



North Campus March Students of the month

Student	Rm./Act
Alejandro Sheppard	104
Rocio Solorzano	107
Amari Charles	201
Jazlynn Alvarado	202
Meya Salas	203
Glorinette Miranda	204
Pedro Reyes	205
Bryana Martinez	206
Kevin Millan	207
Raphael Castillo	208
Asia Moore	210
Delaia Baez	301
Stephanie Calle Sanchez	302
Adrianna Perez	303
Jaison Pratts	304
Mike Quisphe-Cevallos	306
Izabelle Herrera	308
Ciara Morales	310
Mariah Lopez	Art
Laura Shipman	Music
Angelica Maury	Physical Ed.
Jailene Agosto	Science
Peter Reyes	Technology

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Central Campus March Students of the Month

Student	Rm./Act.
Judith	12
Darrell Morton Jr	13
Chibundom Ezeonu	14
Desiree Johnson	Music
Tom'Miece Pickett-Telfair	Physical Ed.

Our Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

The NJASK is fast approaching! This state mandated test will be administered to students in grades 6, 7 and 8 on May 3rd through May 8th and to students in grades 3, 4 and 5 on May 9th through May 13th. Attendance and arriving to school on time is of paramount importance.

Our students and our staff have been diligently working to ensure our students meet with success. Teachers have been working with students in small groups and individualized instruction.

Achieving student success is not possible without your cooperation. I want to thank our parents for their cooperation in making sure your children attend Saturday Academy Class and Extended School Day instruction when necessary.

Just a few helpful tips during the testing weeks: make sure students get plenty of sleep, eat a nourishing breakfast, and arrive to school on time.



The NJASK can be a source of anxiety for some students. If any of your children express to you they are anxious about the test, please contact me directly and I will make it a priority to speak to them.

Sincerely,

Principal



MARCH STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



**CENTRAL
STUDENTS
LEFT TO RIGHT:**

**1ST ROW
JUDITH SANTIAGO
AND
CHIBUNDOM
EZEONU**

**Row 2
DESIREE JOHNSON
DARRELL
MORTON, JR
AND
TOM'MIECE
PICKETT-TELFAIR**

**NORTH STUDENTS
LEFT TO RIGHT:**

**1ST ROW
CIARA MORALES, PETER REYES, DELAIA BAEZ, MIKE
QUISHPE, STEPHANIE CALLE-SANCHEZ AND IZABELLE
HERRERA**

**2ND ROW
LAURA SHIPMAN, MEYA SALAS, JAILENE AGOSTO,
GLORINETTE MIRANDA, BRYANA MARTINEZ, JAISON PRATTS
AND JAZLYNN ALVARADO**

**3RD ROW
ASIA MOORE, ROCIO SOLORZANO, PEDRO REYES, KEVIN
MILLAN, ANGELICA MAURY, RAPHAEL CASTILLO, ALEJANDRO
SHEPPARD AND AMARI CHARLES**

**NOT PICTURED:
ADRIANNA PEREZ AND MARIAH LOPEZ**



WE EXPECT THAT YOU WILL ATTEND OUR
**ANNUAL SPRING CONCERT
AND
ART SHOW**

ON
WEDNESDAY EVENING
APRIL 13TH
IN THE
MULTI PURPOSE ROOM
AT
6:45 P.M.

SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN EARLY SO THAT
YOU CAN VIEW THE STUDENTS' ART WORK
WHICH WILL BE DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT
THE BUILDING.



Central Connection

Submitted by Mr. Trillo



I hope everybody had a great time at our charter renewal celebrations that were held last month. I know that my family and I had a great time socializing with parents and sharing in the delicious meals that everybody provided for the festivities. I want to thank every-

body for attending and being a part of the RTA family. I look forward to seeing everybody together again at the Spring Concert/Parent Council meeting that will be held on Wednesday, April 13th. Again, I remind everyone that both schools will be meeting at the North campus. I'm sure the school band and choir have been working hard to create an entertaining show that we can all enjoy together.

While we are on the topic of our RTA family I would like to thank three members of our staff who are seldom recognized for their outstanding service. Like our mail carriers they serve your children in rain, sleet, or snow and they take the safety of your children very seriously. Our security guards

and crossing guards have a very difficult job and they are often overlooked as a key part of our family. Please make sure to thank Mr. Hernandez, Ms. Rosado, and Ms. Ward for their hard work. They don't expect a thank you because they know they have a job to do; but everyone should understand that few people deserve a thank you more than our security and crossing guards.



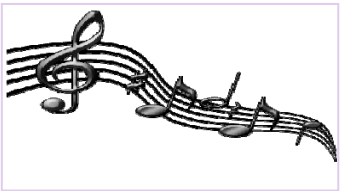
Please Accept Our Apology

Jordan Geronimo's name was left off the Third Cycle Principal's List. Jordan is in the third grade, room 302.

News from the Music Rooms

Submitted by Ms. Heinlein-Wood
Music Teacher

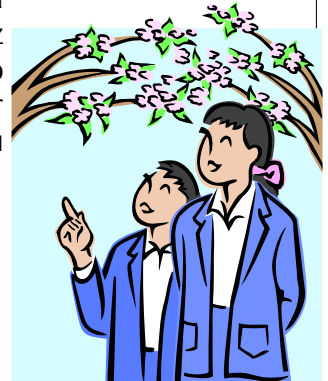
The chorus has been busy performing and preparing for performances in the Newark area. We just finished singing at a Friday evening event over at the North Ward Center and on April 4th we will entertain people at Nannina's in the Park for Branch Brook Park's



"11th Annual Cherry Blossom Festival".

The 2011 SPRING CONCERT AND ART SHOW is right around the corner too. Parents please mark your calendars for Wednesday,

April 13th, 6:45pm. You will get a chance to hear the chorus sing and the band perform. This spring, Mr. Jorge is introducing a new performance group involving advanced members of the band in a group called "The Jazz Band". Come, listen to the music, view your child's art work, and you will be entertained!



Nice to See Our Alumni

We are always happy to see our alumni return for a visit. The four alumni pictured below came to see us on March 16, 2011, during their Spring Break.

From left to right:

Stephanie Cruz-graduated in 2010 and is attending The Ethel Walker School in Simsbury, CT

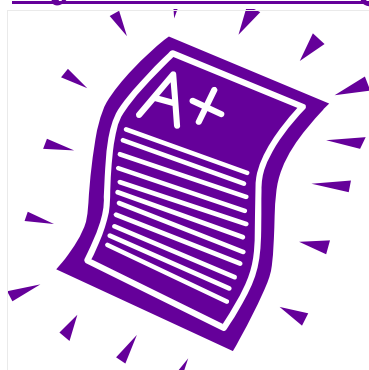
Sabrina Santana-graduated from RTA in 2005, graduated from Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA and is now attending Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ

Brittney D'Oleo graduated in 2010 and is attending Suffield Academy, Suffield, CT

Lawrence Fernandes-graduated in 2008 and is attending The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, CT



NJASK Testing Schedule-All students should be present and on time!



Grade 3 **May 9th –12th**

Grade 4 **May 9th—13th**

Grade 5 **May 9th—12th**

Grade 6 **May 3rd—6th**

Grade 7 **May 3rd—6th**

Grade 8 **May 3rd—6th**

Grade 8 Algebra 1 Test: Week of May 16th

Parent Council Meeting

North and Central

School Year 2010-2011

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING-NORTH & CENTRAL-SCHOOL YEAR 2010-2011

	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.
301	96%	76%	P	80%	56%	C	P	66%
303	96%	92%	a	77%	68%	A	a	77%
308	83%	80%	r	60%	60%	N	r	84%
310	84%	72%	e	48%	60%	C	e	80%
304	92%	88%	n	92%	56%	E	n	69%
306	85%	76%	t	92%	56%	L	t	42%
302	88%	68%		68%	50%	L		60%
203	80%	73%	C	73%	56%	E	C	70%
201	92%	80%	o	72%	28%	D	o	64%
202	78%	70%	n	65%	52%		n	52%
205	80%	64%	f	80%	56%		f	64%
208	80%	88%	e	54%	50%	C	e	54%
204	84%	64%	r	64%	62%	A	r	63%
206	84%	65%	e	46%	75%	N	e	58%
207	84%	42%	n	58%	54%	C	n	75%
210	84%	76%	c	72%	44%	E	c	72%
104	79%	54%	e	58%	58%	L	e	71%
107	92%	67%	s	71%	71%	L	s	79%
C-13	100%	84%		92%	24%	E		96%
C-12	88%	76%		100%	40%	D		68%
C-14	88%	80%		100%	32%			84%
Total-	86.50%	77.80%	100%	73%	52.00%		100%	69%

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From Memory to History

Submitted by Ms. Roemer, Sixth Grade Teacher

The sixth grade students of Robert Treat Academy had the honor of being invited by The Holocaust Council of MetroWest to view their exhibit, "From Memory to History." They traveled to the Alex Aidekman Family Jewish Community Campus in Whippany, NJ. The exhibit featured paintings and drawing by Holocaust Survivor Toby Fluek, who is the author of, *Memories of My Life in a Polish Village* as well as being the subject of a new film, *Toby's Sunshine*. The exhibit consisted of photographic

montages depicting the unique experiences of individual survivors and eyewitnesses of the Holocaust. Gina Lanceter, a Holocaust Survivor, met and spoke with the students. She told them her amazing story of courage and fortitude, along with her message of tolerance, respect and understanding of all people. They then toured the exhibit with guides to view the historical artifacts and learned more information about the history of World War II and the Holocaust.



Meet Our Newest Staff Member

The Central Campus is pleased to have Ms. Leslie McClendon on the staff. She is working with Mrs. Del Toro (Ms. Nepomuceno) in the second grade.

Ms. Leslie McClendon is a certified teacher with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education from Seton Hall University. Her prior experience includes teaching middle school and managing an after school program. As a mother of two, she enjoys kickboxing, traveling, and spending time with her daughters. Ms. McClendon is happy to be a part of Robert Treat Academy.



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: **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.

Eighth Grade Learns Simple Machines

**Submitted by Ms. Kelly-Kemple
Science Teacher**

The students in eighth grade recently completed a unit on simple machines. The students finished a series of investigations using inclined planes and pulleys. As they worked through the lessons they learned that simple machines make work easier by reducing the effort force and increasing the

effort distance. The eighth graders had to assemble four pulley systems, measure the weight of the load, measure the force of the pulley systems, record data, use formulas to calculate answers and work cooperatively to hold all the parts together. This was a challenging lab that was fun to complete. Many of the students realized the importance and benefits of using simple machines to make every day work a lot easier.



Where is Spring?

**Submitted by the North
Kindergarten Team**

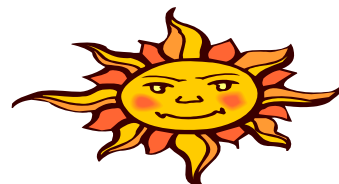
Can you believe it's Spring already? The Kindergarten students are having a hard time believing there has been a change in season. Students have been tracking the weather and graphing the results each day during the month of March. They access the weather forecast from our Interactive White Board. The biggest surprise in the weather was...SNOW! Recent weather has left the students wondering, "Where is Spring?" They all agree it feels nothing like Spring just yet. The little meteorologists are hoping for a sunny and warm April.



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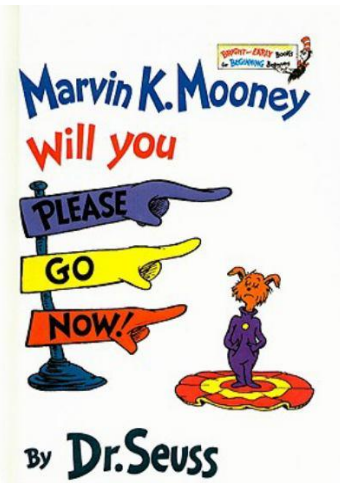
Charter Renewal Celebrations

There was quite a crowd at the Charter Renewal Celebrations, at both the Central and North Campuses. There was certainly a great amount of food and beverage. Those who attended had a great time. Sincere thanks to the Parent Council Advisory Board for all the work they did in planning and carrying out the celebrations.

Photos were taken at both celebrations and we'd like to share them with you.







Robert Treat Academy

**WILL YOU
PLEASE
GO
NOW!!!**



Submitted by Mr. Batlle, Physical Education Teacher-Central Campus

On the first week of March the students of RTA celebrated Read Across America in honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday! When we celebrated the history and facts about Dr. Seuss and reading, we sent a clear message that reading is fun and important! The students did not stop there, as the spirit of Dr. Seuss also entered the students' Physical Education classes. Mr. Batlle projected the great illustrations and read one of Dr. Seuss's books, Marvin K. Mooney Will You Please Go Now. The students created their own obstacle courses preparing themselves to work on not only their physical skills through a competitive course, but also on their reading and listening skills. Every time Mr. Batlle read the word GO the students would attempt to complete their course. Guest readers were chosen and the students did a fantastic job completing the course and reading. There was nonstop excitement, movement, team building, and friendly competition between all of the teams. The students were great and were able to realize the importance of reading and being physically fit within one lesson. Great job boys and girls! We cannot wait for Dr. Seuss's next birthday!



Learning About Caterpillars

Submitted by the Central First Grade Team

The 1st grade students are bringing learning to life! We have been observing caterpillars grow and will soon experience their transformation into a chrysalis. The students have been recording their observations on their caterpillar growth chart and comparing what they've seen over a short time. They have also completed a drawing activity that involved symmetry and colored their own insect book. The students are also learning that caring for this special creature means caring for the Earth and are inspired to do what they can to keep our planet beautiful. Along with this curiosity about nature and science, the students are also discovering ways to take care of plants, flowers, and gardens. They will soon plant their own sunflower and give a gift back to Earth. After all, it is Earth's birthday on Earth Day! What a great way to celebrate!



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CARLOS MARTINEZ, GABRIELLE JIMENEZ, GABRIELY ACOSTA, WILLIAM ABOU-RJAILI, AND NAAZIR JACKSON

We Participated in Read Across America

Submitted by the Eighth Grade Team

On March 2nd the eighth grade took a trip to the North Ward Center Preschool for Read Across America. Read Across America is sponsored by the National Education Association and its purpose is to both raise awareness about reading and to get children reading. The date chosen for this activity is a significant one; it's Dr. Seuss's birthday! As you all know, Dr. Seuss was a celebrated children's author and illustrator. As a matter of fact, all the books read by our eighth graders were written by Dr. Seuss! This was a fun event enjoyed by all.

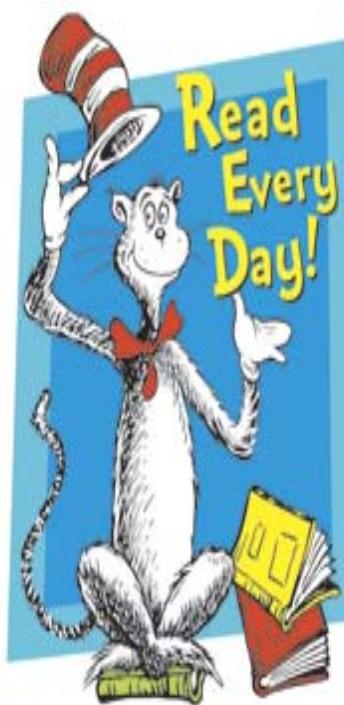
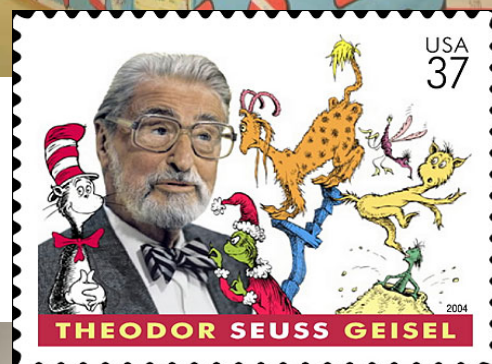
Keep reading.



Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Submitted by the North First Grade Team

On Wednesday, March 2nd, the first grade honored Dr. Seuss by celebrating his birthday. The day was filled with fun activities inspired by his work. One of the activities included an interactive lesson in our computer lab. We visited Seussville, a website dedicated to Dr. Seuss. On this website, we learned about his childhood, famous characters, and accomplishments as a writer. We also watched some video clips that included many of his famous characters. Back in the classroom, the first grade listened to the story, "Green Eggs and Ham" and learned the importance of trying new things. After reading the story, the first grade had an opportunity to try their own green eggs and ham! Everyone enjoyed this one of a kind treat. We wrapped up this special day by sharing many of Dr. Seuss' stories and listening to songs from the Broadway musical, Seussical. It was fun filled day to share our love of the beloved author, Dr. Seuss.



We Learn So Much on Field Trips!

Submitted by the North and Central Second Grade Team

On March 10th the entire second grade from both campuses went on a class trip to the Museum of Natural History in New York City. The students were able to see many prehistoric fossils of dinosaurs they had learned about in class. The students also visited the Ocean Life Hall. In this hall the students were able to see a 94-foot-long model of a blue whale. The students were also able to see many different dioramas of sea animals such as, the dolphin and tuna.

The students were able to visit "Fossil Halls" which has the largest collection of vertebrate fossils,

totaling nearly one million specimens. The students saw many fossils that we had read about in class such as a "T-Rex."

The students visited the butterfly conservatory where they mingled with 500 free-flying butterflies. The room was very hot, but it was worth it! The guide told us if one lands on you that it is good luck. We were all hoping for one to land on us.

We also traveled to space in the Hayden Planetarium, and saw a movie called "Journey to the Stars." The movie explained the life and death of stars in our night sky.



African Americans That Inspire!

**Submitted by the
Seventh Grade Team**

The students in the seventh grade were working on a project from February to March entitled: "African Americans that Inspire." They were required to choose a person whose life and contribution to society they wanted to learn more about. Once students completed their research, they created an 8-PowerPoint presentation and to teach their classmates what they learned. They were not allowed to read the words from the slide and had to explain each bullet point on the slide without any note cards. This helped make their All of the students did an excellent job with their presentations. We hope to see more presentations with another project. Great Job seventh grade!



TGA Golf at RTA

**Submitted by Mr. Parada
North Physical Education Teacher**

TGA is a golf program that brings golf directly to children at their schools and provides students of all demographics with access to the game. We have 15 students from the grades 5-7 participating in this extended day program, learning swing fundamentals, introductory safety rules, golf etiquette,

scoring, and honesty and integrity within the game. TGA is a 5 level program that promotes advancement, rewards accomplishment, and builds confidence. This program is an excellent introduction to a game that can become a lifelong fitness activity.



Thinking Outside the Box

Submitted by the Sixth Grade

Gerry went out to dinner with his friends Larry, Barry, and Gary. Gerry sat across from Gary. At Gary's right, opposite Barry, sat Larry. When the waiter came for their orders, Larry and Barry ordered steak. Gary chose fish, and Gerry (who likes to be difficult) ordered like this: "Unless the man at the left of the man opposite the man who ordered fish is not having what the man across from the man at the right of the man at my left is having, then I'll have what the man across from the man at the right of the man opposite me ordered. Otherwise, bring me the fettuccine alfredo." Assuming "right" and "left" is from the viewpoint of the diners, what did Gerry order?

Answer: What Gerry essentially said to the waiter was: "If Larry ordered the same thing as Gary, I'll have steak." Since Larry ordered steak and Gary ordered fish, Gerry does not get

Third Grade Acquires a Pet

Submitted by the Third Grade Team

The third grade students have acquired a classroom pet! We just received our Praying Mantis eggs and fruit flies, a delicacy for the insect. Once the Praying Mantises hatch, the students will be feeding our predator insects with the fruit flies. Praying Mantises have received their name from the appearance of their long and prominent front legs, often found in a "praying position".

The students spent time in the computer lab conducting research on the Praying Mantis. We found that the Praying Mantis has a big triangle shaped head, attached to a long thorax and an abdomen. The Mantis has six legs, two of which are considerably larger than the other four.

The Praying Mantis can be either brown or green in color, which helps them stay camouflaged in their habitat. Praying Mantises can be found in gardens and highly vegetated areas. Aside from fruit flies, they eat beetles, moths, butterflies and spiders.

We also found some really cool facts about the Praying Mantis! Did you know it can turn its head 180 degrees and it has a total of five eyes, which provides them with excellent vision! They can spot prey moving up to 60 feet away!! By the way, if you find a Praying Mantis in your garden, you should be happy, they will eat all the "bad" bugs that are eating your plants and vegetables!



Classifying Rocks??

Rocks can be grouped into three types: igneous, sedimentary, and metamorphic.

Igneous rocks form as lava cools and hardens. Sedimentary rocks form when smaller pieces of rock or pieces of dead animals and plants are pressed together. Metamorphic rocks form when igneous or sedimentary rocks are changed by great heat or pressure-or both.

The students learned the process known as the rock cycle and that it takes millions of years to be fully completed. All of the rocks, no matter what type, are constantly changing, as they form and wear down, and then form again. There were many good questions asked by the students.

At this point, the students in both homerooms worked in groups with Ms. Ostering, diligently classifying different types of rocks. They looked at nine different rocks in total, and they all fit into one of the three rock types that they had already learned about. The process of actually looking and feeling the rocks seemed to keep the students interest and certainly



helps with understanding the lesson better.

They classified them based on different physical properties that they observed including aspects of the rocks such as its color and texture. After recording their observations and making a detailed chart, the students discussed how each rock could have been formed. This lesson went a long way in helping the students learn the differences between the rocks and what they

go through along the process of becoming a certain type of rock.



Robert Treat Academy Students Win Art Awards!

Submitted by Ms. Cherchio, Art Teacher

In March, Essex County celebrates Youth Art Month and the many artistic achievements in our schools. Every year Robert Treat Academy participates by having three students exhibit artwork in a County art show at the Hall of Records. This year our students were Khalil Stallings in first grade, Brianna Fontanez in fourth grade and Andrew Vazquez in seventh grade. Essex County hosted a reception in honor of those students who had artwork in the exhibition on March 29th. Students received certificates from our own County Executive Joe DiVincenzo and Senator Teresa Ruiz. Out of all the Newark students participating, Brianna Fontanez was chosen to represent Essex County in a State House exhibit in Trenton, NJ. We attended a second reception at the State House to celebrate Brianna's big honor. Congratulations to those students and great job on your artwork!

I especially want to thank all their parents who made the effort to attend the receptions to support their child's endeavor's. It's great to have such support!

Please remember that our Art Show is April 13th, 2011. Please come support the Arts our annual Spring Concert and browse our exhibit. It will give you a chance to look at all the hard work your child has been doing in Art. I look forward to seeing you there!



BRIANNA FONTANEZ



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

Row 1

**KAHLIL STALLINGS
BRIANNA FONTANEZ**

Row 2

**MS. CHERCHIO
ANDREW VAZQUEZ
A
ND
COORDINATOR
MARION RESCINITI**

Row 3

**SENATOR M. TERESA
RUIZ
AND
ESSEX COUNTY
EXECUTIVE, JOSEPH
DIVINCENZO, JR.**

CHORUS SINGING FOR NEWARK'S "11th ANNUAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL"

Submitted by Ms. Heinlein-Wood, North Music Teacher

The RTA Chorus was invited on Monday, April 4th to sing at a big Gala held at *Nani-na's in the Park*. The *Branch Brook Park Alliance* is restoring the magnificent lions flanking the reflecting lake below the Basilica and we were asked to sing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" as part of the evening's festivities. Enjoy the pictures.



Calendar of School Events

April 13	Wednesday	Spring Concert and Art Show for North and Central Campuses at 6:45 PM in the RTA North MultiPurpose Room Come early to enjoy the Art Show
April 21	Thursday	Board of Trustees Meeting Spring Dance-Grades 6, 7 and 8
April 22	Friday	Spring Break Begins
May 2	Monday	School Reopens
May 3-13		NJASK-Testing Schedule-see page 5

Congratulations, Mrs. and Mr. Parada!

We don't usually print personal information about the staff but thought you would enjoy knowing that the entire staff came together at 7:30AM on Thursday, March 31, 2011 to give a Baby Shower for Mr. Parada. As you can see in the picture below, he relished the event.

