



ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL NORTH AND CENTRAL CAMPUSES



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THE TREATONIAN

Our Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Guardians,
Happy New Year to all of our
Robert Treat Academy families.

My hopes for the New Year never change. I hope our students stay healthy, give their best efforts every day in school, and stay out of harm's way.

My hope for the parents is that you always remain involved in your child's education. I have said it countless times, without your support, we become like any other school.

The months of December and January were busy at the Academy. Most notably, we held our Kindergarten Lotteries on January 2nd and 3rd. Both lotteries ran smoothly.

Our High School Placement Department staff and our eighth grade students have been very busy completing their applications. There is no easy way to navigate this process; it takes a lot of hard work and diligence. We should all be very proud of our students.

My congratulations to our students who achieved Principal's List, Honor Roll and December Student of the Month Certificates. I am very proud of each and every one of you.

This month's Parent Council Meeting is on January 29th (Central) and January 30th (North) I will be delivering the Annual State of the School Address and expect to see you all there.



Fondly,

Principal

North Campus Students of the Month for December 2012

Madison Parrilla	104	Ashley Figueroa	207	Jasir Quddus	308
Lamara White	107	Darren Hernandez	208	Matthew Padilla	310
Emily Padilla	201	Nadine Ferrer	210	David Chaparro	Art
Dasia Johnson	202	Dahlya Martinez	301		
Kiara Parham	203	Tamia Louissaint	302	Sara Rodriguez	Phy.Ed.
Myrick Hill	204	Mattheu Rua	303	Kayla Romero	Science
Chyna Moore	205	Elizabeth Ramos	304	Jazlynn Alvarado	Tech.
Fadillah Brown-Ross	206	Jasmine Santiago	306		



BOTTOM TO TOP AND LEFT TO RIGHT:

ROW 1: JASMINE SANTIAGO, MATTHEU RUA, DAHLYA MARTINEZ, MATTHEW PADILLA, SARA RODRIGUEZ, JASIR QUDDUS AND TAMIA LOUISSAINT

ROW 2: ELIZABETH RAMOS, EMILY PADILLA, ASHLEY FIGUEROA, LAMARA WHITE, CHYNA MOORE, KIARA PARHAM AND DASIA JOHNSON

ROW 3: DARREN HERNANDEZ, MADISON PARRILLA, KAYLA ROMERO, DAVID CHAPARRO, MYRICK HILL, NADINE FERRER, FADILLAH BROWN-ROSS AND JAZLYNN ALVARADO

Central Campus Students of the Month for December 2012

Nazir McGuire	12	Carlos Martinez	15	Regina Inweh	Music
Eziah Santiago	13	Amaris Hernandez	27	Joseph Gonzalez	P.E.
Liana Zempare	14				



BOTTOM TO TOP AND LEFT TO RIGHT:

ROW 1: LIANA ZEMPALE, NAZIR MCGUIRE AND REGINA INWEH

ROW 2: EZIAH SANTIAGO AND JOSEPH GONZALEZ

ROW 3: CARLOS MARTINEZ AND AMARIS HERNANDEZ

Academic Achievements-Cycle II

Principal's List

Room 12-C

Linai Blackmon
Chukwuemeka
Ezeonu
Kiyara Goodson
Isamar Martinez
Sanaa Snead
Isamar Richardson

Room 14-C

Aaliyah Isahawk
Sariah Richardson
Aria Watson

Room 15-C

Nyla Gilliam

Room 27-C

Amaris Hernandez
Isis Pabon
Nilisa Ramos
Camila Zambrana

Room 104

Emiliana Geronimo

Room 107

Jayshawn Fuller
Alana Garcia
McAfee Sheehan

Room 202

Gabriela Celi

Room 203

Jacob Rosario

Room 204

Indira Douglas
Amber Rua
Alejandro Toledo-
Navarro

Room 205

Balthazar Sheehan

Room 206

Brianna Hawley
Nicholas Carrero
Amari Charles

Room 207

Emir Akdogan

Aryana Mercado
Kayla Romero

Room208

Sophia Figueroa
Narena Nerahoo

Room 210

Jessie Bernardo
Dorothy He

Room 302

Genesis Chalmers
Rafael Cruz
Izabelle Herrera
Rosemary Lopez
Dru Strand

Room 303

Jenebah Tyler
Alexandra Bobadilla
Mithaniel Diaz
Jayden Carrasquillo
Ethan Padilla
Ceana Jones
Seydi Maury
Mattheu Rua

Room 304

Elizabeth Ramos
Adrianna Perez
Jailynn Martins
Sara Richardson
Maylynn Rodriguez
Amanda Roman

Room 306

Angela Lagonigro

Room 308

Joseph Alvarez
Erica Jimenez
Ciara Latchman
Kai Kennedy

Room 310

Mithayus Diaz
Aysha Penafiel

Honor Roll

Room 12-C

Hayet Bembry
Kyla Jones
Aiden Martin-
Bradley
Kiara Goodson
Skylar Motley
Sanaa Murph
Ekene Nwafo
Osaruonamen
Okwudishu
Dexter Phillips, Jr.
Sahar Shariah

Saladin Small
Mavelous Uuzebor

Room 13-C

Jaylenne Acosta
Rayhaan Adenaike
Malachi Beachum
Samantha Castillo
Ryan Doirin
Celesta Goeh-Akue
Eliana Lugo
Mireya Miranda
Christopher Negron

Room 14-C

A'Nyla Botts
Raven Burwell
Moises Castillo
Alice Doirin
Jamoni Ellis
Catherine Esteves
Elizabeth Esteves
Ahzir Fitch
Kha'Marri Goodwin
Gabriela Hueting
Regina Inweh
Jordan Jones

Darrell Morton, Jr.
Jaila Wade
Mark Yancey II
Gael Zambrana
Liana Zempare

Room 15-C

Gabriely Acosta
Genesis Billups
Carlos Martinez
Brianna Morales
Joshua Negron
Osasogie Iyoha

Honor Roll (continued)

Jibril Shumate-
Edwards
Mia Smith

Room 27-C

Yaseenah Abdullah
Isaiah Ahmed
Nyobi Boddie
Tamia Butler
Chibundom Ezenou
Johann Jimenez-
Sevillano
Shayla Miller
Tom'Miece Pickett-
Telfair
Kennedy Robinson
Dante Terry
Bahiede Williams

Room 104

Marc Balacuit
Angel Bruno
Gabriella Cruz
Vanessa Goetz
Bryana Martinez
Madison Parrilla
Nayale Quimis
Katherine Ramos
Justin Rosa
Brianna Terrero
Lyandro Zuniga

Room 107

Tiana Barkley
Giancarlo Calle
Justin Cruz
Ruby D'Oleo
Liza Grier
Jordan Hubbard
Brianna Matos
Ashley Medina
Maria Montero
Monica Soto
Lamara White

Room 201

Kyla Butler

Elijah Douglas
Massa Godbold
Sara Gonzalez
Claryssa Martinez
Melissa Martinez
Emily Padilla
Riayan Reyes
Marcus Santiago

Room 202

Robert Abril
Amelie Bobadilla
William Figueroa
Kendra Harrell
Ebony Marshall
Peter Reyes
Noel Rios
Julianna Rivera
Laura Shipman

Room 203

David Guerrero
Joshua Lopez
Kylee Lopez
Destiny Maury
Zariah Middleton
Mike Quishpe-Cevallos
Kamara Robinson
Madison Serrano
Alex Solano
Yariel Zuniga
Elise Bruno

Room 204

Raymond Alvarez-
Adorno
Elisha Godbold
Moise Pierre
Sebastian Santiago
Adrian White

Room 205

Camille Strand
Mia Toledo-Navarro
Jordan Geronimo

Stephanie Calle-
Sanchez
Tyrone Lee

Room 206

Yamisha Braconiel
John Martinez
Eric Showers
Henry Suchite-
Rodriguez

Room 208

Michael Caceres
Ethan Carrero
Ashley Cordero
Joceline Cosme
Julisa Marcano
Leah Ramos
Torrian Smith

Room 207

Veronica Blair
Jordyne Bouza
Brittney Cardona
Ashley Figueroa
Paula Guzman
Rose Martinez
Justin Negron
Amaya Romero
Arthur Shipman
Elisha Vaquez

Room 210

Isaiah Aldea
Raphael Castillo
Christopher Crespo
Diego Gonzalez
Daniel Guzman
Declan Kelly
A'mya Braswell
Desiree Calderon
Nadine Ferrer
Brittney Martinez
Tatiana Nazario
Janiece Pacheco
Lauren Pannullo

Room 301

Amiyah Mosley
Josue Baez
Bryan Calle
Alexander Ramirez
Jared Miranda
Ariana Suero
Brianna Romero
Kamryn Grave
Lyanette Martinez
Dahlya Martinez
Jocette Rosario
Kristen Laidley
Nasir Middleton
Mark Figueroa
Jaeden Cortes
Jada Watson

Room 302

Jaron Afuola-
Concepcion
Joshua Castro
Justin Guaman
Tamia Louissaint
Scott Quishpe-
Cevallos
Nuri Raheem
Milanis Rivas
Khalil Stallings

Room 303

Jenebah Tyler
Alexandra Bobadilla
Mithaniel Diaz
Jayden Carrasquillo
Ethan Padilla
Ceana Jones
Seydi Maury
Mattheu Rua

Room 304

Matthias Salas
Roselyn Muniz
Kimberly Figueroa
Milagro Velazquez

Honor Roll *(continued)*

Melany Cuellar
Krystal Narvaez
Natasha Leines
Gian Martinez

Room 306
Danielle Alcantara
Alain Beade
Destiny Cruz

Brandon Hernandez
Glendaly Mendez
Sara Rodriguez
Ronnie Rodriguez

Isaiah Ramos
David Solano
Jeami Solano
Brandi Turner

New Faces

Two new people joined the Robert Treat Central Staff just after the New Year. We'd like to take this opportunity to introduce them to you and tell you a little of their background.



Mr. Joseph Rogan was a Harrison Police Officer before his retirement. He recently decided to come out of retirement to work in Security for the safety of our children. Kudos to him for his dedication to the well-being of the students attending RTA Central .



Ms. Ines Goncalves

Instructional Assistant, Ines Goncalves recently graduated from Caldwell College with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and English. Ms. Goncalves also holds a certification in Early Childhood Education. She loves arts and crafts and traveling. Ms. Goncalves is very excited to be working at Robert Treat Academy!

“The importance of parental involvement in children's education cannot be overstated.”

Lisa Blair

Parent Council Attendance

Next Parent Council Meetings

**Tuesday, January 29
Central Campus**

and

**Wednesday,
January 30
North Campus**

**Both meetings
begin at 6:45 PM**

**Your children expect
you be there?**

**★ Wonderful and
thank you.**

**○ We can do much
better.**

ROOM #/GRADE	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
301-K	92%	68%	P	64%	52%
303-K	76%	84%	A	52%	64%
308-1	92%	80%	R	100%	72%
310-1	84%	71%	E	100%	83%
304-2	96%	72%	N	68%	76%
306-2	96%	81%	T	69%	65%
302-3	96%	72%		60%	48%
203-3	85%	54%	C	23%	48%
201-4	96%	63%	O	65%	65%
202-4	79%	58%	N	60%	60%
205-5	81%	64%	F	52%	60%
208-5	72%	73%	E	42%	65%
204-6	76%	52%	R	52%	56%
206-6	70%	46%	E	36%	52%
207-7	65%	46%	N	33%	50%
210-7	83%	79%	C	54%	83%
104-8	60%	52%	E	29%	50%
107-8	96%	56%	S	56%	68%
C-13-K	96%	84%		88%	92%
C-12-1	92%	79%		100%	76%
C-14-2	96%	92%		85%	100%
C-15-3	100%	84%		96%	96%
C-27-4	84%	75%		75%	96%
TOTAL	85%	69%	100%	63%	69%

Winter Concert Was a Success!

Submitted by Ms. Walker, Central Campus Music Teacher

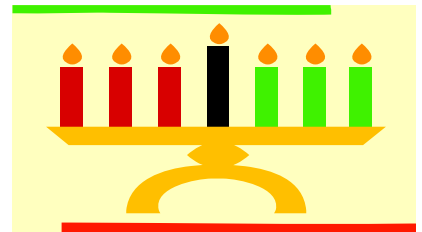
I would like to congratulate Robert Treat Academy's star Students of the Month. This proves they are really working hard in class and trying to be the best they can be.

What an amazing month we've had. Robert Treat Academy Central's Multipurpose Room was filled to capacity on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 6:45pm. Our first annual holiday concert was a success. We saw the Little Voices Chorus who opened with a beautiful rendition of Silver Bells followed by a fun jazz song called "Blitzen's Boogie." The next performance was the classic song "Silent Night" sung by Aria Watson and Carlos Martinez. The song had a piano accompaniment by William Abou-Rjaili, a third grade student. A recorder ensemble of 10 students from the fourth grade joined them in what turned about to be an amazing performance.

Fourth grade student, Tamia Butler, played a solo recorder performance of "O Christmas Tree." Shortly after that, the second grade class celebrated Kwanzaa with a presentation and song. The Little Voices Chorus returned with a beautiful canon for Hanukkah. They also sang a song dedicated to Santa Claus called "A Gift for Santa." To our surprise, Santa then arrived to greet the students, staff and guests. The program ended with everyone, singing "We wish you a Merry Christmas", students handed out candy canes to the audience and thanked everyone for coming. It was just a night to remember.

There is just one thing that you should never forget and that is: "Without music, life is a journey through a desert!!!"





December Was a Busy Month!

The past month was filled with many wonderful experiences for our students. Including a visit from Santa Claus. The Chorus sang at Casa Israel to the delight of the seniors. The Chorus along with all the instrumentalists put on two concerts: one for the student body and another for their parents and other family members. And we all joined in to help "Big Steve" celebrate his 80th birthday. Even though the school was filled with the excitement that comes with the anticipation of the Holidays, we did also manage to engage in many learning activities.





Our Trip to Washington, D.C. and the U.S.H.M.M.

Submitted by the Sixth Grade Team

The sixth grade students had the opportunity to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum on December 11, 2012. The class was honored to be the recipient of and participate in the Morris Rubell Memorial Journey. Mr. Rubell was a Holocaust survivor who had spent many years in several concentration camps. Morris Rubell's son, Mr. Michael Rubell accompanied the students on the trip along with two survivors.

The students had been learning about the Holocaust as part of their Character Education class along with discussions about prejudice, the abuse

of human rights, genocide, hate and discrimination. The students learned on this journey the importance of human dignity given to each of us and to practice respect for all people.

The students were told that they would probably be the last generation to listen to firsthand accounts of this tragic time in history. They were asked to relay these accounts in the year 2045, which marks the 100-year anniversary of the end of WWII. There is a wall at the museum that states, "You are my Witnesses" and the students vowed that they would remember and pass on what they have learned.



ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

2012 - 2013

DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
Tuesday, January 29 th	Central	State of the School
Wednesday, January 30 th	North	State of the School
Wednesday, February 20 th	Both Campuses	To be Decided
March 4 th through March 8 th	Both Campuses	Parent Conferences (Late Night Wednesday, March 6 th)
Wednesday, April 17 th	Both Campuses	International Dinner
Wednesday, May 29 th	Both Campuses	Spring Concert/Art Show
Friday, June 21 st	North	Founder's Day

The Workings of Money

Submitted by the North Campus Third Grade Team

Next month, the students in third grade will be learning all about money in their Language Arts Literacy classes! The story selections in the unit coming up will explore how money is exchanged and how it relates to value. Students will be encouraged to use these selections as starting points to explore different forms of money, how money works, and the role of money in people's lives. The unit will allow students to investigate such issues to provide better understanding, appreciation and respect for money.



Family Fun

**Submitted by the Central Campus
Kindergarten Team**

The month of December was great. Our Kindergarteners did many things and learned so much. One was a project designed to involve each member of the family in our students' development as a learner. Each child created a "Family Holiday Banner" that displayed their traditions and favorite part of the holidays. It was so great to see the different ways people celebrate the same holidays. Here are some pictures of our projects.



Interesting Art Projects

**Submitted by Ms. Winter
North Campus Art Teacher**

The students in grades K-4 have been eagerly making holiday artwork this month to take home for the holidays. Kindergarten students drew holiday lights with oil pastels and practiced their color blending. Grades 1-4 made paper collage Christmas trees surrounded with paper presents, and decorated their trees with drawn ornaments. They also created beautiful watercolor wax-resist paintings of ornaments and mittens. Fifth and sixth grade is learning one point perspective, learning how to draw three dimensional cubes and three dimensional houses located correctly in space. Seventh and eighth grade students are currently working in groups on giant collage murals with a Latin American theme. Students are making collages depicting animals from Puerto Rico, for example, such as the coqui frog, the paso horse, the iguana and various colorful birds.



ABOVE:

COQUI

BELOW:

IGUANA



Persuasive Writing?

Submitted by the Seventh Grade Team

Parents, don't be surprised if your children are ready to argue! We have spent the entire month working on persuasive writing. The biggest challenge has been to create strong solid arguments based on facts, not emotion. We worked together on creating strong reasons and worked in pairs to find flaws with our reasoning.

We also evaluated advertisements in order to examine which persuasive techniques are most successful. Ads are the most common type of persuasive writing.

We worked together to create a foundation of successful approaches that we could incorporate into our writing.

In addition we studied how to craft a counterargument. This is when you dismiss the opposing side's claims. Be prepared, though, because we introduced these concepts with our holiday wishes. I'm sure your children have already put their powers of persuasion to good use with you!



2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL CLOSINGS

SCHOOL CLOSING

DATES	2013	# OF DAYS STUDENTS/TEACHERS
January	1 School Closed – New Year's Day	
	2 School Reopens	
	21 School Closed – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day	21 / 21
February	15-18 School Closed – President's Day Observance	18 / 18
March	29 School Closed – Spring Recess	20 / 20
April	1-5 School Closed – Spring Recess	
	8 School Reopens	17 / 17
May	27 School Closed – Memorial Day Observances	22 / 22
June	28 Last Day of School – 8 th Grade Graduation	20 / 20
TOTAL # of Days – STUDENTS		203
TOTAL # of Days – TEACHERS		205

Fact Families

Submitted by the North Campus Second Grade Team

The temperature is dropping and the snow is getting ready to fall. That means in second grade it's time for snowman fact families! A fact family is made up of three numbers. Just as in any family, the members, or numbers, are related. There are always at least four math facts to be made with the members. We use fact families to build a conceptual understanding of how addition and subtraction work. The second grades at the RTA North Campus used snowmen to help them create their own fact families. It's "snow" secret that they are great at math!



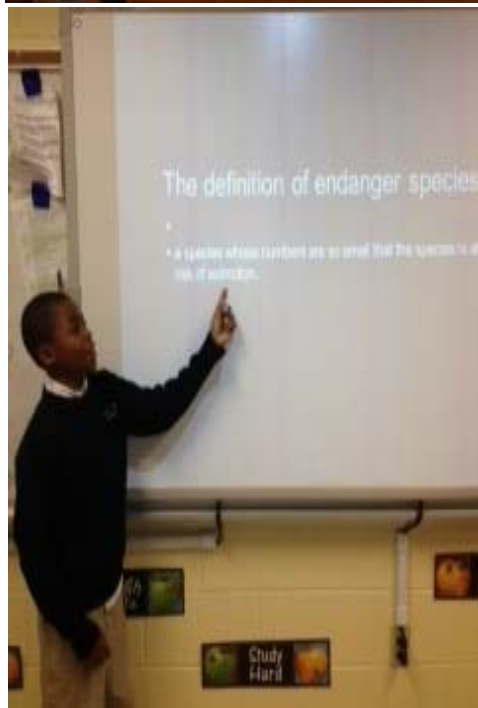
**"Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that. Hate cannot drive
out hate; only love can do that."**

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tazmanian Devil?

Submitted by the Cent Campus Fourth Grade Team

"When I say Tazmanian Devil most of you will think of the Looney Tunes character named Taz, but did you know this animal actually exists?" says, Zion Ruffin as he begins his presentation on endangered animals. This month in science Central 4th graders continued their study of life science. We began our unit with a study of food chains and food webs. Each student had to research what it means for an animal to be endangered. They then had to pick an animal from the endangered species list to research. Students created PowerPoint presentations to show their findings. Each slide contained different information about the animal including ways we can work together to keep them from becoming extinct. Some of the animals presented included the blue whale, African elephant, fruit bat, and Ecuadorian Horned Tree Frog. The students will be sharing these presentations with the rest of the school during morning announcements early next month!



"The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education."

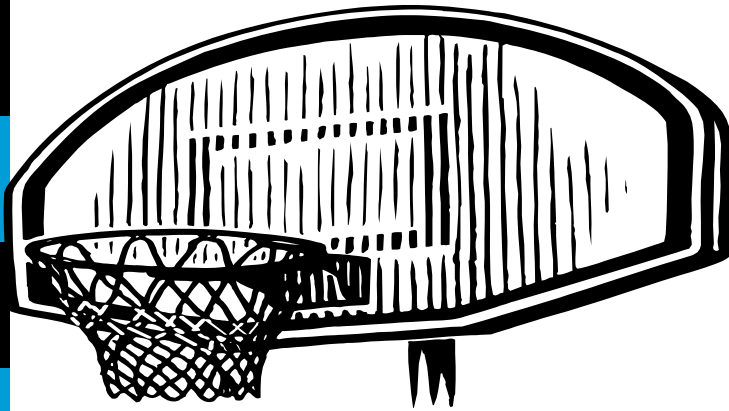
Martin Luther King, Jr.

ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY PATRIOTS

C.S.A.L. Basketball League

Boys and Girls Schedule*

All games will be played at Robert Treat Academy.



Tuesday January 8

Girls at 6PM vs. Pride Academy
C.S.

Boys at 7PM vs. Pride Academy
CS

Thursday January 10

Girls at 6PM vs. Learning
Community Academy CS

Boys at 7 PM vs. Learning
Community Academy CS

Monday January 28

Girls at 6Pm vs. Great Oaks CS

Boys at 7PM vs Great Oaks CS

Thursday January 31

Girls at 6PM vs. North Star
Academy Downtown

Boys at 7PM vs. North Star
Academy Downtown

Tuesday February 5

Boys at 6PM vs. Maria L.

Varisco Rogers CS

Girls at 6PM vs. Link Academy
CS

Thursday February 14

Boys at 6PM vs. University
Heights CS

Girls at 7PM vs. TBA

Tuesday February 19

Boys at 6PM vs. Jersey City
Community CS

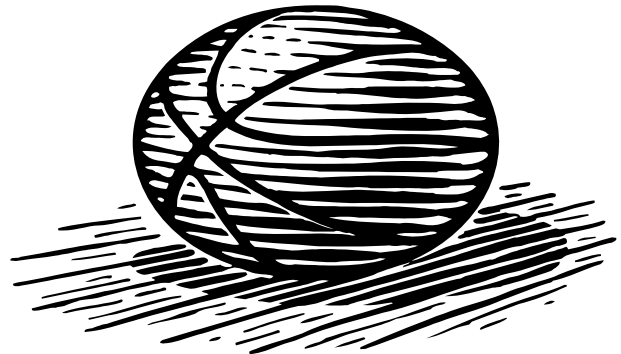
Girls at 7PM vs. TBA

Tuesday February 26

Girls at 6PM vs. Lady Liberty
Academy

Boys at 7PM vs. Lady Liberty
Academy

*** Please note that starting
times vary for both Boys
and Girls!**



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 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 School Events

January 16	Wednesday	8th Grade Graduation Pictures
January 17	Thursday	Board of Trustees Meeting
January 21	Monday	School closed in commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 29	Tuesday	Parent Council Meeting at Central Campus State of the School Address
January 30	Wednesday	Parent Council Meeting at North Campus State of the School Address
February 1	Friday	8th Grade Students' Science Field Trip
February 12	Tuesday	Achievement Network Language Arts Test Grades 3-8
February 12	Wednesday	Achievement Network Math Test– Grades 3-8

Inclement Weather

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

You may also watch the following television news stations.

CHANNEL 2 WCBS NEWS OR VISIT <http://wcbstv.com/schoolclosings>

**CHANNEL 4 WNBC NEWS OR VISIT
<http://www.nbcnewyork.com/weather/school-closings>**

**CHANNEL 5 FOX NEWS OR VISIT
<http://www.myfoxny.com/category/232771/school-closings>**

CHANNEL 12 NEW JERSEY OR LOG ON www.new12.com (Cablevision customers)

Please use the resources listed above to watch for school closing announcements.