



# The Treatonian

Robert Treat Academy  
Charter School

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## Our Principal's Message



Dear Parents/Guardians:

This has been a busy month for both staff and students. Some highlighted activities included: Johns Hopkins Testing in grades 5<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> for 140 of our students, and SSAT and ISEE testing for 23 of our 8th graders. We also had ANET testing for grades 3-8.

Interim Reports will not be distributed until the end of January. As always, review the report with your child. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact the school to arrange a conference with the teacher.

Our Winter Recess commences at the close of school on Friday, December 20, 2013. School is back in session on Thursday, January 2, 2014. We expect to see all students in attendance on that day.

On behalf of the Robert Treat Academy staff, I wish all of our RTA families a Happy Holiday Season. May the New Year bring you Health and Happiness.

Please remember that school will be closed for our students on Friday, January 17, 2014. The staff will be here for Professional Development.

I look forward to seeing you at our Winter Concert tonight.

Sincerely,

Theresa Adubato



## Central Campus Students of the Month for November

Student	HR	Student	HR	Student	HR	Student	HR
Malachi Beachum	12	Aria Watson	15	Sahar Shariah	Art		
Autumn Denard	13	Shayla Miller	23	Aariyon Thomas-Guinyard	Music		
Ekene Nwafor	14	Naazir Jackson	27	Bahiede Williams	P.E.		





## North Campus Students of the Month for November

Student	HR	Student	HR	Student	HR	Student	HR
Victoria DaSilva	301	Maylynn Rodriguez	302	Mia Toledo-Navarro	204	Justin Negron	Art
Victoria Romero	303	Michael Shipman	203	Kyla Greene	206	Sianna Rosario	Music
Amiyah Mosley	308	Ciara Morales	201	Eric Showers	207	Tatiana Valentin	P.Ed
Kristen Laidley	310	Yariel Zuniga	202	Briana Berrios	210	Amber Rua	Sc.
Jocelyn Chavez	304	Massa Godbold	205	Lauren Pannullo	104		
Ciara Latchman	306	Sara Gonzalez	208	Briana Marciano	107		



**Attention Parents of**  
**Robert Treat Academy**  
**Students:**

**Your presence is  
expected at our  
Annual Holiday  
Concert  
that takes place  
on Wednesday,  
December 18, 2013  
in our Multi Purpose Room  
at 6:45 PM**

**Please don't let our  
students down  
as both they and their  
teachers have been  
working very hard  
preparing for  
this concert.**



# Academic Achievements-Cycle II

## Principal's List

### Room 104

Jessie Bernardo  
Aryana Mercado

### Room 107

JaVon Anderson

### Room 201

Rafael Cruz

### Room 203

Angela Lagonigro  
Kellani Laidley  
Sara Rodriguez  
Camila Zamora

### Room 204

Sophia Figueroa  
Mia Toledo-Navarro

### Room 205

Kyla Butler  
Noel Rios  
Julianna Rivera

### Room 206

Emely Gomez  
Narena Nerahoo  
Balthazar Sheehan

### Room 207

Amari Charles  
Amber Rua

### Room 208

Gabriela Celi  
David Cueva  
Sara Gonzalez  
Riayan Reyes  
Laura Shipman

### Room 210

Emily Acosta  
Nicholas Carrero  
Indira Douglas  
Brianna Hawley  
Alejandro Toledo  
Navarro

### Room 302

Sara Richardson

### Room 304

Jibrael Martinez  
Matthew Padilla  
Aryanna Reyes  
Alex Roman

### Room 306

Lisbeth Torres  
Jada Watson  
Daniel Toledo-  
Navarro  
Aysha Penafiel  
Mithayus Diaz  
Samantha Castaing  
Joseph Alvarez

### Room 308

Ishaan Myrie  
Brianna Romero

### Room 310

Seydi Maury  
Ethan Padilla

### Room 12-C

Rayhaan Adenaike  
Christopher Negron

### Room 14-C

Linai Blackmon  
Kiyara Goodson  
Isamar Martinez  
Sahar Shariah

### Room 23-C

Amaris Hernandez  
Kennedy Robinson  
Camila Zambrana

### Room 27-C

Nyla Gilliam

## Honor Roll

### Room 104

Veronica Blair  
Jordyne Bouza  
A'mya Braswell  
Desiree Calderon  
Raphael Castillo  
Christopher Crespo  
Paula Guzman  
Brittney Martinez  
Justin Negron  
Lauren Pannullo

### Room 107

Emir Akdogan  
Isaiah Aldea  
Brittany Cardona  
Iris Charneco  
Ashley Figueroa  
Diego Gonzalez  
Daniel Guzman  
Declan Kelly  
Rose Martinez

Janiece Pacheco  
Jorge Padilla  
Justin Rodriguez  
Kayla Romero  
Arthur Shipman  
Elisha Vazquez

### Room 201

Genesis Chalmers  
Ethan Glover  
Izabelle Herrera  
Joshua Lopez  
Khalil Stallings  
Alex Solano  
Gabriel Toledo-  
Navarro

### Room 202

Jordan Alix  
Kylee Lopez  
Destiny Maury  
Kamara Robinson

Madison Serrano  
Dru Strand

### Room 203

Danielle Alcantara  
Alain Beade  
Daniel Crespo  
Destiny Cruz  
Brandon Hernandez  
Ana Melgar  
Isaiah Ramos  
Ronnie Rodriguez-  
Lopez  
Michael Shipman  
David Solano  
Jeami Solano  
Brandi Turner  
Gabriel Vega

### Room 204

Alexis Beade  
Stephanie Calle-  
Sanchez

Jordan Geronimo  
Ashanti Gilland  
Darren Hernandez  
Amanda Martinez-Molina  
Juan Miranda  
Mia Salas

### Room 205

Shelsea Alcantara  
Amelie Bobadilla  
Elijah Douglas  
Meagan Figueroa  
Massa Godbold  
Dasia Johnson  
Tristan Jones  
Ebony Marshall  
Claryssa Martinez  
Melissa Martinez-Molina  
Magin Melgar  
Emily Padilla  
Peter Reyes  
Marcus Santiago



# Honor Roll (continued)

## Room 206

Joselyn Castaing  
Lesley Cevallos-  
Sarmiento  
Jonathan Crespo  
Kyla Greene  
Julisa Marcano  
Leah Ramos  
Camille Strand

## Room 207

Raymond Alvarez-  
Adorno  
Manuel Arocho  
Yamisha Braconiel  
Logan Figueroa  
Jose Geronimo  
Nicholas Ginorio  
John Martinez  
Kevin Paladines  
Francisco Perez  
Micah Rivas  
Sebastian Santiago  
Eric Showers  
Michael Torres  
Rubien Torres  
Adrian White

## Room 208

Robert Abril  
Kendra Harrell  
Devin Narvaez  
Alexia Pisano  
Sianna Rosario

## Room 210

Jazlynn Alvarado  
Briana Berrios  
Fadillah Brown-Ross  
Brianna Fontanez  
Elisha Godbold  
Christian Lopez-  
Gomez  
Erisdania Martinez  
Moise Pierre  
Tatiana Rodrigues  
Henry Suchite-  
Rodriguez  
Rubieny Torres

## Room 301

Alexa Leiva-Carrasco  
Alivia Pacheco  
Angelo Rodriguez  
Derek Zapata  
Ethan Carpintero  
Hector Rodriguez  
Jessenia Rivera  
Katherine Cachipulla  
Raquel Ginorio  
Victoria DaSilva

## Room 302

Destinee Duran  
Natasha Leines-Estrada  
Gian Martinez  
Jailynn Martins  
Zashenka Molina  
Krystal Narvaez  
Adrianna Perez  
Elizabeth Ramos  
Maylynn Rodriguez  
Amanda Roman  
Milagro Velazquez

## Room 303

Jay Rosa  
Victoria Romero  
Leah Garcia  
Jenniece Rivera  
Simon Vega  
Valerie Vega

## Room 304

Jonanthan Colon  
Andrew Herrera  
Nicole Asenso-Boakye  
Kai Kennedy  
Nathaniel Fuentes  
Jocelyn Chavez  
Alexander Okere  
Mikaylah Ware  
Jim Quishpe-Cevallos  
Andrea Suchite-  
Rodriguez  
Ashley Valentin  
Yaelina Lambertus  
Kayden Correia- Grave  
Noah Rosario

## Room 306

Jayden Cruz  
Jack Cumbicus  
Armando Rodriguez  
Owen Kelly  
Javielis Javier-  
Astacio  
Antonio Lance  
Ciara Latchman  
Alianna Maduro  
Andrew Zapata

## Room 308

Alexandra Bobadilla  
Luna Cardenas  
Jose Castaing  
Naralis Jimenez  
Jeremiah Lopez  
Amiyah Mosely  
Alexander Ramirez  
Emani Rivas  
Jocette Rosario  
Jenebah Tyler

## Room 310

Henry Angeles  
Mithaniel Diaz  
Mattheu Rua  
Kristen Laidley  
Patrick Penafiel

## Room 12-C

Jaylenne Acosta  
Malachi Beachum  
Chelsea Chambers  
Ryan Doirin  
Celesta Goeh-Akue  
Adrian Lopez-  
Silvero  
Eliana Lugo Peralta  
Ashley Martins  
Mireya Miranda  
Esosa Notemwanta  
Chiagoziem Nwafor  
Samson Nwobi  
Ashley Ortega  
Eziah Santiago  
Shalia Royal

## Room 13-C

Dave Osunde  
Janis Zempare  
Autumn Denard  
Laila Dailey  
Caleb Lobban  
Jace Torres

## Room 14-C

Hayat Bemby  
Oduwa Iyoha  
Aiden Martin-Bradley  
Skylar Motley  
Sanaa Murph  
Saladin Small  
Sanaa Sneed  
Mavelous Uuzebor

## Room 15-C

Moises Castillo  
Gabriela Hueting  
Aaliyah Isahawk  
Sariah Richardson  
Aria Watson  
Gael Zambrana  
Liana Zempare

## Room 23-C

Nyobi Boddie  
Tamia Butler  
Johann Jimenez-  
Sevillano  
Isis Pabon  
Nilsa Ramos  
Alani Rodriguez  
Mekhi White  
Bahiede Williams

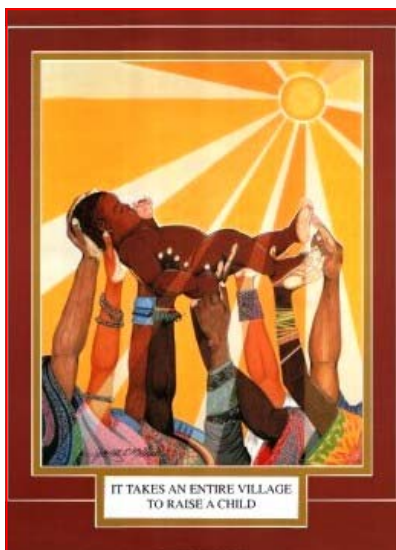
## Room 27-C

Gabriely Acosta  
Genesis Billups  
Faith Chukwudinma  
Brianna Morales  
Arthur Nwobi  
Jibril Shumate-  
Edwards  
Joshua Negron

## *What a Disappointment!*

Congratulations to the parents of students in the North Campus classrooms 304 and 306 who had 100% attendance. Some of the percentages represented at the right leave a lot to be desired. It was the hope of the entire Robert Treat Academy that you would all have made a concerted effort to attend our Holiday Show.

The Second Grade students at North Campus and all the students at Jackie Robinson Campus worked very hard putting their Thanksgiving presentation together. Congratulations are in order to them and to their teachers, and teaching assistants for their hard work.



ROOM #/GRADE	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV
301-K	100%	77%	P	81%
303-K	92%	64%	A	92%
308-1	89%	58%	R	77%
310-1	96%	71%	E	91%
30	85%	65%	N	100%
30	92%	62%	T	100%
302-3	89%	65%		81%
203-3	93%	70%	C	85%
201-4	85%	52%	O	70%
202-4	80%	55%	N	63%
205-5	75%	58%	F	79%
208-5	92%	58%	E	67%
204-6	74%	67%	R	81%
206-6	80%	56%	E	64%
207-7	80%	32%	N	48%
210-7	83%	48%	C	57%
104-8	74%	57%	E	65%
107-8	92%	38%	S	83%
RTA North	86%	59%		77%
C-13-K	96%	76%		68%
C-12-1	96%	75%		75%
C-14-2	88%	72%		71%
C-15-3	96%	81%		85%
C-27-4	92%	84%		84%
C-23-5	96%	71%		65%
RTA Central	94%	77%		75%
TOTAL	88%	63%	100%	76%

## *Sincere Thanks*

Submitted by Mr. Peacock



Sincere thanks to the parents that volunteered to make our Book Fair a success for our children. As you know these events cannot be held for our students unless there are parents who are willing to volunteer. We certainly do appreciate the enthusiasm of our students in making the event a success.

## A Rewarding Day

Submitted by the Jackie Robinson (Central) Campus  
Fifth Grade Team

This month the students of the Jackie Robinson Campus Fifth grade were given the wonderful opportunity to attend Career Day at the Essex County Prosecutors office. Our day began with a brief summary of different positions throughout the prosecutor's office, the students even got to meet the Essex County Prosecutor and some of the important people who play an integral role in bringing justice to our county. The students were given the opportunity to meet the Director of Elections for the county and had a chance to use a voting machine to vote for their favorite superheroes. In the afternoon the students were given a tour of the jury's quarters and got a chance to experience the jury selection process. All in all it was a very rewarding day that we will not soon forget.



JAHMIR WADE AND KIARAH JOHNSON



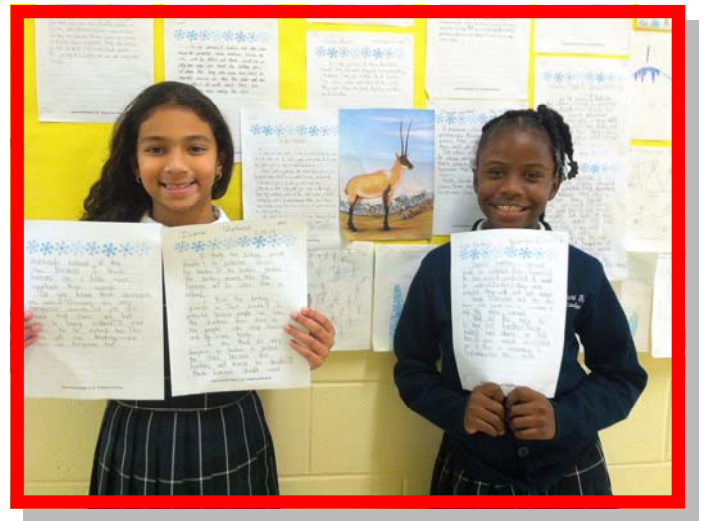
AIDEN FELICIANO AND ALANI RODRIGUEZ

## Second Graders Write an 'Opinion Piece'?

Submitted by the Jackie Robinson Campus  
Second Grade Team

After embracing *The Chiru of High Tibet: A True Story*, the students in second grade at the Jackie Robinson Campus decided they couldn't possibly let go of something that touched their lives with such passion so quickly. Imagine sketching a place you never saw before? The students listened to just two pages of Jacqueline Briggs Martin's story and they created 24 beautiful images of what they thought the plains of northern Tibet looked like. Once they identified the three words that helped them create this image, and listened to the inspiring story, they found themselves drawn to the many people who saved the animal that was close to extinction. Ms. Capuano and Ms. Garcia were able to incorporate the writing task this month into helping their students continue a journey that melted their hearts. The second grade students all wrote an opinion piece either supporting or not supporting the Chinese government in protecting the sacred birthing grounds of the chiru. The teachers in this class may have "battled" out

the reasons on both sides with a game of "Teacher vs. Teacher," but *the students* were the ones that wrote a compelling writing piece filled with strong feelings and solid opinions.



ISAMAR MARTINEZ AND LINAI BLACKMON



## *Basketball?*

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

The area of focus in Physical Education class for the month of December is basketball. Students should understand the importance of how to properly shoot, dribble, and pass the basketball. The students will start off practicing the basics and learning the proper technique of each skill before playing in any activities. Once the students have gained a deeper understanding of each skill, they will participate in various activities.

This is a very exciting month with the holiday season coming up and participating in one of their favorite activities, basketball. Basketball is a great form of exercise for the upper and lower body. Students use their arms to shoot and they work out their legs by constantly running while dribbling. The students will have so much fun participating in all of the various activities they won't even realize how much they are exercising.

My goal for each student in our basketball unit is to improve their basketball skills, work to-

gether as a team, and gain a deeper understanding about the game of basketball.



**ELIANA LUGO, KELVIN RAMOS, CHELSEA  
CHAMBERS GETTING A HEAD START  
PLAYING BASKETBALL DURING KID FIT.**

## *Plane and Solid Shapes?*

Submitted by the Jackie Robinson Campus  
First Grade Team

The first grade students in room 12 had fun experiences with plane and solid shapes during the month of November. The students first explored various shapes by learning about identifying the amount of sides and corners each shape consists of. The curriculum continued by instruction on three-dimensional shapes. The students used cubes, spheres, rectangular prisms, pyramids, cylinder, and cones. Students were able to build complex models with the geometric solid shapes. The students enjoyed using the shapes to build models such as castles and then identifying how many shapes were needed to complete the task. The first graders are putting their creativity to great use!



***Maylynn Rodriguez was the winner of  
the second grade candy corn estimation  
Contest.***

# *The Holiday Season Is Upon Us!!!*

**Submitted by Mr. Yanuzzi, North Campus  
Music Teacher**

That was fast. It seems like only yesterday that we came back to school, got our rooms ready to go, picked out the music that the chorus would sing at our numerous appearances, and here we are, ready to bake the turkey and eat our favorite pies.

It's the time of year that we all get just a little busy, right? So it is with the music program here at RTA. The chorus has already sung for Big Steve on his BIG day, which was quite an honor for us. And we also sang for the Baroni Luncheon at the North Ward Center. The chorus sounded great, singing a beautiful Italian song for the guests, with a wonderful solo by Elisha Godbold. He was recognized by both Steve Adubato Jr., and Senator Cory Booker. What a terrific time. We look forward to many more opportunities to show off our hard-working, very talented chorus. We performed at the North Ward Center's Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on December 11, and our Annual

Holiday Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at RTA. I expect to see all of you there. Don't miss these chances to see your children perform!!

During the month of November our general music classes have been very busy learning about music associated with our service branches for Veteran's Day, patriotic music for election day, and, of course songs of thanksgiving, love and peace for our national holiday.

Our second graders did a fantastic job portraying pilgrims and Native Americans for the Thanksgiving play. Kudos to all for their hard work learning music and lines, making costumes, collecting props and creating beautiful scenery. It was a stand-out performance that I hope many of you were there to see.

Once again, our Holiday Concert, including performances by the Chorus, Band and Orchestra is on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Please come and show your support for the arts, and your enthusiasm for your children's participation. I look forward to seeing you all there.





# *Debate Team Garners Top Ten Results in Season Opener*

**Submitted by Mr. Feinstein, Debate Coach**

A small but hardworking contingent of RTA debaters entered its first tournament of the 2013-2014 season on Saturday, November 16 at West Side High School. Facing down middle-school challengers from a dozen Newark schools, nine participants debated the resolution: The United States government should lift the economic embargo on Cuba. They had prepared to debate either for the affirmative or negative position as required by spending weeks of time during team meetings learning about the history of Cuban relations and sifting through pages of evidence in order to form arguments they could use on both sides of the issue.

"The Cuban embargo has been in place for more than 50 years now," explains Alejandro Toledo-Navarro, a 7<sup>th</sup>-grade debater. "It has prevented the U.S. and Cuba from doing business or trade with each other. It was created to get rid of the communist government in Cuba, however it has failed to do so. This leaves the U.S. wondering 'should we lift the embargo?'"

RTA saw success in both the beginner and experienced divisions. In their first-ever tournament, the following beginners received a speaker medal: Alejandro Toledo-Navarro for 18<sup>th</sup>, Amber

Rua (grade 7) for 8<sup>th</sup>, and Mia Toledo-Navarro (grade 6) for 5<sup>th</sup> place. Alejandro's partner, Riayan Reyes, was sick and unable to attend the tournament, so he debated as a "hybrid" which means he was paired with another single student from Speedwell. In spite of that, he and his partner finished 15<sup>th</sup> of 37 other teams! Amber Rua and Mia Toledo-Navarro had an impressive top-ten finish coming in tenth.

"I had a rush of excitement and I was nervous while participating in my first round, but I soon got the hang of it," recalled Amber Rua.

In the experienced division, RTA only fielded one team: Balthazar Sheehan (grade 5) and Elisha Godbold (grade 7). They finished 9<sup>th</sup>.

During his first debate in the experienced division, Balthazar Sheehan noticed the difference saying, "As a first-year experienced debater, you may compete against experienced debaters who have been three or more years in that division. This presents the kind of challenge that most debaters want: doing well against a capable opponent."

RTA debaters are now reflecting on their score sheets and judges' comments to prepare even better for their next tournament to be held on Saturday, December 14.



**NORTH CAMPUS DEBATE TEAM**



# *The First Thanksgiving Will Never Be Forgotten!*

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

The Second Grade students at North Campus put on the performance of a lifetime! They hit the stage to perform their annual Thanksgiving musical entitled "The First Thanksgiving." For many days before the play, the cast and crew worked very hard to memorize and perfect their parts. We had a great time playing the roles of Pilgrims, Native Americans, and of course, Turkeys. Everyone did a fantastic job entertaining and relaying the message of the true story of "Thanksgiving." Thank you to all who were involved in making the Thanksgiving play a success!





# *Drama Club and Little Voices Perform!*

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

One of the best highlights of the month of November was this year's Thanksgiving play. The Jackie Robinson Campus started a drama club this year which is led by Tiana Santos, alumni of the Academy. Not only does she instruct the drama club, she also wrote and directed the play this year. It was titled "No Thanksgiving" and the Little Voices Chorus made a special appearance helping to close out the play with a song. The play was filled with laughter, some sadness but most of all there was a great story line about appreciating the things we have during this season. All participants did an amazing job. We are looking forward to more great performances throughout the year.




# *Tis the Season for High School Testing*

**Submitted by the  
High School Placement Office**

During the months of November and December, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are continuing their high school application process by preparing for and taking numerous scholarship tests, entrance exams, and standardized tests for various private day and boarding schools. The season of testing began in early November, when The Delbarton School gave its entrance exam. Then, students applying to Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Newark spent a Friday at Immaculate Conception High School, taking the COOP Exam. Once that was finished, the testing continued, with Seton Hall Prep's entrance exam, and scholarship exams at various schools, such as Mount Saint Dominic, Mother Seton and Immaculate Conception.

Boarding and day school students have been preparing since September for the SSAT test, which was given at Robert Treat Academy on December 11<sup>th</sup> and the ISEE test, which was also given at Robert Treat Academy on December 16<sup>th</sup>. In addition to all of this testing, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are filling out applications, writing essays, and working hard in each of their classes to produce stellar report cards for the second cycle. They have their future in their hands and they are preparing for a bright season of high school!

	<b>MAKATI SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL</b> <b>FRESHMAN ADMISSION</b> <b>APPLICATION FORM</b>	Application No. _____
<b>Instructions:</b> Please accomplish this form in duplicate. Type or print legibly all information needed. <b>DO NOT</b> <b>ABREVIATE. DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING BLANK.</b> Count original answers and corrections made. <b>DEAD LINE OF SUBMISSION: December 9, 2009</b>		Stage Only 1" x 1" Photo
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2) BIRTHDAY: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 3) AGE as of June 30, 2009: <input type="text"/> 4) SEX: <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE 5) CIVIL STATUS: <input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/> MARRIED (Or indicate all possible life status/es)		
6) COMPLETE HOME / PERMANENT ADDRESS: <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 1.5em; width: 100%; margin-top: 2px;"></div> ZIP CODE: <input type="text"/>		
<b>SCHOOLS' CERTIFICATION:</b> 1) NAME OF SCHOOL: <input type="text"/> 2) COMPLETE SCHOOL ADDRESS: <input type="text"/>		
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6) Regular FINAL WRIGHTED AT GRADE: Grade _____ 7) BATCH/RAANK: (SY 2009-2010) _____ 8) NO. OF GRADUATING STUDENTS: (SY 2009-2010) _____		
1) I hereby certify that the applicant is officially enrolled in the school for SY 2009-2010. 2) I also certify to the accuracy of the foregoing data/information. 3) I hereby certify that the applicant-applcants of good moral character. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;">             _____              Guidance Counselor           </div> <div style="width: 45%; text-align: center;">             _____              School Principal           </div> </div>		
PUBLISHED ON THE YEAR _____ SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION		
For use of the MEMS Committee in-Charge <b>MEMS MEMEN DATIOM</b> At present date above: Approved ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) Disapproved ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) Remarks: _____ _____ _____ Processed by: _____ Date: _____	For use of the Record Section Made of payment: Cash ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) Money Order ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) No. of applicant: _____ Amount Paid: _____ Receipt No.: _____ Payment Received by: _____ Date: _____	
<b>REMINDED TO THE EXAMINEE:</b> 1. Visit your nearest center on the (1) hour before you reach the scheduled examination on 6 December 2009. 2. The service will operate exactly 9:30 am for the morning session and 2:30 for the afternoon session. 3. Present the Examination Permit (ID card) to school I.D. to the Photo /Room Examinee. 4. Bring at least two harden & sharp lead pencil (Holog & 2), a good eraser & a ruler. 5. You may observe the results at <a href="http://www.mems.gov.ph">www.mems.gov.ph</a>		

## *Species on the Edge Essay and Art Contest!*

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

The fifth grade is participating in the *Species on the Edge Essay and Art Contest*. To help us become more familiar about endangered and threatened wildlife in New Jersey, representative Maria Grace came to RTA to present to the fourth and fifth graders. We learned about the 82 species in New Jersey that are threatened or endangered. By creating works of art and writing essays about New Jersey's wildlife, the fifth grade students will work as wildlife researchers. The students will be researching what their assigned species looks like, where it lives, and what the threats are to its future. This will help us better understand what we need to do to help keep them in our future. We are excited to participate in the



contest and hope that one of RTA's fifth graders can be a winner!



# *First Grade is Thankful!*

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

During the month of November, students have been discussing Thanksgiving. Students read books about the history of Thanksgiving, talked about their favorite Thanksgiving foods, and discussed some things that they can be thankful for. Students read a story and a Weekly Reader about being thankful. We even had a thanksgiving feast featuring turkey, applesauce, corn, and mashed potatoes! After our celebrations, students wrote what they are thankful for. Check out some of our work!

### **Jocette Rosario**

On Thanksgiving we give thanks for all we have. I am thankful for God because he gives us everything we need. I am also thankful for my teachers because I learn a lot and they are really fun! Another thing I am thankful for is the food that we eat on Thanksgiving Day. I feel very happy to have all of these things.

### **Amiyah Mosley**

On Thanksgiving we give thanks. I am thankful for my family. I am thankful for my family because my family takes care of me. I am thankful for my teacher. I am thankful for my teacher because my teacher teaches us new things. Last, I'm thankful for RTA! I am thankful for RTA because RTA is fun and important. I feel good to have all the things that I have.

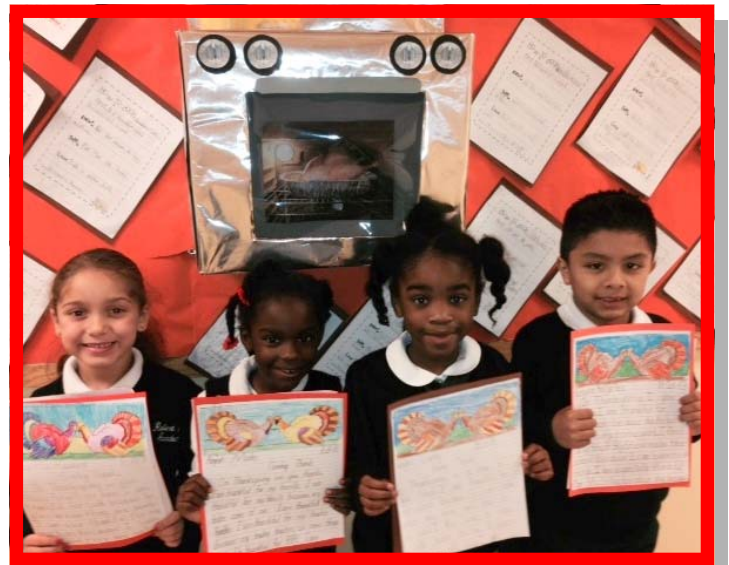
### **Henry Angeles**

On Thanksgiving I give thanks. I am thankful

for Ms. Adubato because she helps me with my homework. I feel lucky that Big Steve made the school because I can learn new things. I am especially thankful for Ms. Gilles because she keeps me safe. I am thankful for Ms. Adubato, Big Steve, and Ms. Gilles.

### **Kristen Laidley**

Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks. I am thankful for my school because I can learn when my mom and dad are at work. I feel lucky to have a safe home because it keeps me warm and cozy.



**JOCETTE ROSARIO, AMIYA MOSLEY,  
KRISTEN LAIDLEY, AND  
HENYER ANGELES.**



**"Education is the most  
powerful weapon which  
you can use to change  
the world."**

**Nelson Mandela**



## *Celebration!*

Submitted by the North Campus  
Kindergarten Team

The Kindergarten classes at RTA North enjoyed a wonderful feast to celebrate Thanksgiving. They shared a delicious meal together and represented both the Pilgrims and Native Americans. As they "broke bread" together, they experienced fellowship with their peers and the joy of sharing. They heard the story of the First Thanksgiving and understood the hardships faced so long ago.



## *Eighth Grade Students Preparing for Second Cycle Progress Reports*

Submitted by the Eighth Grade Team

The Eighth Grade students at Robert Treat Academy are anxiously awaiting their grades for the second marking period. They will be distributed soon and will reflect the amount of effort that has been put forward in all of their subjects. The students are realizing that the curriculum for each subject is increasingly difficult and requires their very best efforts on a consistent basis. Students are well aware of the scrutiny given to each of their grades, not only for their personal academic achievement, but also with regard to the decisions being made by many prestigious high schools for acceptance. With each passing cycle, the 8th grade students again realize that their futures await and their grades will determine their future paths. They know what is required of them and anticipate the results to come.



**Don't Forget to have  
your child work on their  
Holiday Packet  
which will come home on December 20th.**



# Art Critique in the Seventh Grade!

Submitted by Ms. Depuma, North Campus Art Teacher

All RTA students know that a great artist does not only create visually pleasing images, but can discuss the process and meaning behind a piece of artwork. The 7<sup>th</sup> graders are doing an exceptional job explaining the symbolic imagery of their self-portraits. Learning about English novelist George Orwell, each student has been inspired to think outside of the physical world and pay attention to their inner thoughts. These self-portraits are not representational of the artist's physical appearance, but what he or she "looks like" mentally and emotionally. Aesthetically, the Element of Art, Line and the Principle of Design, Pattern have been effectively applied to create a purposeful Focal Point. As a group they have also been successful in conducting a respectful art critique. Job well done 7<sup>th</sup> grade!



## Beach Time

Submitted by the  
North Campus  
Second Grade Team

It may be winter outside, but it's a beach day in room 302. Continuing our lessons in "Shoreline Science" the students created their very own sand cards from sand collected all over the world. Students had to analyze the sand and determine if it came from a lake, river or ocean. They looked at grain color, size and shape. After some research they identified the type of beach it came from. The students of room 302 are doing an excellent job and by the time we finish this unit, they are going to be beach experts.



**LEFT TO RIGHT: MORGAN LANZOT-WOODRIDGE ,  
MYA JOHNSON, AMANDA ROMAN AND  
SARA RICHARDSON**



# *Drama Club at Central*

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

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

November has been a very busy month. During Art, the first grade class learned about warm and cool colors. They learned different

strategies to help them remember which colors are cool and which colors are warm. Since it's the Fall season, we decided to trace fallen leaves and color them in with warm colors. Then we painted the background using cool colors. Each student did an amazing job, working quietly to complete their masterpiece. We enjoyed painting and look forward to more interesting projects.

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



**PICTURED ON THE LEFT FROM BOTTOM TO  
TOP: EZIAH SANTIAGO, ADRIAN LOPEZ-SILVERO,  
MATTHEW MCSWEEN, AND TYRESE PICKETT-TELFAIR  
PICTURED ON THE RIGHT: RYAN DOIRIN AND MALA-  
CHI BEACHUM**



# *Painting RTA PINK!!*

**Submitted by Ms. Kelley-Kemple, Science Teacher**

It is a seven year tradition at RTA for teachers and staff to participate in a community service project to raise awareness and money for Breast Cancer research. The teachers and staff raised over \$900.00 to support this worthwhile cause. We hope that this donation will be used to further increase research, education, and eventually find a cure for this disease. We are all proud to support such a terrific cause.



**NORTH CAMPUS STAFF**



**CENTRAL CAMPUS STAFF**

**Both Campuses will close at the end  
of the school day on December 20, 2013  
and reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2014!**

***Saturday Class Schedule***  
***Starting November 2<sup>nd</sup>!!!***

***3<sup>rd</sup> Grade      8:15 to 10:30***

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***4<sup>th</sup> Grade      8:15 to 10:30***

***Starting January 4<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>  
grade class times will be 8:00  
to 11:15***

***5<sup>th</sup> Grade      8:30 to 10:45***

***6<sup>th</sup> Grade      8:00 to 11:00***

***7<sup>th</sup> Grade      8:45 to 11:00***

***8<sup>th</sup> Grade      8:45 to 11:00***

***Starting in January, 4<sup>th</sup> and  
8<sup>th</sup> grade class times will be  
8:30 to 11:45***

**Saturday Class Schedule**

**2013 - 2014**

Parents/Guardians,

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

November 2<sup>nd</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

November 16<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

November 23<sup>rd</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

December 7<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

December 14<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders)

**January 4<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grades)**

**New schedule for 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades begins**

January 11<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

January 25<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

February 1<sup>st</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

February 8<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

February 22<sup>nd</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

March 1<sup>st</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

March 8<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

March 15<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

March 22<sup>nd</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

March 29<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

April 5<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

April 26<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades)

May 3<sup>rd</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grades)

May 10<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grades)

**NJ ASK Testing for Grades 7 and 8 will begin**

**Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, and end Thursday May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**NJ ASK Testing for Grades 5 and 6 will begin**

**Monday May 5<sup>th</sup> and end Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**NJ ASK Testing for Grade 3 will begin Monday,  
May 12<sup>th</sup> and end Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**NJ ASK Testing for Grade 4 will begin Monday,  
May 12<sup>th</sup> and end Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>.**



# ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

## SCHOOL CALENDAR - NORTH AND CENTRAL CAMPUS

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



*School will be closed on Monday,  
 January 20th  
 In commemoration of  
 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

# National Junior Honor Society

**Submitted by Ms. Osetto and Ms. Nardone, Coordinators**

The week of Thanksgiving, we all have plenty to be thankful for, and on Tuesday, November 26, 2013, Robert Treat Academy had 37 extra reasons to be thankful. The Academy held its first ever National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony and dinner, which featured 37 students to be inducted into the society; lighting candles and saying the pledge together, demonstrated the willingness of the students to commit to becoming a full time member of the National Junior Honor Society.

In order to become a member of the NJHS, students had to maintain a 3.5 GPA (90%) in all core subject areas, demonstrate leadership among peers, as well as proving to be of good character. Our first project as a club, will be to donate Christmas decorations to families in need, through an organization called, "I Believe in Sandy Claus."

Congratulations to the following new inductees into the National Junior Honor Society; Robert Treat Academy Chapter:

## 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Sophia Figueroa  
Emely Gomez  
Julisa Marcano  
Juan Miranda  
Narena Nerahoo  
Balthazar Sheehan  
Mia Toledo-Navarro

Emily Acosta  
Raymond Alvarez Adorno  
Yamishia Braconiel  
Nicholas Carrero  
Amari Charles  
Indira Douglas  
Brianna Fontanez  
Elisha Godbold  
Brianna Hawley  
John Martinez

## 7th Grade:

Moise Pierre  
Amber Rua  
Sebastian Santiago  
Eric Showers  
Micah Rivas  
Henry Suchite-Rodriguez  
Alejandro Toledo-Navarro  
Rubien Torres  
Rubieny Torres  
Adrian White

## 8th Grade:

Javon Anderson  
Rafael Castillo  
Jessie Bernardo  
Veronica Blair  
Ashley Figueroa  
Brittney Martinez  
Aryana Mercado  
Lauren Pannullo  
Amaya Romero  
Kayla Romero





# **Project CHILD FIND**

**1-800-322-8174**

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**Project CHILD FIND** is a free referral service and public awareness campaign to assist in the identification of unserved / underserved youth with a delay or disability from birth through twenty-one years of age. In addition, **Project CHILD FIND** develops and distributes information to the public about early intervention services and special education programs throughout New Jersey.

**Project CHILD FIND's** comprehensive efforts include:

1. Assisting families of infants and toddlers, **birth through two**, concerned about their child's development by directing all requests regarding **early intervention** to the family's local Special Child Health Case Management Unit. If you need the number for your Special Child Health Case Management University

## **Project CHILD FIND 1-800-322-8174**

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

3. Helping families access community services through referral.

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

5. Assisting local school district boards of education to identify unserved children from age **three through twenty-one** who are in need of special education and related services, including those students who are migrant or homeless.

Information through **Project CHILD FIND** may be obtained by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-322-8174, which is in service 7 days a week, 24-hours a day. All calls received are confidential. Project CHILD FIND was established by the New Jersey Department of Education through I.D.E.A., Part B funds from the U.S. Department of Education.

## Calendar of Events

December 12	Wednesday	Santa visited RTA North Kindergarten and First Grade Students
December 16	Monday	ISEE Testing for Eighth Graders
December 17	Tuesday	Dress Rehearsals for Winter Concert 1:00 PM at North 2:00 PM at Central
December 18	Wednesday	Winter Concert/Parent Council 6:45 PM at both Campuses
December 20	Friday	Last school day before Holiday Vacation
December 21	Saturday	No Saturday Classes
January 2	Thursday	Classes resume
January 4	Saturday	Saturday classes resume. Check new scheduled times. See page 20 of this publication.
January 16	Thursday	Board of Trustees Meeting at North
January 17	Friday	Professional Development Day for staff No school for students
January 18	Saturday	No Saturday Classes
January 20	Monday	School closed in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.