



The Treatonian



February

Students of the Month

Student	HR/Activity
Janel Booker	12 Central
Gabriely Acosta	13 Central
Joshua Negron	Music Central
Danielle Rebolledo	104
Vera Shipman	107
Briana Marcano	201
Yasin Peppers	202
Rubieny Torres	203
Anabelle Rodriguez	204
Giovan Guanill	205
Brianna Martinez	206
Hennesis Encarnacion	207
Allya Jaquez	208
Rocio Solorzano	210
Jaedin Marsette	301
Logan Figueroa	302
Izabelle Herrera	303
Ethan Carrero	304
Marlon Richards	306
Pamela Goetz	308
Sara Gonzalez	310
Chloe Decker	Art
McAfee Sheehan	Computers
Dru Strand	Music
Marlon Rodriguez	Pysical Ed.
Jenilee Jaquez	Science

Our Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Well, it looks like we can say goodbye to Winter and start to utilize our new playground. This will give our students the opportunity to get rid of some of their pent up energy.



I've reviewed the Student of the Month, Principal's and Honor Roll lists and must tell you how proud I am of our students. I've noticed that some students' names appear quite often. This shows a real commitment to learning.

The state tests are just around the corner and I urge you to make sure that

your child attends the remainder of their Saturday classes. Our goal is to see that every child achieves success. These classes are an important link to their success. Of course, success is never guaranteed. There has to be a strong desire to achieve.

We will be having our annual Art Show and Music Concert within the next

couple of months. I ask each of you to renew your effort to support your child and his/her school by attending. Every child will have their art work adorning our halls.

Wednesday, the 17th, is St. Patrick's Day. The staff and I wish each of you a Happy St. Patrick's Day!



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Principal

**Spring Recess begins
Friday, April 9, 2010
and school reopens
Monday, April 12, 2010**



March Students of the Month

CENTRAL

(LEFT TO RIGHT)

GABRIELY ACOSTA

JOSHUA NEGRON

JANEL BOOKER



(L. TO R.) ROW 1-PAMELA GOEZ, JAEDIN MARSETTE, SARA GONZALEZ, MARLON RICHARDS, RUBIENY TORRES, ETHAN CORRERO, IZABELLE HERRERA AND DRU STRAND
ROW 2: YASIN PEPPERS, BRIANA MARCANO, McAFEE SHEEHAN, HENESIS ENCARNACION, JENILEE JAQUEZ, GIOVAN GUANILL AND LOGAN FIGUEROA
ROW 3: BRIANNA MARTINEZ, ROCIO SOLORZANO, CHROE DECKER, MARLON RODRIGUEZ, VERA SHIPMAN, DANIELLE REBOLLEDO AND ALLYA JAQUEZ

ACADEMIC HONORS

Principal's List

<u>Room 12C</u> Amaris Hernandez Desiree Johnson Isis Pabon	<u>Room 201</u> Christopher Crespo	<u>Room 205</u> Jayshawn Fuller McAfee Sheehan	<u>Room 208</u> Neringa Liutikaite	<u>Room 304</u> Sophia Figueroa Juan Miranda Julisa Marcano	<u>Room 308</u> Ebony Marshall Noel Rios
<u>Room 104</u> Alyssa Balacuit Stephanie Cruz Jack Fox Andrew Showers	<u>Room 202</u> Aryana Mercado	<u>Room 206</u> Asia Moore Henry Negron Jenilee Jaquez Christain Molina Katelynn Rodriguez Nicholas Ayala	<u>Room 210</u> Kahiya McDaniels	<u>Room 306</u> Narena Nerahoo Leah Ramos Camille Strand Darren Hernandez	<u>Room 310</u> Laura Shipman
<u>Room 107</u> Brittney D'Oleo	<u>Room 203</u> Dorothy He	<u>Room 207</u> Jailene Agost Anthony Castro Hennesis Encarnacion Jabari Finney Seanunna Fortenberry Ryan Hernandez Taylor Leake Kenyetta Lionel Ivan Morales Angel Ng Sarah Ramos Eliesha Reyes-Castro Alejandro Sheppard Brandon Torres	<u>Room 302</u> Indira Douglas Amari Charles Nicholas Carrero Emily Acosta Brianna Fontanez		



Honor Roll

<u>Room 12C</u> Nyobi Boddie Chibundom Ezeonu Johann Jimenez- Sevillano Kennedy Robinson Mekhi White Camila Zambrana	<u>Room 202</u> Javon Anderson Raphael Castillo Declan Kelly Justin Negron Alejandro Santiago Veronica Blair Janiece Pacheco Amaya Romero	<u>Room 205</u> Alana Garcia Giovann Guanill Maria Montero Tiana Blakley Giancarlo Calle	Jordan Hubbard Ricardo Ortiz	Jailene Guzman Mariah Lopez Gomez Jonathan Crespo Hendry Mejia Stephanie Sanchez	Elijah Douglas Massa Godbold Meagan Figueroa Sara Gonzalez Amour Henry Melissa Martinez- Molina Emily Padilla Franchesca Perez Alexis Pisano Ahmani Robinson Peter Reyes
<u>Room 104</u> Jennyfer Caballero Sandy Castellano Julio Figueroa Alyssa Martinez Danielle Rebolledo Antonio Salters	<u>Room 203</u> Sydney Bogan Jondel Diaz Brianna Hawley Moise Pierre, Jr. Micah Rivas Amber Rua Henry Suchite Rubieny Torres Adrian White	<u>Room 206</u> Edwin Ramirez	<u>Room 210</u> Martina Brooks Cindy Cueva Amani Finney Gloribel Hernandez Austin Medina Sumayah Medlin Bryanna Mercado Jorelle Montes Aubree Phillips Samaiyah Quddus William Rebolledo Marlon Rodriguez- Lopez Rocio Solorzano	<u>Room 306</u> Joceline Cosme Jordan Geronimo Ashanti Gilland Emely Gomez Kyla Greene Tyrone Lee Amanda Martinez Gabriela Montero Chyna Moore Caleb Moten Marlon Richards Meya Salas Balthazar Sheehan Torrian Smith	
<u>Room 107</u> Tyler Ofray Eugene Ramos Ileanie Alifonso Danay-jah Baxter Chloe Decker Jennifer Hernandez Jamely Nieves Vera Shipman	<u>Room 204</u> Angelee Carabalo Lenin Cruz Fernando Hernandez Jaylin Lugardo Ashley Pena Kiara Rodriguez Raquel Rodriguez Tara Rojas-Scott Enmanuel Thomas- Guerrero	<u>Room 207</u> Jailene Agost Anthony Castro Hennesis Encarnacion Jabari Finney Seanunna Fortenberry Ryan Hernandez Taylor Leake Kenyetta Lionel Ivan Morales Angel Ng Sarah Ramos Eliesha Reyes-Castro Alejandro Sheppard Brandon Torres	<u>Room 302</u> Raymond Alvarez- Adorno Logan Figueroa Elisha Godbold Trinity Lance Francisco Perez Sebastian Santiago Deveon Lopez Marquis Rivera	<u>Room 308</u> Shelsea Alcantara Amelie Bobadilla Gabriela Celi Julianna Rivera, Pamela Goetz	
<u>Room 201</u> Kayla Romero Brittney Martinez Paula Guzman Diego Gonzalez Desiree Calderon		<u>Room 208</u> Gabriella Cruz Emiliana Geronimo Nayale Quimis Katherine Ramos Freddy Ballester	<u>Room 304</u> Mya Andino Ashley Camacho	<u>Room 310</u> Alexandra Barbaran Kyla Butler	



High School Placement News

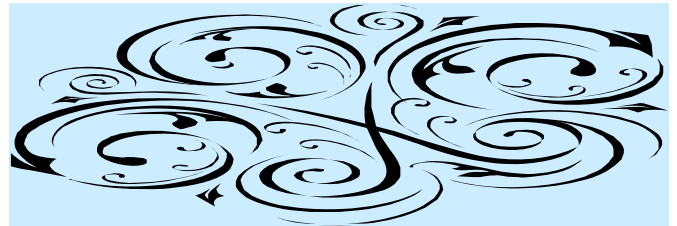
Submitted by Mr. M. Trillo
Director, High School Placement

The admission decisions for private boarding and day schools are quickly approaching. By March 10th all of these schools will have made their decisions and will send out information via mail or email. While we are crossing our fingers and hoping like all of you, we would also like to remind parents to **send all information to the High School Placement Department** so we can assist you in the arrangements for re-visits, final decisions, and contract signings. All families should be in receipt of all decisions by Monday, March 15th at the latest. Also, if you have applied to any tuition charging schools we must receive a copy of your most recent tax return and W-2's as well as any other pertinent tax information that school's will need



before making final financial aid/scholarship decisions. Good luck and cross your fingers.

Those parents anxiously awaiting the admissions decisions from the public schools should be aware that those decisions will not be made until the end of April or beginning of May. Please make sure to stop in to our office or give us a call to let us know what your final plans for high school are for your child as soon as you know. For those students and families who have made their final decisions, we congratulate you and thank you for your hard work.



Saturday Academy Schedule

The following is the remaining schedule for Saturday Academy classes.

DATES

March 6, 13, 20, 27

April 17, 24 (last class for 7th and 8th grades)

May 1 (last class for 5th and 6th grades), 8 (last class for 3rd and 4th grades)

TIMES

3rd and 4th grades: 9:15-11:45 a.m.

5th, 6th and 7th grades 9:30-11:30 a.m.

8th grade 9:00-11:00

All students are expected to attend. Saturday Academy classes are not an option. If for any reason, you child will be unable to attend on a particular date, as with any other school day, you are required to contact the Academy.

PLEASE BE AWARE

Whenever it is necessary to close school due to weather conditions, which may develop during the night, an announcement will be made on the Robert Treat Academy website. Go to the homepage at www.roberttreatacademy.org.

Families without internet access can check the following television stations between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

**CHANNEL 2 NEWS
CHANNEL 4 NEWS
CHANNEL 5 NEWS
CHANNEL 12 NEWS**

Please log on to Robert Treat Academy website or watch for school closing announcements. Calls should not be made to the Academy.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Extended School Day Update

**Submitted by Mr. M Trillo
Director**

The extended school day has made a change to try to make

picking up your children after school a little easier for parents. Between 4:45 and 5:15 our crossing guards will be turning Clifton Ave. into a one way street similar to the arrangement at the regular dismissal time. To allow this venture to be successful we are asking that parents be very quick when picking up their children so that the street does not get too backed up and so we maintain the safety of the students being dismissed. Please continue to sign out your child and do not linger in the main hallway to speak to other parents or staff at this time. Also, it is important that drivers follow the directions of the RTA crossing guards who will be monitoring this

dismissal at all times.

I would also like to remind parents that if your child is in any of the extended learning programs offered on every grade level they should not be picked up before 5:00. With the New Jersey ASK tests quickly approaching, these classes are a particularly important aspect of your child's success on these state mandated tests. If a scheduling conflict exists, please consult your child's teacher to make arrangements for these classes.

The Staff of Robert Treat Academy Sees Red

Submitted by Mrs. Feinstein. Room 203

On February 12, the staff of Robert Treat Academy participated in its second annual Go Red for Heart Disease campaign. This very worthwhile event is in support of the American Heart Association who through their ongoing effort and research educates us about the number one and most silent killer of women.

By donating five dollars, each staff member was allowed to wear jeans and something red. What better way to kick off Valentine's Day weekend then to show our support for such a worthwhile cause!

Thank you to all who participated. Special thanks to Ms Richardson and her 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade girl scout troops for their very generous gift of supplies, time, and hard work in making very special "Go Red Dress Pins" for our staff here and at Robert Treat Central. Through everyone's generosity and hard work, we were able to donate close to **\$400** for this very special cause.



Help for Haiti!!

Submitted by Mrs. Kelly-Kemple
and
Ms. Burgos

Thank you! Thank you!
Thank you! Many thanks to the students, parents, and families of **RTA North** and **Central** for their outstanding contribution to the **Change for Haiti** fundraiser. After only one week of fundraising, a whopping \$5,248.78 was raised between the two schools!!! At RTA North, the Penny War competition was intense

but the **Blue team (K, 1, and 2nd grades)** came out on top, earning 79,000 points...and a pizza party! After a slow start, the Red team (6,7, and 8th grades) took a close 2nd with 75,614 points and the Green team (3,4, and 5th grades) just couldn't keep the silver away and took third with 63,425 points. The fundraiser was a great success and everyone did a tremendous job! All the money raised will be donated to The Red Cross to help the victims in Haiti. Thank you again for your support!



Library at “Central” Ready to Accept Our Students!

The new Library/Computer Lab is now fully stocked. Over 2,000 books were placed in the stacks last week. Mr. Gutierrez is now training the teachers on how to use the library software to check books in and out. The students have a weekly library period built into their schedule.

Please be aware of the following:

- ◆ Books may be borrowed for a two week period.
- ◆ The fine for overdue books is \$1.00 per day.
- ◆ Any lost or defaced book must be paid for at the present cost for replacement.
- ◆ If a fine or replacement fee is owed to the library, books may not be borrowed until the fine or fee is paid.
- ◆ Teachers will determine whether or not books can be removed from the building.



Annual Volleyball Championship

Submitted by Mr. Parada, Physical Education Teacher

The 7th and 8th grade students participated in the annual grade level volleyball championship in February. After being divided into 3 groups within each homeroom, the teams play against each other during a 3 week period. The Championship team from each class then advances to challenge the champion from the other homeroom in what we call the "Grade Level Championship". The students work on their bumping, setting, serving, teamwork, and sportsmanship skills during this competition for bragging rights. The games were action packed and enjoyable to watch. Those who participated in the game gave it their best and left it all out there on the court. Following the student games, some of the teachers got into the spirit and challenged each other to a game.



8th Grade Champions

Kaitlyn Feliciano
Eli Vazquez
Damien Nieves
Alyssa Balacuit
Jack Fox
Jonathon Bonet
Taylor Valentin
Chelsea James

7th Grade Champions

Marlon Rodriguez
Amani Finney
Lynnea Brown
Bruce Berrios
Jose Nieves
Sumayah Medlin
Justine Serrano
Natasha Valenzuela



Grade 4 Math Students Enjoy a Fraction Feast!

Submitted by the Fourth Grade Team.

Fourth grade math students recently had an opportunity to eat their way through a delicious fraction lesson. The students sat in small groups where they observed as a cake was divided first in half, then in fourths, and again into eight equal pieces. The purpose of this was to demonstrate that a fraction is a part of a whole. They also were able to observe the concept of equivalent fractions as they saw one half of the cake become two fourths, and then four eighths.

In the second part of the activity, a plate of cookies was distributed equally among each group of students. As each child received his fair share of the batch, the students observed that a fraction can also be part of a group.

This tasty lesson was made possible by the **generosity of the parents**, who donated the cakes and cookies.



WHAT FRACTIONAL PART OF THE CAKE HAS BEEN CONSUMED?

MS. ADUBATO IS CHECKING TO SEE IF THE ACTIVITY WAS A SUCCESS. OBVIOUSLY, THE ANSWER WAS A RESOUNDING "YES".



African Americans Who Inspire!

Submitted by the Seventh Grade Team

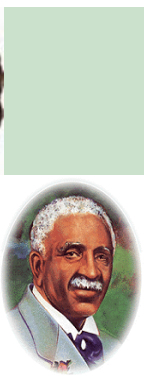
As you may know, February is a month that celebrates African American History. As a part of the celebration, the seventh grade worked on a project that made them aware of the numerous contributions and accomplishments that African-Americans have made to our coun-

try. The students were paired up and had to work together as a team to find information on one notable African American person. There were three parts to this project: a scrapbook page, a 1-2 page essay, and a power point presentation. Some notable people that they chose were: Michelle Obama, George Wash-

ington Carver, Ray Charles, Sojourner Truth, and Maya Angelou. The students worked extremely hard, enjoyed sharing information with one another, and had fun at the same time. The teachers were very proud of the success of the project. Great Work 7th grade!



MICHELE
OBAMA



GEORGE
WASHINGTON
CARVER



RAY-
CHARLES



SOJOURNER
TRUTH



MAYA
ANGELOU



Second Grade Did It All!!



HENDRY MEJIA, JOSELYN CASTAING, DEVIN CHAPARRO, AND JAILENE GUZMAN, WITH BOOKS ABOUT PRESIDENTS.

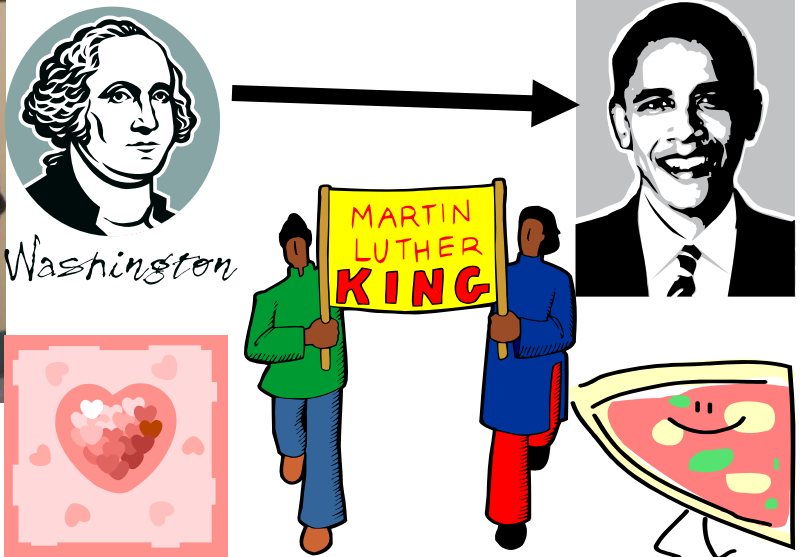


NINA OKERE, ASHLEY CAMACHO, AND MYA ANDINO WITH THEIR BOOKS THEY MADE ABOUT PRESIDENTS.

Submitted by the Second Grade Team

The second grade has been very busy during the past month. We have completed the math subtraction unit where we learned to regroup numbers in order to subtract. We have also been naming fractions for $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, and $\frac{1}{8}$. The students are very proud of the work they are doing in computer class. Each student was assigned a United States President to research. The students were required to research utilizing the internet to find their president's picture, his date of birth, his term in office, and three fun facts. The students then put the information into a report using Microsoft Word software. We have also created our own books about two of the most well known presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

Second grade has also seen its share of celebrations! We read a book to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday in January. We celebrated Valentine's Day by creating Valentine Day card mailboxes which were used to "mail" our Valentines. A recent highlight was a pizza party celebrating the Blue Team for earning the most points during our Penny Wars fundraiser for Haiti.



Minerals?

Submitted by Mrs. Kelly-Kemple, Science Teacher

The seventh graders have been learning about minerals of the Earth's crust. They began to start classifying minerals by knowing what four questions to ask. After establishing whether a sample was a mineral or a rock the students performed two different scientific tests to further classify. The first test is called a streak test and the second is a luster test. In each test students were given

a variety of samples and instructions to follow in order to name specific minerals. Many of the samples were similar to look at but upon further investigation the students were able to classify about a dozen different minerals correctly. All of the students are interested in exploring minerals to a greater extent and are wondering if Mr. Pallante will let us take a field trip to the Grand Canyon to complete our unit. Wouldn't that be an adventure of a lifetime??

NOTES from the Music Rooms

**Submitted by Mrs. Heinlein-Wood
Music Teacher**

Music classes are busy with singing, recorder performances, learning theory, and studying history. In the sixth grade, we are compiling information about American Popular Music of the 20th Century, and in the seventh and eighth grades we are learning about the three big composers: Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven. Students are gathering much of their knowledge using RTA's new mobile computer lab, a wonderful tool that makes learning not only fun but very individualized.

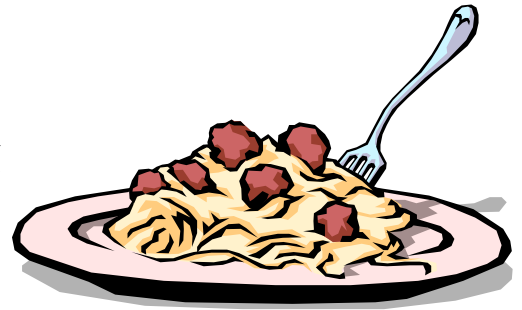
Chorus will be singing for the NWC's annual St. Patrick/St. Joseph's celebration on March 26, 2010. So

parents, please make sure your child has returned their permission slip.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY!



February Was National Children's Dental Health Month

Submitted by the First Grade Team

The American Dental Association says that daily tooth care and eating the right kinds of foods are essential in promoting healthy teeth. During the month, the first grade listened to and read stories about the importance of having good dental health. They learned about the different kinds of teeth and the special jobs they have. We also visited a website that showed the students the special equipment in a dentist office. Now that we have become "experts", here are some first grade tips on how to have healthy teeth and a super smile:

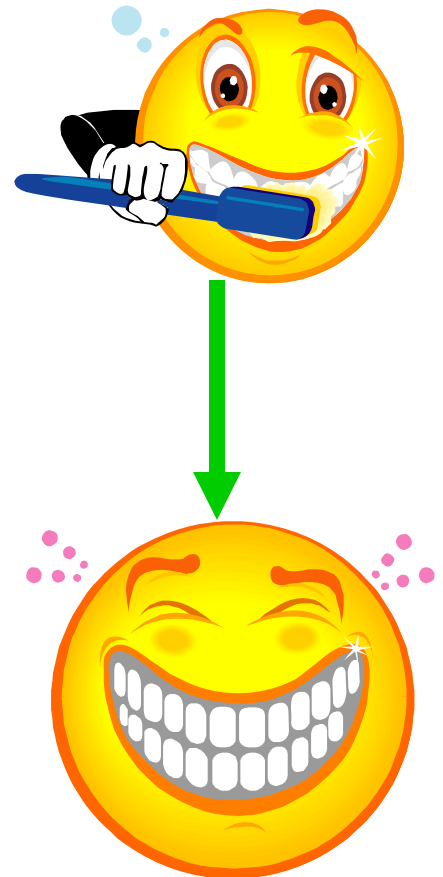
It is important to keep your teeth clean. Teeth help you chew food. You can take care of your teeth by going to the dentist every six months and brushing after a meal. You can also take care of your teeth by eating cheese, nuts, fruits, and vegetables. Healthy teeth are happy teeth.

By Elijah Douglas

It is important to take care

of your teeth. Your teeth help you chew, tear, and bite. You can keep your teeth healthy by brushing your teeth two times a day and by flossing. You can also keep your teeth healthy by not eating a lot of sweets. Healthy teeth are white and shiny.

By Jordan Skillern



C'mon, Join us!

Please take a few minutes to look over the chart below. These results have been discouraging to both the administration, staff and students. We have not awarded a Pizza Party in quite some time! Let's strive for 100% participation.

Rm.	September	October	November	December	January	February	March
12C	98%	P a r e n t C o n f e r e n c e s	100%	84%	N/A	P a r e n t C o n f e r e n c e s	P a r e n t C o n f e r e n c e s
13C	98%		100%	84%	N/A		
301	100%		76%	52%	68%		
303	96%		84%	44%	80%		
308	88%		100%	63%	76%		
310	96%		100%	73%	69%		
304	92%		68%	56%	88%		
306	76%		72%	52%	72%		
302	96%		76%	76%	50%		
203	84%		56%	64%	72%		
201	92%	C o n f e r e n c e s	46%	60%	76%	C o n f e r e n c e s	C o n f e r e n c e s
202	88%		65%	62%	65%		
205	92%		58%	54%	58%		
208	96%		50%	60%	52%		
204	88%		68%	60%	60%		
206	92%		68%	52%	64%		
207	79%		75%	74%	57%		
210	92%		92%	72%	60%		
104	80%	s	52%	64%	52%	s	s
107	73%		54%	54%	38%		
	90%		73%	63%	64%		

"History Behind the Molas from the Kuna Indians"

Submitted by Mrs. Cherchio, Art Teacher

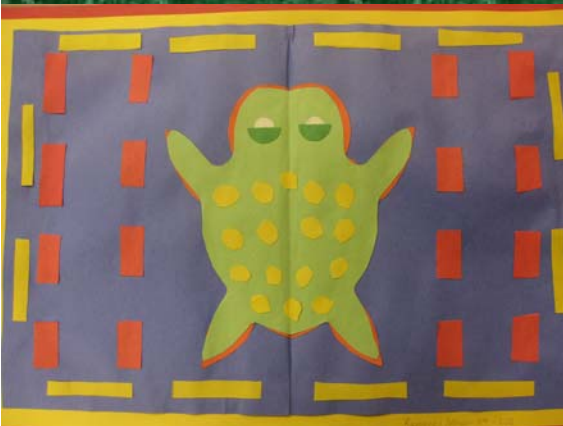
The fifth grade has finished their study on the history of the Kuna Indian Molas. Molas are traditional artwork of the Kuna Indians of Panama. Molas are colorful panels that include various types of applique and added embroidery. When they put it together, they are placed on the front and back of the blouse worn by a Kuna Indian. These blouses are part of Kuna Indian women's wardrobe. They are now prized collectibles in museums. For their project, the fifth grade interpreted Molas using colored paper and nature motifs. Check it out!"



BY JUAN CRUZ-ROOM 205



BY ROCIO UZETA-ROOM 205



BY RAMESES MINUS-ROOM 208



BY JORDAN HUBBARD-ROOM 208



BY RUBY D'OLEO-ROOM 208



From the Media!

Robert Treat Students Raise more than \$5,000 for Haiti Earthquake Victims

By Bruno R Tedeschi

February 26, 2010, 4:03 PM

Robert Treat Academy students raised over \$5,000 for victims of the earthquake that struck Haiti in January through "Penny Wars." Students of the Robert Treat Academy in Newark broke open their piggy banks earlier this month to raise \$5,248.79 for Haitian earthquake victims.

The North and Central campuses of the charter school held a "Penny Wars" competition from Feb. 1 through 8 where students divided into teams to raise the most money. Pennies counted as "positive" points while dimes, nickels and quarters thrown into the opposing teams' buckets were deducted from the opposing team's total.

Science teacher Christine Kelley-Kemple said at the North campus, the youngest students of the school — kindergarten, first and second graders — raised the most money.

"The kids saw the impact of a handful of change that normally wouldn't go anywhere," she said. "It was just like a fever in this building."

TD Bank on Franklin Avenue cooperated with the school to help faculty transport the coins and put it through change machines. Kelley-Kemple said it took nearly an hour each day to bring the money in,



and checks were made out to the American Red Cross. The school brought in \$1,000 worth of coins every two days.

"It was so easy to implement this fundraiser; the hardest part was carrying the money in and out of the building," she said.

Kelley-Kemple said the results of the fundraiser went far beyond her expectations as she only anticipated raising \$200 or \$300.

"We were all blown away by the amount of money and the overwhelming support," she said.

The massive earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12 killed as many as 250,000 people and reduced much of its capital, Port-au-Prince, to rubble. With rainy season approaching, many Haitians remain without adequate shelter.

Kindergarten teacher Yanelle Gonzalez said prior to the fundraiser, she showed her students pictures of the rubble in Haiti and explained the effects of the earthquake.

"We have kids coming in saying that they looked under the cushions, they were looking in between the cushions in the car, and the couches," Gonzalez said. "Then we did have a couple students who brought in all of their change, emptying out their piggy banks. It was a really sweet thing."

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School Calendar

March 12	Friday	Old School/New School Basketball Game 12:10 PM Females 1:30 PM Males
March 17	Wednesday	5th Grades go to Sacred Heart Basilica for an organ concert Happy St. Patrick's Day!
March 18	Thursday	Some 7th & 8th Graders will be attending the Thurgood Marshall Dinner
March 20	Saturday	Debate Team Tournament at First Ave.School @ 10:00 AM
March 23 & 24	Tuesday Wednesday	Assessment Testing for Grades 3—8
March 25	Thursday	Board Of Trustees Meeting

Gonzalez said kindergarten student Rosemary Lopez brought in \$75 in change and the mother of kindergartener Madison Serrano collected money at work and from family members.

"It was great to give them that opportunity where they felt that they did something to help others," Gonzalez said. Robert Treat Academy Board Secretary Lucy Bernardo said a kindergartener, Carlos Martinez, at the Central campus was so inspired he called his extended family members and was able to collect \$75.

"We never imagined that pennies would amount to so much," Bernardo said. "It was wonderful, and the enthusiasm that they embraced, it was so nice to see."

Robert Treat Principal Michael Pallante said the idea for the fundraiser came from members of the student council. "This was a project that was truly driven by the students with the full support of our staff," Pallante said. "It's wonderful that the older students are setting an example for the younger children at the school."

Kelley-Kemple said faculty members also participate in community service by wearing pink on Friday in October for Breast Cancer awareness month and red in February for Heart Disease awareness.

"We want the children to see we are interested in the greater community, we also do community service," she said. Robert Treat Academy students are required to complete 50 hours of community service in order to graduate and each grade level takes part in varying acts of philanthropy. The community service requirement has been part of the curriculum at the Blue Ribbon school since it was started in 1997 by North Ward Center founder Stephen N. Aduato.

"The students really showed concern for the people of Haiti through this fundraiser," Aduato said. "It's an important part of their education to be knowledgeable about what is happening in the world and it's equally important that they do whatever they can to help."

Adrienne Davis, the vice president of the Robert Treat Academy board of trustees, said she is proud of the students for raising so much money for charity.

"Instilling a sense of charity and responsibility at an early age will result in compassionate adults," Davis said. "It's part of the character we seek to encourage in our students."

This story was written by Heather Brookhart at [Jaffe Communications](http://JaffeCommunications.com). Read more stories about Robert Treat Academy at northwardnews.org.