



# The Treatonian

**Robert Treat Academy  
Charter School**

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## **Our Principal's Message**



### **Dear Parents and Guardians,**

We received our preliminary scores from the PARCC assessment taken last school year for the first time by students in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. You will be receiving your child's individual score report in January and I will be sharing more detailed information in my State of The School Report scheduled for March.

As you know, this is the first time public school students were administered this national test. You are also well aware the rigor and preparation for this assessment is at a much higher level than the NJ-ASK. I am very excited and pleased to share with you, overall, our students did an outstanding job in meeting this new challenge.

The goal I set was for our students to score 25% above the state average in mathematics and language arts literacy. This goal was met in both contents on all but 2 grade levels. In those 2 grades they performed 18% above the state average. To say I am proud of our students and staff would be an understatement. I am in awe of this achievement and it is testimony to their hard work and your cooperation in supporting your children and the Academy.

You should have no anxiety regarding your child's performance on this test. There was no expectation that all students would pass. This is a very different test with 5 categories of performance. There were no current students who scored in the lowest level 'Did Not Meet'. Again you will be getting more detailed information in January.

I am truly blessed to be a part of such a special school with very special staff, parents, and, of course, our students. I adore them all, even the ones who work my last nerve!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season. As a school we will be celebrating the holidays at this month's Parent Council meeting. I hope to see you all there.

**Principal**

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

<b>Ashley Cordero</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>Peter Reyes</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>Amani Mosley</b>	<b>308</b>
<b>Chyna Moore</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>Timmi-Chris Pernell</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>Jordan Soto</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>Andrea Suchite- Rodriguez</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>Meagan Figueroa</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>Jayden Rodriguez</b>	<b>Art</b>
<b>Owen Kelly</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>Ariana Alix</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>Otis Bryant</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Estefania Reyes</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>Patrick Penafiel</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>Delaia Baez</b>	<b>P. E.</b>
<b>Rafael Cruz</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>Kairi Flores</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>Sianna Rosario</b>	<b>Science 6-8</b>
<b>Angela Lagonigro</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>Simon Vega</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>Krystal Narvaez</b>	<b>Technology</b>
<b>Carlos Paladines</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>Krystal Santiago</b>	<b>306</b>		





# Jackie Robinson Campus Students of the Month for October, 2015!

India Hylton	12	Gabriely Acosta	22		
Isaac Micah	13	Sariah Richardson	23	Gabrielle King-Price	Music
Rest Afolabi	14	Shayla Miller	24	Christopher-Kaden Bland	P. E.
Adrian Lopez-Silvero	15	Hayat Bembry	27	Christopher Negron	Technology





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

<b>Rafael Rios</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>Ny-Asia Peppers</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>Miavalentina Guerrero</b>	<b>308</b>
<b>Leah Ramos</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>Jeami Solano Patino</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>Arianna Ortega</b>	<b>310</b>
<b>Matthew Padilla</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>Dasia Johnson</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>Mya Leines Estrada</b>	<b>Art</b>
<b>Antonella Ortega</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>Angelise Ramirez</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>Genesis Chalmers</b>	<b>Music</b>
<b>Alexander Ramirez</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>Leah Felix</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>Malachi Taylor</b>	<b>P. E.</b>
<b>Rosemary Lopez</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>Phoenix Cutrona</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>David Guerrero</b>	<b>Science 6-8</b>
<b>Zashenka Molina</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>Valerie Vega</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>Jeami Solano Patino</b>	<b>Technology</b>
<b>Dru Strand</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>Angelo Rodriguez</b>	<b>306</b>		





# Jackie Robinson Campus Students of the Month for November, 2015!

Layla Pintado	12	Joshua Negron	22	William Abou-Rjaili	Science
Janet Edionseri	13	Mark Yancey	23	Eliana Lugo-Peralta	Music
Nathan Harris	14	Isis Pabon	24	Mary Chukwudinma	P. E.
Ashley Martins	15	Osaruonamen Okwudishu	27	Janet Edionseri	Art
		Moises Castillo	Tech		





# *Academic Achievements-Cycle I*

## Principal's List

**Room 12-JRC**  
Tyler-Shea Corales  
India Hylton

**Room 14-JRC**  
Laila Dailey  
Nathan Harris  
Dave Osunde  
Janis Zempare

**Room 15-JRC**  
Christopher Negron  
Tahiyah Williams

**Room 22-JRC**  
Gabriely Acosta  
Nyla Gilliam

**Room 23-JRC**  
Moises Castillo  
Marjorie Gonzaga-Torres  
Regina Inweh

**Room 24-JRC**  
Amaris Hernandez  
Isis Pabon  
Nilsa Ramos  
Kennedy Robinson  
Jacqueline Rodriguez

**Room 27-JRC**  
Linai Blackmon  
Isamar Martinez  
Hayat Bembry

**Room 104-SNAC**  
Sophia Figueroa

**Room 107-SNAC**  
Balthazar Sheehan  
Narena Nerahoo  
Tyrone Lee

**Room 201-SNAC**  
Joseph Alvarez  
Jassiel Sanchez

**Room 203-SNAC**  
Alexandra Bobadilla  
Brianna Romero  
Ethan Padilla  
Jenebah Tyler

**Room 204-SNAC**  
Khalil Stallings

**Room 205-SNAC**  
Angela Lagonigro  
Sara Richardson  
Amanda Roman

**Room 206-SNAC**  
David Guerrero

**Room 207-SNAC**  
Gabriela Celi  
Sara Gonzalez

**Room 208-SNAC**  
Kellani Laidley  
Maylynn Rodriguez  
Sara Rodriguez  
Michael Shipman  
Jeami Solano Patino

**Room 210-SNAC**  
Amelie Bobadilla  
Kyla Butler  
Massa Godbold  
Laura Shipman  
Meagan Figueroa  
Dasia Johnson  
Juliana Rivera

**Room 302-SNAC**  
Jose Castaing  
Ishaan Myrie  
Seydi Maury

**Room 304-SNAC**  
Simon Vega  
Jay Rosa  
Jenniece Rivera

**Room 306-SNAC**  
Ethan Carpintero  
Victoria Correia  
Da Silva  
Hector Rodriguez  
Krystal Santiago

**Room 308-SNAC**  
Amani Mosley



## Honor Roll

**Room 12-JRC**  
Janiyah Alvarado  
Christopher Kaden Bland  
Lucas DeLana  
Christian Hamilton-Ware  
Adrian Heyliger-Donaldson  
Ian Hylton  
Tre'Von Jackson  
Emmanuella Olu Okwudishu  
Zuri Ruffin  
Ronnie Vazquez

Joshua Young  
**Room 13-JRC**  
Nana Appiah  
Julian Cruz  
Wellington Cummings  
Nunana Dzokoto  
Nikah-Marie Holmes  
Melanie Lopez-Silvero  
Troy Mathis  
Hely Zamora-Toro

**Room 14-JRC**  
Rest Afolabi  
Erin Appiah  
Juel Cruz  
Autumn Denard  
Robert Franco  
Shaylia Gonzaga-Torres  
Seth Martin  
Jaidyn Richardson  
Darian Rouse  
Khalilulah Saidu  
Jace Torres  
Eelana Walters  
Nishani Ward

Cadalys Zamora-Toro  
**Room 15-RJC**  
Jaylenne Acosta  
Malachi Beachum  
Samantha Castillo  
Celesta Goeh-Akue  
Ronell Jackson-Williams  
Adrian Lopez-Silvero  
Eliana Lugo-Peralta  
Ashley Martins  
Mireya Miranda



## Honor Roll (continued)

Samson Nwobi

### **Room 22-JRC**

William Abou-Rjaili  
Genesis Billups  
Faith Chukwudinma  
Julius Cruz  
Joseph Gonzalez  
Carlos Martinez  
Joshua Negron  
Osayonamen  
Notemwanta  
Arthur Nwobi

### **Room 23-JRC**

Raven Burwell  
Catherine Esteves  
Elizabeth Esteves  
Aaliyah Isahawk  
Jordan Jones  
Nigel McSween  
Aria Watson  
Mark Yancey  
Gael Zambrana  
Liana Zempare  
Sariah Richardson

### **Room 24-JRC**

Jocelyn Calderon  
Johann Jimenez-  
Sevillano  
Kiarah Johnson  
Alani Rodriguez  
Camila Zambrana

### **Room 27-JRC**

Gabriel Nwobi  
Skylar Motley  
Donson Ahkhibi  
Dexter Phillips  
Aiden Martin-  
Bradley  
Osaruonamen  
Okwudishu  
Sanaa Murph  
Saladin Small  
Kyla Jones  
Lawrence Leonard

Sabrina Bailey  
Aziyah Fitch  
Chelsea Gonzaga-  
Torres  
Kiyara Goodson  
Oduwa Iyoha

### **Room 104-SNAC**

Mya Andino  
Michael Caceres  
Stephanie Calle-  
Sanchez  
Lesley Cevallos-  
Sarmiento  
Ashley Cordero  
Darren Hernandez  
Luz Lopez-Marcano  
Mariah Lopez-  
Gomez  
Amanda Martinez-  
Molina  
Caleb Moten  
Nina Okere  
Miguel Santiago  
Camille Strand

### **Room 107-SNAC**

Aaliyah Rivera  
Emely Gomez  
Jeremy Arroyo-  
Flores  
Alexis Beade  
Joselyn Castaing  
Joceline Cosme  
Jonathan Crespo  
Jordan Geronimo  
Ashanti Gilland  
Kyla Greene  
Julisa Marcano  
Chyna Moore  
Leah Ramos  
Meya Salas  
Jocelyn Santiago  
Torrian Smith  
Mia Toledo-Navarro

### **Room 201-SNAC**

Jocelyn Chavez

Jonathan Colon  
Jack Cumbicus  
Antonio Lance  
Riyah Myrie  
Matthew Padilla  
Khaelyn Robinson  
Alex Roman  
Andrea Suchite-  
Rodriguez  
Daniel Toledo-  
Navarro  
Andrew Zapata

### **Room 202-SNAC**

Nicole Asenso-  
Boakye  
Samantha Castaing  
Jayden Cruz  
Mithayus Diaz  
Owen Kelly  
Ciara Latchman  
Arianna Maduro  
Antonella Ortega  
Aysha Penafiel  
Noah Rosario  
Lisbeth Torres  
Sebastian Vega

### **Room 203-SNAC**

Kamryn Correia  
Grave  
Jaeden Cortes  
Alexander Ramirez-  
Catota  
Jayden Turcios  
Maria Guaba  
Arianna Guerrero-  
Valencia  
Naralis Jimenez  
Lyanette Martinez  
Nasir Middleton

### **Room 204-SNAC**

Genesis Chalmers  
Ethan Glover  
Rosemary Lopez  
Evelyn Martinez-  
Molina

Destiny Maury  
Zariah Middleton  
Ciara Morales  
Kiara Parham  
Scott Quishpe  
Cevallos  
Milanis Rivas  
Karen Rodriguez  
Symya Smith  
Alex Solano  
Rafael Cruz

### **Room 205-SNAC**

Alain Beade  
Angela Blair  
Destinee Duran  
Kimberly Figueroa  
Brandon Hernandez  
Jailynn Martins  
Zashenka Molina  
Roselyn Muniz  
Krystal Narvaez  
Adrianna Perez  
Richard Pisano  
Elizabeth Ramos  
Milagro Velazquez

### **Room 206-SNAC**

Izabelle Herrera  
Shayla Johnson  
Kylee Lopez  
Carlos Paladines  
Mike Quishpe  
Cevallo  
Dennis Rosario  
Jacob Rosario  
Madison Serrano  
Dru Strand

### **Room 207-SNAC**

Robert Abril  
Alexandra  
Barbaran  
Ariana Cordero  
Genesis Crespo  
David Cueva  
William Figueroa  
Kendra Harrell



## Honor Roll (continued)

Tristan Jones  
Ny-Asia Peppers  
Alexia Pisano  
Peter Reyes  
Noel Rios  
Janelle Rosario  
Sianna Rosario  
Jordan Skillern  
Isaac Vasquez

### **Room 208-SNAC**

Delaia Baez  
Destiny Cruz  
Katelynn Figueroa  
Zaida Lagarez  
Gian Martinez  
Timmi Chris Pernell  
Ronnie Rodriguez-  
Lopez  
Brandi Turner  
Nyla Vasquez  
Gabriel Vega  
Camila Zamora

### **Room 210-SNAC**

Elijah Douglas  
Ebony Marshall  
Claryssa Martinez  
Melissa Martinez-  
Molina  
Magin Melgar  
Devin Navaez  
Emily Padilla  
Riayan Reyes

Marcus Santiago  
Meagan Figueroa

### **Room 301-SNAC**

Ariana Alix  
Jaeden Baskerville  
Heidi Castillo  
Calle  
Destinee Cotto  
Dianelys Diaz  
Sayde Dos Santos  
Elijah Jackson  
Aayden Narvaez  
Angelise Ramirez  
Chloe Reyes  
Jayden Rodriguez  
Aaliyah Salva  
Samantha Ginorio  
Bella Luna

### **Room 302-SNAC**

Mithaniel Diaz  
Mark Figueroa  
Patrick Penafiel  
Karina Quintero  
Emani Rivas  
Kristen Laidley  
Brandon Cordero

### **Room 303-SNAC**

Samantha  
Marallano  
Phoenix Cutrona  
Vincenzo Pisano

Maximiliano  
Vizuete  
Madison Vargas  
Amy Rodriguez  
Ryan Ramos  
Kairi Flores

### **Room 304-SNAC**

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

### **Room 306-SNAC**

Katherine  
Carchipulla  
Deyra Diaz  
Brianna Johnson  
Jose Morales  
Alivia Pacheco  
Jessenia Rivera  
Angelo Rodriguez  
Derek Zapata

### **Room 308-SNAC**

Makayla Amador  
Jacob Dismukes  
Faith Garay  
Tristan Gonzalez  
Miavalentina  
Guerrero  
Randy Sarango-  
Lopez  
Yaritza Menjivar  
Aakash Myrie  
Emily Pena  
Nyla Van Dyke  
Alana Zarat

### **Room 310-SNAC**

Jordan Soto  
Makayla Wheeler  
Willy Cumbicus  
Jaylen Ginn  
Kaylee Zarate  
Angel Fuentes  
Carol Espinal  
Volquez  
Nelson Santos  
Alexander Cruz  
Nyla Casey



## The Art of Persuasion



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

The fifth grade Language Arts Literacy classes have begun reviewing writing, specifically opinion writing. With the use of opinion writing the students must try to convince the reader that the point of view they are deciding on is valid. To accomplish this, the students must develop an argument that is considered indisputable using examples, facts, and personal anecdotes. The students enjoy coming up with reasons that help make their points valid and they have learned that any point-of-view is a valid one as long as they have good support to back up their argument!

# *Community Food Bank of New Jersey*

## *Seventh Grade Students Volunteer In Hillside*

**Submitted by the Seventh Grade Team, Both Campuses**

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade students from both campuses joined together for a community service project on November 3. They volunteered their time at the Community Food Bank of New Jersey (CFBNJ) in Hillside. CFBNJ's mission is to fight hunger and poverty in NJ by assisting those in need and seeking long-term solutions. The students sorted and repacked food for distribution to hungry people in NJ. They spent 2 hours sorting and packing in the warehouse so that the food could be distributed to food pantries, soup kitchens, residential programs and shelters.

In addition to their visit to CFBNJ, the students conducted a food drive and asked their fellow RTA students to contribute canned or non-perishable goods. They drew posters asking for help, collected from each classroom and delivered over 1100 items the day they volunteered.

As the day came to an end, the students gave thanks for all they have and hoped that through their efforts one less person was hungry that day.





## Halloween Is Awesome At RTA!









## *Student Council Officers Elected to Lead*

### **Submitted by Mr. Golombuski, Student Council Moderator, Stephen N. Adubato Campus**

The Robert Treat Academy Student Council Officers have been elected from both campuses as this year's leaders of the organization and the overall student body. In order to be elected to these positions, the candidates must demonstrate their ability to be very organized, responsible, and decisive. They are extremely good leaders, as their election has demonstrated. They will be responsible for the organization, planning, and execution of important school events and will be taking into account the feelings and opinions of the student body. We look forward to working with all of our officers at both the Stephen N. Adubato and Jackie Robinson Campuses and the officers working with each other to use their combined creativity to be the voice of the students of RTA.

#### **Stephen N. Adubato Campus Officers**

- 1) President: Mariah Lopez-Gomez
- 2) Vice President: Amelie Bobadilla
- 3) Secretary: Kyla Greene
- 4) Treasurer: Jordan Geronimo
- 5) Sargent at Arms/School Store Manager: Milanis Rivas

#### **Jackie Robinson Campus Officers**

Vice President: Jacqueline Rodrigues  
Secretary: Jocelyn Calderon  
Treasurer: William Abou-Rjaili  
Sargent at Arms: Gabrieli Acosta

**RIGHT:  
STUDENT  
COUNCIL  
MEMBERS FROM  
THE  
STEPHEN N.  
ADUBATO  
CAMPUS**



**LEFT:  
STUDENT COUNCIL  
MEMBERS  
FROM THE  
JACKIE ROBINSON  
CAMPUS**



## *Matter Matters to Fourth Grade Scientists*

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

Do you remember the first time you learned there is ONE word for EVERYTHING the eye can – and cannot – see? The idea that everything is made of “matter.” That liquids, solids, gasses are matter, just in different phases? Fourth-graders have been trying to wrap their minds around this for the past two months or so.

Well, throwing words around is never enough, and there’s no way that information will stick in young minds that way alone. Fourth-graders want to see with their own eyes, and feel with their own fingers, and listen with their own ears, and smell with...you get the idea. So, recent science lessons included hands-on work.

That included observing matter (salt, sugar, and sand) through a magnifying glass to determine their physical properties. In addition, students experimented with mixing those samples of matter in water to determine whether physical or chemical changes were taking place.

However, the most-popular activity was making “flubber.” The objective was to determine if a physical or chemical change was taking place. After combining the ingredients -- roughly one cup of liquid starch, one cup of Elmer’s glue, and one cup of water – students agreed the change was chemical. How did they know? The ingredients combined to form a new substance and could not be separated again.



**STUDENTS OBSERVE THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SALT, SUGAR AND SAND.**

## *News From the Stephen N. Adubato Art Room*

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

In November students were working hard on projects that focused on the Elements of Art and Principles of Design. As students finish up this unit, they will be beginning portraits. Kindergarten has already started their self-portraits that focus on emotion. First graders will create themselves as a Pop Art image and older students will focus on creating a self portrait using different values. During this unit students will be focusing on the proportions of the face in order to create an image. It is going to be an exciting month in art!



## Spotlight: Interview with the Student of the Month

Submitted by the Second Grade Team,  
Jackie Robinson Campus

Our spotlight this month is on **Nathan Harris** (pictured here). In an up-close interview, this *diligent* Student of the Month shared some interesting details about his personal and scholastic perspectives. This is what he had to say:

**1. Are you surprised to be selected Student of the Month?**

**Why?**

A: Yes. Because I didn't think my behavior was good enough to receive this award.

**2. Why do you think you were chosen for Student of the Month?**

A: I think I was chosen to be Student of the Month because I always try my best to succeed as a student.

**3. What good behavioral examples do you show to the other 2nd graders?**

A: I am always respectful and kind to my classmates. Everyone should be this way.

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

A: I excel in ELA and Math. I know because I study a lot and I always get good grades in these subjects.

**6. What are some of your interests and/or hobbies outside of school?**

A: I like to play basketball, spend time with my family at holiday events and special celebrations, attend church, and build relationships with my church family.

**7. What are two of your future goals?**

A: I want to be a celebrity, or even become President of the United States!

**8. Do you have advice for other 2nd graders looking to achieve Student of the Month?**

A: Yes, always try your best in all of your subjects and treat others the way you want to be treated.



Our spotlight this month is on **Rest Afolabi**. In an up-close interview, this influential Student of the Month shared some interesting details about her personal and scholastic outlook. This is what she had to say:

**1. How does it feel to be Student of the Month?**

A: It feels good because it is a high award!

**2. Why do you think you were chosen for Student of the Month?**

A: I think I was chosen to be Student of the Month because I have done a lot to fix my behavior, like not talking during work time.

**3. What good behavioral examples do you show to the other 2nd graders?**

I show them how to behave during lessons. I follow directions when they're given to me, and I listen very closely.

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

A: Math and Reading.

**5. What are some of your interests and/or hobbies outside of school?**

A: I spend lots of time with my family. I go to church on Wednesdays and Sundays. I also like riding my bike and taking walks around my neighborhood.

**6. What are two of your future goals?**

A: Two of my future goals are to go to college and to become a teacher.

**7. Do you have advice for other 2nd graders looking to achieve Student of the Month?**

A: Follow my examples and always try to do the right thing, and you will make it.



## ***Fourth Graders Prevail In Poetry Contest***



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

Last spring, the American Library of Poetry issued a call for poetry submissions from elementary, middle and high school students from across the country. It was their 19<sup>th</sup> annual contest that coincides with Poetry Month in April. The contest is meant to elicit great examples of students' creative writing – and RTA's fourth-graders at the Stephen N. Adubato Campus responded in verse and rhyme!

Entrants were asked to write a poem of no more than 20 lines on the topic of their choice. It had to be an original work. Winners were eligible to receive prizes of cash or merchandise. However, that was not the most important thing to their

teachers. What mattered most was exploring their feelings and interests and expressing themselves in poetry. Consequently, several entries were selected for inclusion in a published bound collection. Among those selected fourth-graders in 2014-2015 were: Delaia Baez, Sarah Rodriguez, Timmi Chris Pernel, Ana Melgar, Zaida Lagarez, Glendaly Mendez, Gian Martinez, Jaime Solano, Brandi Turner, Michael Shipman, Kellani Laidley, Ray Casey, Dylan Mejia, Natasha Leines Estrada, Roselyn Muniz, Jadalyn Ramos, Stephanie Crespo, Angela Blair, Richard Pisan, Jason Rosado, Brandon Hernandez, Melany Cuelar, Adrianna Perez, and Amanda Roman.

For more information about the contest, see [www.libraryofpoetry.com](http://www.libraryofpoetry.com). Congratulations to all entrants for participating and doing their best.

## ***Science Club at RTA!***

**Submitted by Mr. Lee,  
Science Club Advisor at  
Jackie Robinson Campus**

Science Club at the Jackie Robinson Campus has started off wonderfully. Students in the 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade are looking forward to every Friday afternoon as they enter Science Club with their Science Journals ready to learn! We have been discussing various topics including Simple Machines, Weather, and this month, we made real BUBBLE GUM for our Food Science Unit. The students are gearing up and getting ready to start working on the Science Fair which we will have in the Spring. In the pictures attached, students were making SLIME while learning about Polymers and building Geodesic Domes during our Engineering Unit!





## *Commemorative Tournament Held*



**JAMES A. PINAIRE**

**Submitted by Mr. Ontell and  
Mr. Peguero,  
Stephen N. Adubato Campus**

On November 21, 2015, Robert Treat Academy held the James A. Pinaire Memorial Basketball Tournament. This special event was held to commemorate our beloved teacher Mr. Pinaire. Mr. Pinaire's family attended the event and was honored to be a part of this "special day". Mr. Pinaire was from Chatam and their local team, Corpus Christi came to compete along with Newark Project Pride and our very own RTA Patriots. Project Pride won 1st place in what was a cherished event for all participants.



**ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY TEAM**





## *We Survived!*

The second graders at the Stephen N. Aduato Campus performed "The First Thanksgiving" play for both the student body and the Parent Council Meeting. They sang and told the story of the Pilgrims and Native Americans. They also reminded everyone that Thanksgiving is something we should share every day of the year! They ended their show with a wonderful throwback song and a little bit of disco dancing letting the audience know that the turkey, Pilgrims and Native Americans will survive! Happy Thanksgiving!





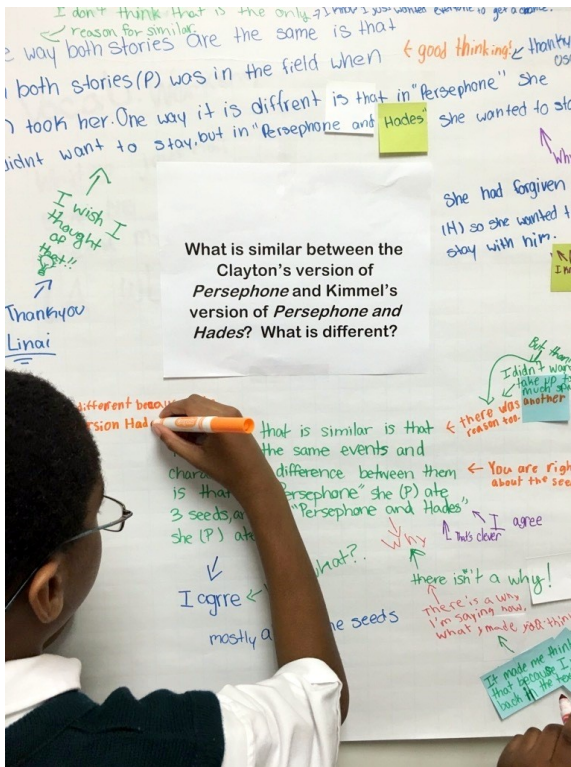
## Written Conversations

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

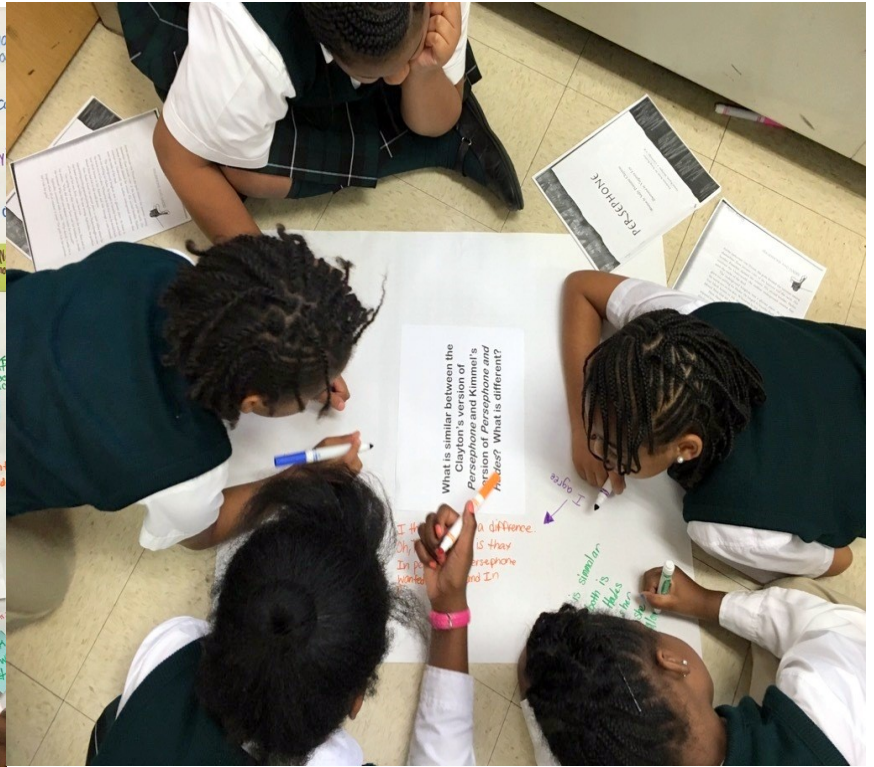
In Reading, the fourth graders have been working in their Greek Mythology unit and loving it. One of their favorite activities over the past month was having a written conversation about a myth we read in class. Yes, that's right... a written conversation.

After reading two versions of the myth *Persephone*, the students were asked to get into groups and hold a written conversation. Each group consisted of five students who each had a different colored marker and a piece of chart paper. On the chart paper, was the question: *How was the Kimmel version of "Persephone and Hades" similar to Clayton's version of "Persephone"? How was it different?*

Students then spent the next 30 minutes answering the question and commenting on each other's work and the room was completely silent. It was quite a miraculous thing to see. The work that came from it was quite impressive, and the students enjoyed collaborating in a unique and fun new way.



## OSARUONAMEN OKWUDISHU WORKS ON HIS WRITTEN CONVERSATION!



**SANAA SNEAD, AZIYAH FITCH, SKYLAR MOTLEY,  
KIYARA GOODSON, AND JAYLA GRANT WORK ON  
THEIR WRITTEN CONVERSATION PROJECT.**





## *RTA Jeans for Troops*

### **Submitted by Student Council Advisors, Both Campuses**

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## *Fifth Grade Art Class Excels*

**Submitted by Ms. Walker, Music/Art Teacher and Chorus Director**



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.

Our winter concert is vastly approaching and our students and teachers have been working very hard. We ask that you encourage your children to practice even harder than before. We are looking forward to putting on a great show.

We are using our recorders with our new chrome books. Our seventh graders have been learning and practicing with their recorders on a new program called **Joy Tunes**. The students enjoyed playing the games and having fun all while learning and practicing. Here are some pictures of their recorder fun.

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

## *Thankful for Kindergarten!*

**Submitted by the Kindergarten Team  
Both Campuses**

November is such a great month! One of the reasons why the Kindergarten loves it so much is because it's a great time to have a classroom feast with one another! It's a great time to learn about Thanksgiving and celebrate being friends and working together! The day before Thanksgiving we speak about what we're thankful for and then we eat delicious food that all the parents contribute to the classrooms. It's such a great memory for the students!



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**Stay Safe During the Holiday Season!**

## *P.E. Classes Productive*

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

November Health and PE classes were very productive. The upper grades participated in a European sport called Tchoukball that places an emphasis on teamwork, communication, and a positive attitude. Our lower grades had fun playing with the parachute which enhanced their motor development and cognitive listening skills. In Health, the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades concluded their units of Instruction on Total Health and Nutrition respectively. Some middle school classes also worked goal setting and developing personal barriers for their future. In December we will begin basketball in the gym!



## *Cultural Thanksgiving*

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

Students in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade combined efforts with their classmates in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and had a Cultural Thanksgiving on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Each student brought in a type of food, whether dessert, appetizer or entrée, to represent their individual cultures. Everything from empanadas, tacos and turkey, to baked ziti, sweet potato pie and donuts were strewn across three tables and enjoyed by the teachers and students. Before they enjoyed their feast, all of the students and teachers joined hands and thought for a moment what they were most thankful for and thanked each other for being part of the RTA family. It was a wonderful experience for the students to spend time together, relax and understand each other's cultures.



## *Soda Science In Third Grade*

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

The students in third grade at RTA are very excited about their upcoming experiments in science class. The third graders have been continuing their exploration of mixtures by observing the properties of soda. Our third grade scientists started off by tasting a small amount of soda, and recording the properties based off their different senses; touch, taste, smell, feel, and hear. Next, they explored how some substances are soluble in water and some are not. In the upcoming week they will be able to conduct tests on four possible soda ingredients to find those that are soluble in water AND taste good. The students are eager to create the flavors they like in soda.





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### *Holiday Gift Shop*



**PLEASE PATRONIZE THE  
HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP  
AT BOTH CAMPUSES  
OF THE  
ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY**



# OUR BOOK FAIRS WERE A HUGE SUCCESS.



## SINCERE THANKS TO OUR PARENT VOLUNTEERS!

Ms. N. GODBOLD

Ms. R. CASTRO

Ms. T. PADILLA

Ms. HALL

Ms. K. CALDERON

Ms. I. RODRIGUEZ

Ms. I. CAMACHO

Ms. I TOLEDO NAVARRO

Ms. J. MORALES

MR. RODRIGUEZ

### "Nasreen's Secret School"

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

The third grade is continuing to enjoy our unit on "The Power of Reading" after reading and discussing "Nasreen's Secret School" by Jeanette Winter. This children's literature helped students realize that we should not take our education for granted. After reading the story, students traveled around the classroom to complete a short response carousel activity. Students worked in small groups and discussed "Nasreen's Secret School" in order to answer questions about the story. Each group collectively agreed on their response and submitted their final answer on a sticky note. We then covered our response with a blank sticky note to allow other groups a chance to brainstorm their ideas as well. Students would then rotate around the classroom until each group answered all the questions. At the end of the activity, we all gathered together to reveal and compare our answers. The students had a great time with this activity and realized that we are very fortunate to have the opportunity for a great education!





# Robert Treat Academy Charter School

## School Calendar

### Stephen N. Adubato & Jackie Robinson Campuses

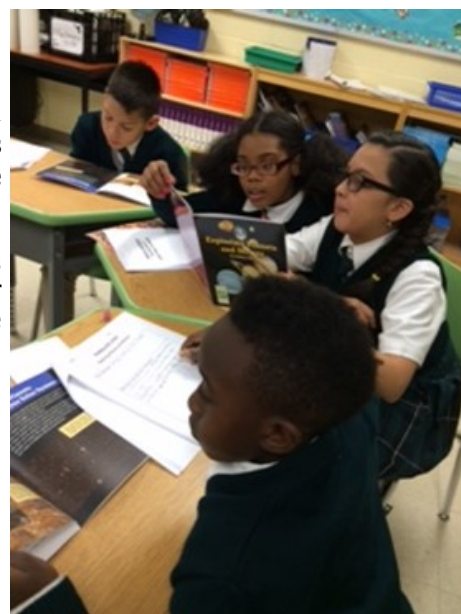
<b>SCHOOL CLOSING</b>		<b>2015-2016</b>	<b># OF DAYS</b>
<b><u>DATES</u></b>			<b><u>STUDENTS/TEACHERS</u></b>
<b><u>2015</u></b>			
<b>December 24 – 31</b>	School Closed – Winter Recess		<b>17 / 17</b>
<b><u>2016</u></b>			
<b>January 1</b>	School Closed – New Year's Day		
<b>4</b>	School Reopens		
<b>18</b>	School Closed – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day		<b>19 / 19</b>
<b>February 15</b>	School Closed – President's Day Observance		<b>20 / 20</b>
<b>March 25-31</b>	School Closed – Spring Recess		<b>18 / 18</b>
<b>April 1</b>	School Closed – Spring Recess		
<b>4</b>	School Reopens		<b>20 / 20</b>
<b>May 30</b>	School Closed – Memorial Day Observance		<b>21 / 21</b>
<b>June 22</b>	Last Day of School – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation		<b>16 / 16</b>
<b>TOTAL # of Days – STUDENTS</b>			<b>204</b>
<b>TOTAL # of Days – TEACHERS</b>			<b>206</b>

## *Planets and Moons?*



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

The fifth graders have begun the Planets and Moons science unit. We began the unit by reading "Exploring Planets and Moons." The students read with a partner as an introduction to the unit. Through their reading, they enjoyed learning about the space explorers. They also enjoyed learning about rovers that were sent to Mars. Furthermore, scientists who were involved in creating the rovers also sparked their interest. They are looking forward to learning more about these topics.





# *Stephen N. Adubato Campus Saturday Schedule*

**2015 - 2016**

## ***Saturday Class Schedule Starting October 17<sup>th</sup>!!!***

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

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

***Starting January 9<sup>th</sup> fourth  
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***

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

**NJASK Science May 25, 2016**

**Specific grade testing to be determined**

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## ***8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students Demonstrating Awareness of Current Events***

The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students have learned that their awareness of current events is essential to the learning process at this point in their lives. Within the subjects of ELA, American Civics, and Science; it is evident that their understanding of these issues guides them along with the topics being covered and enhances their appreciation for each of them. Whether the topic is scientific discovery, historical events, or applications of citizenship and the U.S. Government--the concepts and information covered have direct relationships to important topics and issues in the news affecting the United States and the world today. It is also imperative for productive citizenship that our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students have a strong awareness and appreciation for what is taking place in the world. We are pleased that we can hold class discussions on these issues in a mature fashion now as topics can become emotionally charged--but the educational process certainly moves to a much higher level with an understanding of this.



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**2015 - 2016**

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**NJ ASK Science-May 25<sup>th</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade)**

**SEE YOU AT THE  
HOLIDAY CONCERTS!**





## *Parent Council Schedule*

### Stephen N. Adubato Campus

Tuesday, December 15, 2015	Holiday Play / Winter Concert-6:30 PM
Monday, January 25, 2016	High School Placement Seminar-6:30 PM 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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## *News from the Middle School Science Classroom!*



### **Submitted by Ms. Pyle, Middle Grade Science Teacher, Both Campuses**

The seventh grade has been investigating energy. Students used the Van de Graff generator to create static electricity and used it to power a fluorescent light bulb! The students also explore how a hand generator can be used to power a light bulb. This is a very handy piece of knowledge in the event we experience a power outage. Their favorite part of the lab was seeing the hand generator produce enough energy to burn a piece of steel wool. The students also used a solar panel to provide energy enough to power a fan.





## **Upcoming Events**

<b>December 15</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Stephen N. Adubato Campus Winter Concert, 6:30 PM</b>
<b>December 16</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Jackie Robinson Campus Winter Concert, 6:30 PM at St. Benedicts Prep</b>
<b>December 17</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting, 5:30 PM</b>
<b>December 24- January 3</b>	<b>Thursday- Sunday</b>	<b>Winter Recess—School Closed</b>
<b>January 4</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>School Resumes</b>
<b>January 6</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Kindergarten Lottery at Stephen N. Adubato Campus-7:00 PM</b>
<b>January 7</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Kindergarten Lottery at Jackie Robinson Campus-7:00 PM</b>