N. ADUBATO GRADUATE GIFT TO OUR FOUNDER 'BIG STEVE', AN AUTHENTICATED HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME STAR.**



**MS. THERESA ADUBATO-PRINCIPAL, MR. ROBERT DETORE-BOARD PRESIDENT AND MS. ADRIANNE DAVIS-BOARD VICE PRESIDENT**



## *Jump Rope for Heart!*

**Submitted by Mr. Ontell, North Campus Physical Education Teacher**

June was a very special month with events including Jump Rope For Heart, Founders Day, and Graduation! The RTA community has raised \$900 in our fundraiser for the American Heart Association and we appreciate everyone for doing their part to SAVE A LIFE! During PE class, students have had the opportunity to get active outside while participating in some of their favorite activities. The middle grades also took part in Hoops For Heart which is an extension of Jump Rope For Heart. Farewell to the 8th grade class and good luck in all of your future endeavors!



## *Welcome Back!*

**Submitted by the Seventh Grade Team**

There have been some big changes in the middle school! The middle school has now adopted to The Common Core Standards and has thus changed curriculums. The Common Core Standards focus on college and career readiness. The biggest shift in literacy deals with the reading of more nonfiction texts and complex text. In literacy, we are using Expeditionary Learning. Expeditionary Learning revolves around novel reading and lots of fun activities. It focuses on student centered learning. In math, we have moved to Singapore Math. This program will be a fun and challenging math program. The middle school team is very excited about these new changes and can't wait to get started!



## *Finishing Out the P.E. Program at Central*

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

The rain kept us inside but that didn't stop the students from enjoying a fantastic session of Jump Rope for Heart. Each class participated in six different stations for one fifty minute session. The six stations were jump rope, hop scotch, shake the snake, hula hoop, hop-a-long trail, and a water/rest station. Each class had one or two students who were awarded with a medal for their constant hard work and effort throughout the class. All of the students participated with a smile and enjoyed exercising for the full fifty minutes. Students challenged and pushed themselves to the best of their ability to ensure a productive physically fit day.



**KYLA JONES, SAHAR SHARIAH, JAYLA GRANT, AND SABRINA BAILEY SHARING A FUN MOMENT TOGETHER DURING JUMP ROPE FOR HEART. ELIZABETH AND CATHERINE ESTEVES AT THE HULA HOOP STATION DURING JUMP ROPE FOR HEART.**



The students, parents, and staff did an outstanding job contributing towards a great cause as well. We were able to collect over \$220 in donations. This number would not be as big if it weren't for some of the students and staff members. A special thanks goes out to William Abou-Rjaili, Joseph Gonzalez, Carlos and Isamar Martinez, and Moises and Samantha Castillo. Thank you to all of the students and staff who donated to help us surpass the total of last year's contributions. I am so proud of everyone!



**PICTURED ON THE RIGHT:**

**MOISES AND SAMANTHA CASTILLO, JOSEPH GONZALEZ, WILLIAM ABOU-RJAILI, ISAMAR AND CARLOS MARTINEZ SHOWING OFF THE 230 HEARTS POSTED ON THE WALL FOR JUMP ROPE FOR HEART.**

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

# Growing and Learning in the Third Grade

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



The students have enjoyed learning and growing this year in third grade. They are ready for their next adventure into fourth grade. But before they go, they were asked to write a letter to offer their insight and advice to the upcoming third grade students. Many students wrote about the thoughts that went through their head as they first stepped

into third grade. They also wrote about how they adjusted to the classroom and overcame obstacles and their fears of uncertainty and the unknown. Many of them expressed that they felt comforted by the learning environment and teachers that helped them through it. The students also offered advice to the upcoming group and gave tips to succeed in the third grade. What better way to learn than from the ones who experienced it first hand? We are hoping that these letters help the students prepare themselves for a great school year. We are looking forward to working and learning with our new third grade class!



## Exciting Times In Kindergarten!

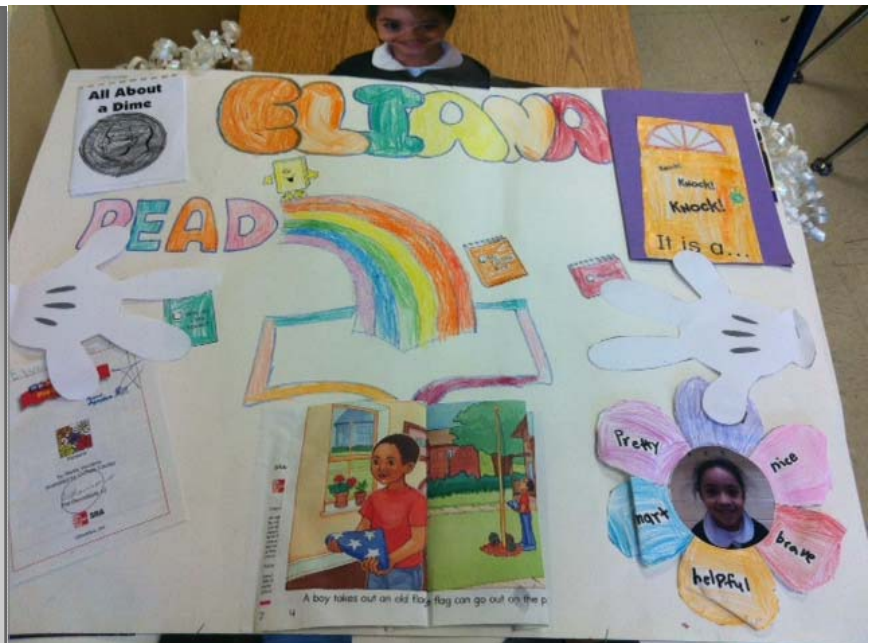
**Submitted by the Central Campus  
Kindergarten Team**

The kindergarten class has had a bitter-sweet week. They were officially promoted and are now first graders! All of their hard work paid off and they did a fabulous job at their Promotion Ceremony. In order for the kindergarten to share their memories from this year they were asked to create a project. These projects were displayed at the

Promotion Ceremony so that all of the families could view the children's work as they walked in. The children had a great time working on these projects. It was also very apparent that every child put a great deal of effort into creating the best memory board they could. We know they are excited for the journey ahead of them and are very proud of all that they accomplished this year. We are going to miss them!



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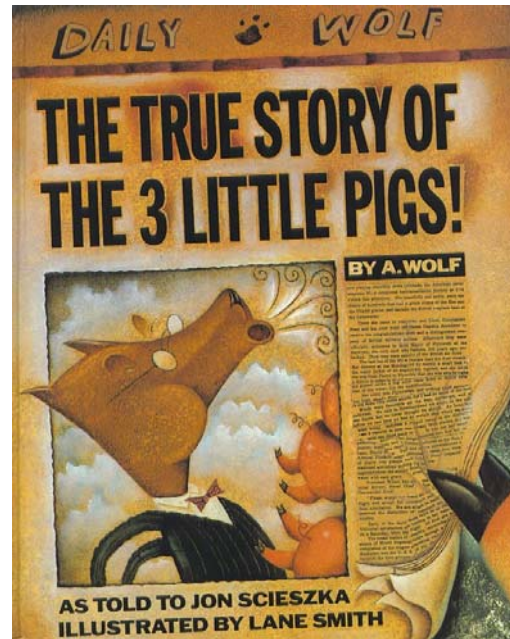




## *“Once Upon a Time”*

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

“Once upon a time”.... Our new second grade students read, “The True Story of the Three Little Pigs” by Jon Scieszka. Reading over the summer kept their minds sharp and their hands busy. After reading the story, the students were asked to create an advertisement showing their favorite part of the story. They also wrote a letter to their favorite character. In the letter, they expressed to the character how they felt about their actions in the story. Giving the characters advice and asking them questions showed us the higher order thinking skills our students possess. Our second graders illustrations displayed creativity using many unique props, from straws to popsicle sticks. Their hard work impressed us all! We look forward to getting to know more about their talents and abilities as we dive into second grade!



## *New Kindergarten Class at North Campus*

**Submitted by the North Campus Kindergarten Team**

Our Kindergarten friends in the North Campus have started the school year with smiles and excitement! We are learning the routines at Robert Treat and the students are adjusting wonderfully! Our time is being spent getting to know each other and understanding how special each one of us is. Kindergarten is an exciting year in school; a time to learn about who we are and what school is really all about.





## All About Me!

### **Submitted by the Central Campus Second Grade Team**

The students returned from their summer break with much energy to learn! To continue academic growth throughout the summer break the students were asked to read a variety of books to reinforce the skills they had learned throughout the year- vocabulary development, writing skills, fluency, and opportunities for greater learning. The students were able to choose books from the suggested reading list which provided titles from prominent children's book authors such as Barbara Park (Junie B. Jones Series), Mary Pope Osborne (Magic Tree House Series), David A. Adler (Young Cam Jansen Series), etc. The students were also asked to complete a self-reflective project titled the "Me Collage" which provided the opportunity to write, draw, use photography, etc. to create a poster that reflected information about them. The students presented their collages to their teachers and peers during the first day of school. The students were excited to introduce themselves and were also eager to learn

about one another! The collages are displayed on our classroom bulletin board to demonstrate all the great work the students have done!



## June 2013 Graduation





# ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

## SCHOOL CALENDAR - NORTH AND CENTRAL CAMPUS

SCHOOL CLOSING DATES		2013-2014 <u>2013</u>	# OF DAYS STUDENTS/TEACHERS
<b>August</b>	1	ORGANIZATION DAY – All Staff Members Report (8 am)	
	2	Professional Development All Staff Report (8 am)	
	5	School Year Begins for grades K through 8	
	16	School Closed	
	23-31	School Closed – End of Summer Recess	<b>13 / 15</b>
<b>September</b>	1 – 2	School Closed - Labor Day	
	3	School Reopens	
	20	Staff Development School Closed	<b>19 / 20</b>
<b>October</b>	14	School Closed – Columbus Day	<b>22 / 22</b>
<b>November</b>	11	School Closed – Veteran’s Day	
	28-29	School Closed – Thanksgiving Recess	<b>18 / 18</b>
<b>December</b>	23 – 31	School Closed – Winter Recess	<b>15 / 15</b>
<b><u>2014</u></b>			
<b>January</b>	1	School Closed – New Year’s Day	
	2	School Reopens	
	17	Staff Development School Closed	
	20	School Closed – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	<b>20 / 21</b>
<b>February</b>	17	School Closed – President’s Day Observance	<b>19 / 19</b>
<b>March</b>			<b>21 / 21</b>
<b>April</b>	14-18	School Closed – Spring Recess	
	21	School Reopens	<b>17 / 17</b>
<b>May</b>	26	School Closed – Memorial Day Observance	<b>21 / 21</b>
<b>June</b>	26	Last Day of School – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation	<b>19 / 19</b>
<b>TOTAL # of Days – STUDENTS</b>			<b>204</b>
<b>TOTAL # of Day – TEACHERS</b>			<b>208</b>

# Central Connection

**Submitted by Mr. Parada, V.P.**

Welcome back! We are extremely excited to begin another promising school year. As expected, students arrived on the first day of school focused and ready to learn. This enables us to hit the ground running in order to continue working towards a high level of achievement. Our teaching teams continue to work hard to find the best ways to meet the needs of our students. We strive to create classroom climates and challenging lessons using strategies that will give students a deep understanding of the skills they need to succeed in life. We are all partners in this goal.

We continue to evolve and adapt as our student enrollment grows. We currently serve 150 students in grades K-5. One of the changes made last year was a staggered dismissal. Regular dismissal time for K-1 is 3:15 and regular dismissal time for 2-5 is 3:30. If you have a child in each dismissal group we recommend that you arrive for a 3:30 pick-up. Students in grades 2-5 will not be dismissed prior to 3:30 for the sole reason of ac-

commodating a 3:15 pick-up time.



Administrators and teachers everywhere recognize the important contributions parents make toward a child's success in school. There is no question about it - success at school begins at home. Parents are the single most important variable in a child's schooling. On that note, attendance for RTA Central's "Back to School" night was 95%. We are pleased, but, as always, we strive to improve. Our goal is 100% attendance!

Safety is always our first concern. Parent drop-off and pick-up traffic is directed in the front of the school. We do our best to keep your children safe; however, we cannot always control the speed of other commuters driving up the street. It is imperative to have your child(ren) exit on the curb-side of the car. With patience and direction from our Traffic Team during pick-up and dismissal, I know we will keep the children safe and traffic moving in a timely manner.



**Encourage your child to do some reading each evening!**



## Class of 2014-The High School Placement Process Has Begun!

**Submitted by Ms. S. Moje  
High School Placement**

From the moment the Class of 2014 entered Robert Treat Academy on August 5<sup>th</sup> to begin their final year of elementary school, the High School Placement Office was already hard at work, preparing both the students and parents for the long, but ultimately fulfilling process of applying to high schools. Our team met collectively with each individual parent to create a varied array of potential high school choices for each student. Our goal is to match each of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to a high school that will best meet his or her needs, while encouraging each student to excel and reach his or her highest potential.

Now that the initial meetings are done, the next big event is our Interview Day, which will be held on September 24, 2013. 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents, please remember to reserve this day and plan to be here with us so that you can speak with the Admissions Directors from various day, boarding and Catholic schools. Your schedules for the day, as well as the schedule of meetings for your son or daughter will be mailed to you at the end of August.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about high schools, please reach out to any member of the High School Placement team. Ms. Heinlein, Ms. Moje and Ms. Almodovar are always ready and happy to meet with you or speak with you via phone or email to assist you as we begin this process.



**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
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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**	Day
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

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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

August 16	Friday	School Closed
August 23-) August 30 )	Friday Friday	School Closed End of Summer Recess
September 2	Monday	School Closed in Observance of Labor Day
September 3	Tuesday	Classes resume at 8:30 AM
September 10	Friday	Interim Reports to be sent home
September 12	Thursday	33rd Annual Latino Scholarship Dinner at the North Ward Center
September 18	Wednesday	Parent Council at 6:45 PM at both Campuses. This will be an interesting and informative evening for all parents.
September 19	Thursday	Board of Trustees Meeting at 5:30 PM
September 20	Friday	School will be closed for students. Staff will be engaged in Professional Development



Enjoy your school vacation.  
See you on Tuesday  
September 3, 2013  
when school resumes  
at 8:30 AM

