



The Treatonian

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Charter School

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Our Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As our the high school placement process is winding down, I want to acknowledge the efforts of our High School Placement staff, Ms. Werner, Ms. Morales, Mr. Trillo, our 8th grade students and their parents. Of course, this is a schoolwide effort, and all of our instructional staff has played a role in preparing our 8th graders.

This process is very labor intensive, stressful, and one of the most rewarding and exciting things we do as a school. We are anxiously awaiting admissions decisions. However, I can share with you two of our students were offered early admission to Morristown Beard! Congratulations to Caleb Moten and Mariah Lopez-Gomez.

I want to share with you something that has touched my heart deeply. Alejandro Toledo-Navarro is currently a freshman at St. Paul's school in New Hampshire. Alejandro was the recipient of the Ross Scholarship which covers full tuition and other expenses including 'spending money'. Along with his sister Mia who is a current 8th grader they formed a non-profit named Highway 2 High School. This organization funds 8th grade students and their parents to visit a boarding school to which they are applying. Alejandro used his 'spending money' to fund this cause. The first recipient to receive this award is Lesley Cevallos-Sarmiento. Lesley is well deserving of this opportunity.

Alejandro understands the concept of paying it forward. He is a very special young man. On behalf of the Academy I thank him for his continued contributions to our school community.

Exciting news from the class of 2012; Jaylin Lugardo (Choate-Rosemary Hall) accepted to **Princeton University**, Nicolas Scott-Hearn (St. Paul's School) accepted to **Stanford University** and Jenilee Jaquez (St. Andrews) accepted to **Barnard College-Columbia University**.

All three of these students along with so many others are fulfilling the dreams of their parents and certainly my dreams and hopes for them. To know the Academy played a role in forming their future leaves me filled with pride. As a school community we all should feel this sense of pride in knowing all of our collective hard work has contributed to securing successful futures for our students.



Principal

**PICTURED AT THE LEFT:
MS. WERNER, ALEJANDRO
TOLEDO-NAVARRO, LESLEY
CEVALLOS-SARMIENTO
MIA TOLEDO-NAVARRO
AND MS. MORALES**

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Stephen N. Adubato Students of the Month for December, 2015!!

Mya Andino	104	Noel Rios	207	Carlos Cabrera	308
Meya Salas	107	Jasmine Santiago	208	Deshilee Ramirez	310
Veronica Cales	201	Ahmani Robinson	210	Carlos Cabrera	Art
Mithayus Diaz	202	Aayden Narviaez	301	Maylynn Rodriguez	Music
Jenebah Tyler	203	Jeremiah Lopez	302	Emely Gomez	P. E.
Ciara Morales	204	Sayra Tonacatl-Guevara	303	Balthazar Sheehan	Science 6-8
Richard Pisano	205	Mya Leines	304	Alexander Okere	Technology
Tamia Louissaint	206	Jessenia Rivera	306		



Jackie Robinson Campus Students of the Month for December, 2015!

Emmanuella Okwudishu	12	Osayonamen Notemwanta	22	Kennedy Robinson	Science
Elayah Ferriera-Nash	13	Aria Watson	23	Chelsea Gonzaga-Torres	Music
Cadalys Zamora	14	Zion Ruffin	24	Kori Green	P. E.
Eliana Lugo-Peralta	15	Aiden Martin-Bradley	27	Juan David Ramos	Art
		Ashley Martins	Tech		



Academic Achievements-Cycle II

Principal's List

Room 12-JRC

Tyler Shea Corales
Lucas DeLana
Ian Hylton
India Hylton

Room 14-JRC

Laila Dailey
Autumn Denard
Nathan Harris
Janis Zempare
Dave Osunde

Room 15-JRC

Tahiyah Williams

Room 22-JRC

Gabriely Acosta
Genesis Billups
Julius Cruz
Nyla Gilliam
Carlos Martinez

Room 23-JRC

Moises Castillo

Marjorie Gonzaga
Torres
Sariah Richardson
Aria Watson

Room 24-JRC

Amaris Hernandez
Kennedy Robinson
Jacqueline Rodriguez

Room 27-JRC

Isamar Martinez

Room 104-SNAC

Ashley Cordero
Sophia Figueroa

Room 107-SNAC

Narena Nerahoo
Balthazar Sheehan

Room 201-SNAC

Joseph Alvarez

Room 202-SNAC

Mithayus Diaz

Room 203-SNAC

Alexandra Bobadilla
Ethan Padilla
Brianna Romero
Jenebah Tyler

Room 205-SNAC

Angela Lagonigro
Amanda Roman

Room 208-SNAC

Kellani Laidley
Michael Shipman

Room 210-SNAC

Amelie Bobadilla
Kyla Butler
Meagan Figueroa
Massa Godbold
Magin Melgar
Riayan Reyes
Marcus Santiago

Laura Shipman
Juliana Rivera

Room 302-SNAC

Kristen Laidley
Seydi Maury

Room 304-SNAC

Jenniece Rivera
Jay Rosa
Valerie Vega

Room 306-SNAC

Ethan Carpintero
Victoria Correia
Da Silva
Jessenia Rivera
Angelo Rodriguez
Hector Rodriguez
Krystal Santiago

Honor Roll

Room 12-JRC

Christopher Kaden
Bland
Sarah Inweh
Tre'Von Jackson
Emmanuella
Okwudishu
Juan Ramos
Zuri Ruffin
Timothy Simmons
Mariam Sogunle
Avyanna Tuck
Ronnie Vazquez
Mikaylah Vega
Clinton Walters
Joshua Young

Room 13-JRC

Nana Appiah
Josiah Berrios Diaz
Reginae Bendolph
Abena Boateng

Gabrielle
Chukwudinma
Julian Cruz
Wellington
Cummings
Nunana Dzokoto
Angela Edionseri
Elayah Ferreira Nash
Kori Green
Melanie Lopez
Troy Mathis
Ivette Mitchell
Sabria Perry
Isaac Micah Smith
Jaidyn Tucker
Hely Zamora-Toro

Room 14-JRC

Rest Afolabi
Erin Appiah
Juel Cruz
Ntifafa Dzokoto

Robert Franco
Shaylla Gonzaga-Torres
Darian Rouse
Khalilullah Saidu
Dennis Smith
Jace Torres
Eelana Walters
Nishani Ward
Cadaly Zamora Toro
Justin Morton

Room 15-JRC

Jaylenne Acosta
Malachi Beachum
Ronell Jackson-Williams
Eliana Lugo-Peralta
Mireya Miranda
Samantha Castillo
Sebastian Lopez
Adrian Lopez-Silvero
Ashley Martins
Christopher Negron

Samson Nwobi
Room 22-JRC
Faith Chukwudinma
Naazir Jackson
Joshua Negron
Arthur Nwobi

Room 23-JRC

Catherine Esteves
Sebastian Guzman
Regina Inweh
Aaliyah Isahawk
Isaiah Jackson
Jordan Jones
Nigel McSween
Darrell Morton
Mark Yancey
Gael Zambrana
Liana Zempare

Room 24-JRC

Jocelyn Calderon

Honor Roll (continued)

Johann Jimenez-
Sevillano
Dasean Liles
Isis Pabon
Nilsa Ramos
Alani Rodriguez
Kiarah Johnson

Room 27-JRC

Sabrina Bailey
Hayat Bembry
Linai Blackmon
Aziyah Fitch
Kiyara Goodson
Chelsea Gonzaga-
Torres
Jayla Grant
Aiden Martin-Bradley
Skylar Motley
Sanaa Murph
Osaruonamen
Okwudishu
Dexter Phillips
Saladin Small
Sanaa Snead

Room 104-SNAC

Mya Andino
Michael Caceres
Stephanie Calle-
Sanchez
Lesley Cevallos-
Sarmiento
Darren Hernandez
Luz Lopez Marcano
Mariah Lopez-Gomez
Caleb Moten
Nina Okere
Briana Rivera
Miguel Santiago
Camille Strand

Room 107 SNAC

Jeremy Arroyo Flores
Alexis Beade
Joselyn Castaing
Joceline Cosme
Jonathan Crespo
Jordan Geronimo
Emely Gomez
Kyla Greene
Tyrone Lee

Julisa Marcano
Hendry Mejia
JuanMiranda
Chyna Moore
Leah Ramos
Aaliyah Rivera
Meya Salas
Torrian Smith
Mia Toledo-Navarro

Room 201-SNAC

Jack Cumbicus
Riyah Myrie
Matthew Padilla
Solmarie Rodriguez
Alex Roman
Jassiel Sanchez
Daniel Navarro-
Toledo
Andrew Zapata
Jonathan Colon
Andrea Rodriguez-
Suchite

Room 202-SNAC

Samantha Castaing
Owen Kelly
Ciara Latchman
Antonella Ortega
Aysha Penafiel
Lisbeth Torres

Room 203-SNAC

Kamrya Correia
Grave
Maria Guaba
Ariann Guerrero-
Valencia
Naralis Jimenez
Lyanette Martinez
Nasir Middleton
Ailani Miller
Alexander Ramirez
Catota
Jocette Rosario

Room 204-SNAC

Ethan Glover
Joshua Lopez
Rosemary Lopez
Destiny Maury
Zariah Middleton

Karen Rodriguez
Alex Solano
Khalil Stallings
Rafael Cruz

Room 205-SNAC

Angela Blair
Destinee Duran
Kimberly Figueroa
Brandon Hernandez
Natasha Leines
Estrada
Jailynn Martins
Zashenka Molina
Roselyn Muniz
Krystal Narvaez
Adrianna Perez
Richard Pisano
Elizabeth Ramos
Sara Richardson
David Solano

Room 206-SNAC

Jordan Alix
David Guerrero
Kylee Lopez
Madison Serrano
Dru Strand

Room 207-SNAC

Gabriela Celi
David Cueva
William Figueroa
Pamela Goez
Sara Gonzalez
Samantha Guaba
Kendra Harrell
Tristan Jones
Noel Rios
Sianna Rosario
Jordan Skillern

Room 208-SNAC

Destiny Cruz
Gian Martinez
Timmi Chris Pernel
Maylynn Rodriguez
Sara Rodriguez
Ronnie Rodriguez-
Lopez
Jeami Solano Patino

Brandi Turner
Camilla Zamora

Room 210-SNAC

Elijah Douglas
Ruben Gonzalez
Dasia Johnson
Ebony Marshall
Claryssa Martinez
Melissa Martinez-
Molina
Devin Narvaez

Room 301-SNAC

Dianelys Diaz
Sayde Dos Santos
Samantha Ginorio
Elijah Jackson
Aubrey Mendez
Rhianna Quito
Angelise Ramirez
Chloe Reyes
Jayden Rodriguez
Aaliyah Salva
Isaiah Stallings
Alexander Torres

Room 302-SNAC

Luna Cardenas
Jose Castaing
Brandon Cordero
Mithaniel Diaz
Mark Figueroa
Ishaan Myrie
Patrick Penafiel
Emani Rivas

Room 303-SNAC

Melanie Caguana
Peralta
Hector Castaneda
Phoenix Cutrona
Kairi Flores
Julian Miranda
Vincenzo Pisano
Ryan Ramos
Amy Rodriguez
Sayra Tonacatl-
Guevara
Madison Vargas
Maximiliano Vizuite

Honor Roll (continued)

Room 304-SNAC

Cyrae Brooks
Joshua Cardenas
Dylan Colon
Ethan DeJesus
Leah Garcia
Raquel Ginorio
Mya Leines
Melanie Ramirez
Angelyna Reyes
Victoria Romero
Aryana Sanchez
Michelle Santiago

Room 306-SNAC

Simon Vega
Katherine
Carchipulla
Deyra Diaz
Ibn Lee
Alexa Leiva Carrasco
Jose Morales
Alivia Pacheco
Joseph Rodriguez
Zamaya Roldan
Sebastian Vizuete
Derek Zapata

Tatiana Pernel
Brianna Johnson

Room 308-SNAC

Makayla Amador
Jacob Dismukes
Matthew Duthie
Miavalentina
Guerrero
Yaritza Menjivar
Aakash Myrie
Emily Pena
Alana Zarate

Room 310-SNAC

Dana Rivas
Jonias Zuniga
Kaylee Zarate
Alexander Cruz
Willy Cumbicus
Carolís Espinal Volquez
Jordan Soto

News From the Art Room!

**Submitted by Ms. Krinner, Art Teacher,
Stephen N. Adubato Campus**

First of all, Happy New Year from the Art Room! In the month of December students focused on working on their self-portraits. In January students will be working with a variety of new mediums. First grade and kindergarten are going to be focusing on working with tempera paint (don't worry we have smocks!) and older students are being given the opportunity to choose their own medium for their project. As the year goes on, art projects will be more in depth and we will even be using clay! There is a lot to look forward to in the art room.

High School Placement News

Submitted by Ms. Werner, High School Placement Office

The students have been working diligently on their high school applications. This is an exciting time of year for our 8th grade students and I know they appreciate all of the support that the Robert Treat Academy community has given them. All of the Parochial school applications have been submitted and the students will begin hearing about their acceptances by the end of January. In addition, students are completing their boarding school applications and have been interviewing with various high schools. Remember, it is extremely important that all financial aid application due dates **must** be met. The Essex County Vocational School admissions test will be Saturday, January 23 at your child's first choice school. Please contact High School Placement with any questions and we wish everyone a Happy New Year.



**Life's most persistent and urgent
question is,
'What are you doing for others?'**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

6TH GRADE MITTEN TREE – COMMUNITY SERVICE



Submitted by the Sixth Grade Team, Both Campuses

The sixth grade students of Robert Treat Academy worked on a community service project to benefit the less fortunate and help keep them warm this winter. We collected NEW mittens gloves, hats, and scarves which were donated to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey – Kids Closet.

We will use these mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to decorate the Robert Treat Academy holiday trees at each campus throughout the month of December. We asked every student to donate one item. Every student who donated got a mitten card to put with their donation. The students were asked to write a short note wishing a happy holiday or a wish for the New Year.

Before our holiday break, the sixth grade students took the decorations off the tree and they were delivered to the Kids Closet at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey.

**THANKS FOR HELPING US HELP KEEP ALL THOSE HANDS AND HEADS WARM
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**



**Left:
Sixth Grade
Students
From
Stephen N.
Adubato
Campus**

Right:

Sixth Grade Students

from

Jackie Robinson Campus



Parent Council Attendance Percentages for Both Campuses

ROOM #/GRADE	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
301-K	100%	T	P	85%	77%
303-K	89%	I	A	85%	46%
308-1	84%	T	R	73%	96%
310-1	85%	L	E	62%	92%
304-2	89%	E	N	100%	73%
306-2	85%		T	96%	85%
302-3	84%	I		64%	88%
203-3	96%		C	69%	68%
201-4	89%	M	O	64%	81%
202-4	96%	E	N	76%	72%
205-5	92%	E	F	50%	77%
208-5	100%	T	E	64%	72%
204-6	76%	I	R	48%	84%
206-6	88%	N	E	64%	76%
207-7	83%	G	N	46%	54%
210-7	84%		C	65%	70%
104-8	92%	T	E	61%	63%
107-8	80%	I	S	40%	64%
RTA North	88%	T		67%	74%
		L	P		
C-13-K	85%	E	A	76%	42%
C-12-1	100%		R	92%	100%
C-14-2	96%	I	E	93%	50%
C-15-3	88%		N	88%	81%
C-27-4	84%	M	T	84%	85%
C-23-5	100%	T		92%	92%
C-22-6	96%	G	C	87%	75%
C-24-7	82%		O	74%	83%
RTA Central	91%		N	86%	76%
TOTAL	89%		100%	73%	75%

FOR THE APPLE OF YOUR EYE

Robert Treat Academy will be having a candy apple sale for Valentine's Day. All orders must be in no later than February 2, 2015. The apples are scheduled to arrive before Valentine's Day- just in time to say, "I Love You." Please make checks payable to Robert Treat Academy or send cash to pay for your order. All orders must be paid for in advance. **All apples are \$10.00**



"It's Snow Much Fun to Multiply!"

Submitted by the Third Grade Team, Jackie Robinson Campus

The third grade has been working on multiplication and the different multiplication properties. One property that we have been working with is the Associative Property of Multiplication. In this property, students learned that you can group the numbers (using parentheses) in any arrangement in order to determine the product, or answer. We all realized that this property is useful because we can group numbers whichever way was easier for us to solve. Students mastered this property by creating their own multiplication problem and solved it by showing two different grouping techniques for our bulletin board, "It's Snow Much Fun to Multiply!" Feel free to stop by and view all the different equations Room 15 has created!



Themes of the Extraordinary and the Amazing?

Submitted by the Seventh Grade Team, Stephen N. Adubato Campus

This month, the seventh grade embarked on their science fiction unit, in which they will explore themes of the extraordinary and the amazing. They began the unit with Jack Lewis's epistolary short story "Who's Cribbing," in which a writer (also named Jack Lewis) faces charges of plagiarism. The story has an ambiguous ending, and students were encouraged to come up with their own explanations for the mysterious sequence of events: one group came up with no fewer than three explanations (one of which involved time travel). Students next read Ray Bradbury's classic "The Murderer," a tale of a not-so-distant future world in which people are obsessed with their communication devices. The story describes the dissent of one man, who begins to compulsively destroy the machines around him. The story describes the aftermath of the man's rampage, in which a psychiatrist interviews him. Students discussed the notion of modern communication through the digital medium. Does the convenience with which we can now communicate with each other change (perhaps cheapen) the way in which we communicate? Throughout the month of January, students will continue to read science fiction tales, discussing how the spectacular and futuristic can shed light on the present.

Fifth Grade Learns About Aquatic Ecosystems

Submitted by the Fifth Grade Team, Stephen N. Adubato Campus

The fifth graders built model ponds and are excited to be learning about aquatic ecosystems! Ponds are ecosystems filled with different types of plants, insects, and other organisms that interact with each other. The students have been learning about the interactions of organisms in their model ponds and enjoy making daily observations and asking scientific questions.

To build our classroom ponds, the students filled our closed ecosystems with gravel, clay pots, Elodea, pond snails, Daphnia, and chlorinated water. We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of mosquitofish, black worms, and dragonfly nymphs. Our goal is for the students to learn that humans can help and harm ecosystems, which is why we must be educated to protect them. We are excited to explore our classroom ponds and conduct ongoing investigations in the months ahead!



8th Grade Students Intensive Period in Determining Futures



Submitted by the Eighth Grade Team

The 8th Grade students of Robert Treat Academy are currently involved in a critical period of the school year. It is an exciting, yet stressful period for many reasons. First, the material being covered in all of their classes has now reached its peak in terms of level of difficulty. Expectations are high as always--perhaps even higher. They must maintain the grades that have been achieved to this point and advance to an even higher standard to keep their academics at top notch levels. Second, they are beginning to receive the first stages of high school acceptance information, which indicates a very important decision for them to make for the future. Third, they must strive to continue to set the example for other students in terms of their maturity and conduct--especially at this point in the school year. Finally, they must continue to develop their leadership skills as the decisions they make now have direct implications on what path they will take in the near future. This is exciting for many reasons, but again can also be a bit stressful. Their teachers will continue to guide them along the way, but ultimately many of the decisions will rest with them.

Stephen N. Adubato Campus Holiday Concert!

Submitted by Mr. Comanda, Music Teacher, Stephen N. Adubato Campus

The musical highlight of December was the number of wonderful concerts put on by the students and musical staff. The hard work, focus and dedication of everyone involved provided for, what I think were the best performances I've seen in my time here. We even had guest appearances by the 1st grade which were unanimously crowd favorites. Moving into the new year, we will begin working on the repertoire for our Spring Concert which will be equally impressive.



Jackie Robinson Campus Holiday Concert!

Submitted by Ms. Walker, Music Teacher, Jackie Robinson Campus

Our December holiday concert was truly one to remember. At our Jackie Robinson Campus, more than half of the students were participants in the concert. We enjoyed an exhibition from our newly formed step team, our first graders sang a couple of songs, our band and strings department did great and both our Little Voices and Chorus excelled. Camila Zambrana in the 7th grade did a wonderful solo on her flute as well.

The grand finale was quite exhilarating after the entire music department staff performed. It was a great send off to the holidays and we certainly enjoyed making our students smile with that little surprise. We will be working hard and looking forward to the Spring where we hope to see more great performances.



“Experimenting” With Researching Scientists

Submitted by the Fourth Grade Team, Stephen N. Adubato Campus

Darwin. Carver. Einstein. da Vinci. The names and statistics of scientists throughout the ages unfortunately are not as well-known as those of star athletes and stage performers. To change that somewhat, and perhaps inspire students’ interest in the subject of science, fourth-graders were recently asked to research a scientist of their choice. While they were provided with a short list of possibilities, they were also encouraged to look into the ranks of scientists from their culture.

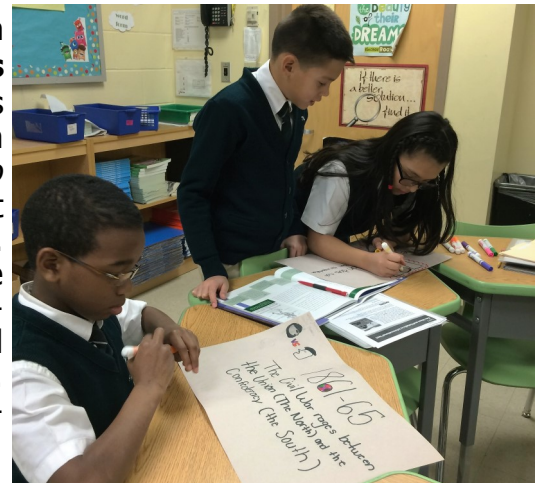
The assignment was meant not only to make students a mini experts on scientists but to provide theory and practice with writing informative, explanatory text. To that end, students were introduced by reading examples of the genre. They also had lessons and practice in the practical matter of researching and recording information. In fact, we went “old school” by examining how to format and use index cards for this purpose. This method further ensures that students cannot simply cut and paste resource text into their document. Students must paraphrase the information and record it on the cards. In addition, they had to copy down their sources to include on a sources page attached to their report. Among the data points they were asked to find include what is regarded as the scientist’s greatest discovery or invention and what they or other’s at the time had to say about their work and outcomes.

While the State of New Jersey Curriculum Guidelines call for a student’s knowledge and appreciation of scientific contributions across cultures, it wouldn’t hurt them to realize that in some circles scientists are akin to rock stars.

How Jackie Robinson Impacted Society!

**Submitted by the Fifth Grade Team
Jackie Robinson Campus**

During the month of December, the fifth graders have been studying Jackie Robinson and his impact on society. While looking through the book, *Promises to Keep*, the students identified several photographs that are also displayed at the Jackie Robinson Campus. This led to a discussion about his legacy and the amazing accomplishments he has achieved. The students worked together to create a timeline of historical events that occurred during Jackie Robinson’s life. They have also worked very hard this month to develop their writing skills, specifically opinion writing.



3D Printing Ourselves into the Future

Submitted by the Sixth and Seventh Grade Team, Jackie Robinson Campus



Recently the sixth and seventh graders were introduced to a 3D Printer, and all the futuristic work it can do. After watching videos of these printers creating body parts, organs, pieces to machines, and phone cases, each student set out to research what else this amazing machine could produce for our country. What the students had to do was set out to create a future invention that eventually a 3D printer would be able to “print” out and perhaps help out society. The class came up with inventions ranging from eyeballs that could eventually gain sight, body parts for pets, robot soldiers to fight in wars, to things as simple as missing parts for cars, household items, and even FOOD! What our students learned was, “By using a 3D printer, technology can help wipe out

problems we might face on this planet; perhaps a solution in the near future for many different purposes!!”

Holiday Cheer

Submitted by the First Grade Team, Stephen N. Adubato Campus

In the month of December, first graders were delighted to share in the warmth and joy of the Holiday Season. We created many memories that will be sure to last a lifetime. First grade wrote letters to Santa after listening to *A Letter to Santa* by Janet Craig. Shortly after writing our letters, we received a surprise visit from the man in red himself! Santa made his annual trip to RTA to remind students to make good choices. On the evening of December 15, first grade brought RTA to their feet by singing one of their favorite songs directed by Mr. Comanda. It was a festive time together and we look forward to a new year of new beginnings for all.



"Chilling Out" in 1st Grade Science!



**Submitted by the
First Grade Team,
Jackie Robinson Campus**

As we continued our science unit on States of Matter, students in 1st grade discussed how we can change states of matter. After talking about how we can freeze and melt different substances such as ice, we had our Ice-Melting Competition! We wanted to see who can change a solid into a liquid. Students received one ice cube and they applied heat to this solid by rubbing their hands together, breathing hot air on it, and using their body heat to change it into a liquid. The winners (we had a tie) were crowned: Ice Melting Champions! Great Job First Grade!

Multiplication and Division Is SNOW Much Fun!



**Submitted by the Second Grade Team,
Stephen N. Adubato Campus**

(Sung to the tune of "Up on the Rooftop")

"Down in the basement second graders write, practicing their multiplication and division facts all night" That's right! Because of the new standards, the second grade for the first time in RTA history is learning the concepts of multiplying and dividing! They have embraced this challenge and are doing very well. The students in 304 and 306 created multiplication snowmen to demonstrate all they have learned over the past month. We are SO proud of their effort!

Kindergarten is Writing Their Way into Winter

**Submitted by the Kindergarten Team
Jackie Robinson Campus**

The Kindergarten students at the Jackie Robinson Campus have been working extremely hard on developing their writing skills. Our students use the program *Being a Writer* for their yearlong writing curriculum. The students are participating in interactive writing, learning to gather thoughts and ideas and writing stories with guided instruction. This month they have written many stories about winter, and the students have found a love for writing and are so proud of their work!



Lady Patriots Invited to Cheer!

Submitted by Mr. Ontell, Physical Education Teacher, Stephen N. Adubato Campus

The RTA Lady Patriots were invited to cheer on the MSU Red Hawks in a conference game against William Paterson University. The Red Hawks were victorious with a final score of 71 to 49. It was an fun filled night and inspiring event for our team to participate in!



Concentrating On Hockey

Submitted by Mr. Bush, Physical Education Teacher, Jackie Robinson Campus

Our focus for the month of January is floor hockey and pillo polo. The sixth and seventh grade students will have the opportunity to strike with the floor hockey sticks while the lower grades will have the opportunity to use the pillo polo sticks and play similar games with more modifications to ensure safety.

Students should understand the importance of using the proper grip, stance, and swing method for each striking implement. Students will spend at least one full day practicing the proper methods and safety procedures before moving on to our games. The major rule each student must focus on is keeping the floor hockey and pillo polo stick below the waist. Once the students have gained a deeper understanding of each skill, they will participate in various activities. The ultimate goal will be for our middle school students to engage in small sided games while ensuring the safety of all students.

As we move into our floor hockey and pillo polo unit, safety is the most important concept the students must understand. If students are not using these properly, they can really hurt someone. Before each class begins, I will communicate with the students and continue to stress the fact how safety is our number one priority.

Stephen N. Adubato Campus Saturday Schedule

Saturday Class Schedule Starting October 17th!!!

3rd Grade 8:15 to 10:30

4th Grade 8:00 to 11:15

5th Grade 8:30 to 10:45

6th Grade 8:00 to 11:00

7th Grade 8:45 to 11:00

8th Grade 8:30 to 11:30

**(Please note the changes to
the above class times.)**

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Parents/Guardians,

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

– Theresa Adubato

January 23 rd	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
January 30 th	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
February 6 th	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
February 13 th	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
February 27 th	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
March 5 th	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
March 12 th	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
March 19 th	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
*April 9 th	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
*April 16 th	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
*April 23 rd	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
*April 30 th	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
*May 7 th	(3 rd through 8 th grades)
*May 14 th	(3 rd through 8 th grades)

PARCC TESTING (window – April 4 – May 13, 2016)

NJASK Science May 25, 2016

Specific grade testing to be determined

***Note: Based on the state testing schedule the Saturday Schedule may be adjusted in April & May.**

Everyone Loves PE?



**Submitted by Mr. Ontell, Physical Education Teacher,
Stephen N. Adubato Campus**

Everyone loves PE in December because we got to play basketball for the month! The primary grade students learned the fundamental skills including dribbling, passing, and shooting while the upper classmen participated in drills, small sided games, and knockout. We placed an emphasis on fun and exercise through basketball to ensure improvement and inclusion throughout the month. The 4th and 6th grade will begin their Health studies soon in units of Family and Social Health and Hygiene respectively. There is much to look forward to in 2016 including the start of the season for our Boys and Girls Basketball Program!

Jackie Robinson Campus Saturday School Schedule

Saturday Class Schedule Starting October 17th!!!

**3rd Grade
through
7th Grade**

2015 - 2016

Parents/Guardians,

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

– Theresa Adubato

January 23 rd	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
January 30 th	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
February 6 th	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
February 13 th	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
February 27 th	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
March 5 th	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
March 12 th	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
March 19 th	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
*April 9 th	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
*April 16 th	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
*April 23 rd	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
*April 30 th	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
*May 7 th	(3 rd through 7 th graders)
*May 14 th	(3 rd through 7 th graders)

**PARCC TESTING (window-April 4-May 13, 2016)
Specific grade testing to be determined**

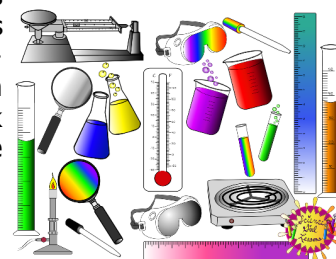
***Note: Based on the state testing schedule the Saturday Schedule may be adjusted in April & May.**

NJ ASK Science-May 25th (4th & 8th grade)

The Many Uses of Science

Submitted by the Third Grade Team, Stephen N. Adubato Campus

Science can be a subject we can read about. It can be an activity we do with the help of adults. It can even be something we do to make money! If we work to solve a problem in science or do an experiment, it sure helps if we have the right tools. In a way, science tools are a little bit like having special powers. They might help us see things far away, like the moon. They help us see things that are very tiny, like insects. Tools may even help us to hear things like bubbles deep inside a volcano. They can help us feel things, like earthquakes far, far, underground. Some science tools send astronauts to the moon rovers to Mars and divers into the deep, freezing waters of Antarctica! Last week in Studies Weekly, we learned about some of the tools that a scientists use. We will learn how the tools work, and we will even make one or two!



Robert Treat Academy Charter School School Calendar

Stephen N. Adubato & Jackie Robinson Campuses

SCHOOL CLOSING		2015-2016	# OF DAYS
<u>DATES</u>			<u>STUDENTS/TEACHERS</u>
		2016	
January	18	School Closed – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19 / 19
February	15	School Closed – President’s Day Observance	20 / 20
March	25-31	School Closed – Spring Recess	18 / 18
April	1 4	School Closed – Spring Recess School Reopens	20 / 20
May	30	School Closed – Memorial Day Observance	21 / 21
June	22	Last Day of School – 8 th Grade Graduation	16 / 16
TOTAL # of Days – STUDENTS			204
TOTAL # of Days – TEACHERS			206

Second Grade Spotlight: Cadalys Zamora-Toro, Student of the Month

Submitted by the Second Grade Team, Jackie Robinson Campus

Our spotlight this month is on **Cadalys Zamora-Toro** (pictured here). In an engaging, personal interview, this Student of the Month shared some compelling details about her personal and scholastic outlook. This is what she had to say:

1. Why do you think you were chosen to be Student of the Month?

I think I was chosen for Student of the Month because I am a hard worker, and I respect learning.

2. How many times have you been chosen for Student of the Month in the past? Were you surprised each time?

I’ve been chosen two times. Yes, I was surprised each time because I didn’t know I would be chosen.

3. How do you feel about receiving this honor? Why?

I feel very proud of myself because I earned it myself.

4. What subject(s) do you excel in?

I think I excel in Science and Reading.

5. What are your biggest academic and behavioral goals for this school year?

I want to get an A in Language Arts, and overcome my shyness so I can participate more in class.

6. What is your biggest goal for life?

I want to become a veterinarian.

7. If you could change one thing in this world to make it better, what would you change Why?

I would try to get rid of things that make people angry, because I like to see people happy.



Parent Council Schedule

Stephen N. Adubato Campus

Monday, January 25, 2016	High School Placement Seminar-6:30 PM at St. Benedict's Prep Willard Taylor, Admissions Director Newark Academy Robert Mitchell, Admissions Director Morristown Beard
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Wednesday, March 23, 2016	State of the School-6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 27, 2016	International Dinner 6:00-8:00 PM
Thursday, May 26, 2016	Spring Concert-6:30 PM
Friday, June 17, 2016	Founder's Day, Parents-to volunteer-Contact Office

Jackie Robinson Campus

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Thanks to Our Wonderful Parents for Volunteering!



Submitted by Ms. Bernardo, Main Office

"Once again our Holiday Shop was a great success. The children enjoyed shopping for their loved ones, and truly embraced the spirit of giving. A special thank you to the parents who once again took time out of their busy schedules to help make this event special. We could not have done it without them."

Upcoming Events

January 16	Saturday	No Saturday School
January 18	Monday	No School, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 19	Tuesday	Make Up Day for School Pictures
January 21	Thursday	Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:30 PM
January 25	Monday	Parent Council Meeting at St. Benedict's Prep Guest Speakers: Admissions Officers from Private High Schools
February 15	Monday	Presidents' Day-School will be closed!



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 Unit.

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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.