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ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
NORTH AND CENTRAL CAMPUSES



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North Campus Students of the Month for December

Student	Rm./ Activity
Tara Rojas-Scott	104
Edwin Ramirez	107
Devin Chaparro	201
Noah Garcia	202
William Figueroa	203
Isaiah Aldea	204
Alejandro Toledo Navarro	205
Arthur Shipman	206
Jayshawn Fuller	207
Vanessa Fernandez	208
Monica Soto	210
Samantha Castaing	301
Devin Narvaez	302
Jack Cumbicus	303
Kamara Robinson	304
Alex Solano	306
Brandon Hernandez	308
Amanda Roman	310
Emmanuel Perez	Art
Henry Negron	Music
Yasin Peppers	Physical Ed.
McAfee Sheehan	Science
Scott Quishpe	Technology



Our Principal's Message

Dear Parent/Guardian,
**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 just like any other school.

The months of December and January were busy at the Academy. Most notable we held our Kindergarten Lotteries on January 4th and 5th. 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

January 2012

Central Campus Students of the Month for December

Student	Rm./ Activity
Moises Castillo	12
Hayat Bemby	13
Joshua Negron	14
Isis Pabon	15
Chukwuemeka	Music
Mehki White	Physical Ed.

of our students.

My congratulations to all 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 25th (Central) and January 26th (North). I will be delivering the Annual State of the School Address and hope to see you all there.

Fondly,

Theresa Adubato

Principal



December Students of the Month



CENTRAL CAMPUS

LEFT TO RIGHT:
ROW 1: BRANDON HERNANDEZ, WILLIAM FIGUEROA, SAMANTHA CASTAING, AMANDA ROMAN, KAMARA ROBINSON, NOAH GARCIA AND JACK CUMBICUS

ROW 2: VANESSA FERNANDEZ, MCAFEE SHEEHAN, SCOTT QUISHPE, EMMANUEL PEREZ, HENRY NEGRON, JAYSHAWN FULLER, DAVIN NAVEAZ, ALEX SOLANO AND DEVIN CHAPARRO

LEFT TO RIGHT
ROW 1: ISIS PABON AND HAYAT BEMBRY
ROW 2: MEHKI WHITE, JOSHUA NEGRON AND MOISES CASTILLO

ROW 3: ALEJANDRO TOLEDO NAVARRO, ISAIAH ALDEA, ARTJHUR SHIPMAN, TARA ROJAS-SCOTT, EDWIN RAMIREZ, YASIN PEPPERS AND MONICA SOTO



NORTH CAMPUS

High School Placement

Submitted by Mr. Trillo, V.P.

Happy New Year and welcome back!! The beginning of the New Year brings much joy and renewed vigor to tackle necessary but arduous tasks. Over the next six weeks our 8th graders will be completing the remaining high school applications with the assistance of the High School Placement team. Parents, please keep reminding your son or daughter of the importance of completing all high school placement related assignments on time and to the best of their ability. Families will begin to hear from schools regarding acceptances and denials as early as the last week of January. **Remember:** SEND ALL NOTICES OF ACCEPTANCE/DENIAL/ OR FINANCIAL AID TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER.

Parents should check that you have completed all required steps in the financial aid and application process for a smooth acceptance. **Firstly**, any parents who were required to fill out and submit the **PFS and/or TADS** must send

proof of completion and submission of these forms to the High School Placement office. Not submitting these forms in a timely fashion could result in your son or daughter being denied financial aid/scholarship awards. Please do not put your family in that position. **Secondly**, If you are applying to any of the local Catholic schools, it is very important that you take the time to fill out the **PSAS** and submit it to the schools that accept it. If you have questions regarding the **PSAS**, please do not hesitate to call a representative of the High School Placement team. You may also want to reach out to the individual Catholic schools to which you are applying to seek guidance as they each have slightly different guidelines and deadlines for financial aid awards. In addition to the financial aid documents, parents should make sure they have visited high schools they are interested in and set up student for a day at the local schools to which you are interested in sending your child.



Central Connection

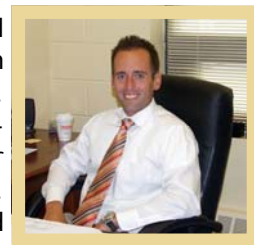
**Submitted by Mr. Parada
TA and Physical Education Teacher**

Our students and staff came back from the holiday break renewed, refreshed, and ready for the second half of the school year. The second cycle has come to a close as we transition into our 3rd cycle with the same enthusiasm and determination as the first two.

We have a new teacher with Ms. Saggio in the Kindergarten classroom. Ms. Christina Petrone joined the RTA Family on December 12th. She comes to us with 4 years of teaching experience at the Kindergarten and 1st Grade levels. She has adjusted well and brings a positive attitude in helping our students move forward in the learning process.

December was filled with exciting activities here at Central. The 2nd and 3rd graders enjoyed the St. Barnabas Mobile Fire House. It was an exciting learning experience on wheels. Students had the opportunity to walk through the house that included a kitchen with a stove and a living room with a fireplace. Much of the discussion focused on "high risk" routines that contribute to fires in the home. Students also participated in an organized evacuation of the house with each student being held accountable for the entire group getting out safely.

"Build-a-Book" was held on the evening of December 4th in our Multi Purpose Room. About 45 budding young authors attended to work on their books with one of their parents. Ms. Del Toro, Mr. Peacock and one of our parents, Mrs. Calderon, were on hand to assist the youngsters. **(Pictures on pages 10 and 11.)**



Led by Ms. Walker, our "Little Voices" vocal group performed at the annual Holiday Concert at RTA North. Although there was mention of them being nervous, there was absolutely no evidence of it once the music began. They stepped onto the stage with confidence and delivered an outstanding performance. Congratulations to Ms. Walker and her "Little Voices" for a job well done!

Lastly, I would like to thank Mr. Blair McGuire for entering RTA Central into a "toy give-away" his motorcycle club participates in. Our school was selected and as a result, each student at our site received a toy. Along with some of the members of his club, Mr. McGuire came to the school and went from classroom to classroom distributing gifts. As you can imagine, the students were thrilled and overjoyed with this surprise. Mr. McGuire, the RTA Central Family thanks you!

Academic Achievements-Cycle II

Principal's List

Room 104

Jaylin Lugardo
Angelica Maury
Nicholas Scott-Hearn

Room 107

Jenilee Jaquez
Briana Martinez
Asia Moore
Henry Negron

Room 201

Juan Miranda
Jailene Guzman
Joselyn Castaing
Ashley Cordero
Sophia Figueroa

Room 202

Emely Gomez
Tyrone Lee
Narena Nerahoo
Balthazar Sheehan

Room 203

Amelie Bobadilla
Ebony Marshall
Noel Rios
Laura Shipman

Room 204

Dorothy He
Aryana Mercado

Room 205

Indira Douglas
Nicholas Carrero
Amari Charles
Alejandro Toledo-
Navarro

Room 207

Tiana Barkley
Giancarlo Calle
Jayshawn Fuller
Alana Garcia
Maria Montero
McAfee Sheehan

Room 210

Emiliana Geronimo
Jordan Hubbard
Katherine Ramos

Room 302

Kyla Butler
Massa Godbold
Sara Gonzalez
Riayan Reyes

Room 304

Rafael Cruz
Kamara Robinson
Madison Serrano

Room 306

Destiny Maury
Dru Strand

Room 308

Danielle Alcantara
Brandon Hernandez
Angela Lagonigro

Sara Rodriguez
Ronnie Rodriguez-
Lopez

Room 310

Maylynn Rodriguez

Room 12-C

A'Nyla Botts
Catherine Esteves
Gabriela Hueting
Aaliyah Isahawk
Aria Watson
Gael Zambrana
Liana Zempare

Room 14-C

Nyla Gilliam

Room 15-C

Amaris Hernandez

Honor Roll

Room 104

Angelee Caraballo
Lenin Cruz
Anabelle Rodrigues
Kiara Rodriguez
Ashley Pena
Raquel Rodriguez
Tara Rojas-Scott
Andrew Vasquez

Room 107

Nicholas Ayala
Matthew Aquino
Brandon Caceras
Kaylah Lee
Christian Molina
Edwin Ramirez
Yaskary Rodriguez

Josue Solorzano-
Pichardo
Nia Tendencia
Maurice Ware
Katelynn Rodriguez

Room 201

Jocelyn Calderon
Stephanie Calle
Sanchez
Ethan Carrero
Lesley Cevallos
Avani Jimenez
Mariah Lopez
Julisa Marcano
Hendry Mejia
Nina Okere
Aaliyah Rivera

Jocelyn Santiago
Jacob Cabezas

Room 202

Michael Caceres
Joceline Cosme
Yakisha Davis-Perry
Jordan Geronimo
Kyla Greene
Darren Hernandez
Amanda Martinez
Gabriela Montero
Leah Ramos
Camille Strand

Room 203

Robert Abril
Kendra Harrell

David Cueva
Gabriella Celi
Julianna Rivera
Janelle Rosario
Jordan Skillern

Room 204

Emir Akdogan
Yasin Peppers
Isaiah Aldea
Kayla Romero
JaVon Anderson
Jessie Bernardo
Veronica Blair
Desiree Calderon
Steven Caraballo
Raphael Castillo
Nadine Ferrer

Honor Roll (continued)

Diego Gonzalez
Daniel Guzman
Brittney Martinez
Tatiana Nazario
Lauren Pannullo

Room 205

Emily Acosta
Briana Berrios
Raymond Alvarez-Adorno
Francisco Perez
Sebastian Santiago
Eric Showers

Room 206

Jason Alvarado
A'mya Braswell
Christopher Crespo
Ashley Figueroa
Janiece Pacheco
Jorge Padilla
Alejandro Santiago
Arthur Shipman
Erick Zapata
Justin Negron

Room 207

Marc Balacuit
Justin Cruz
Destiny Figueroa
Vanessa Goetz
Liza Grier
Giovan Guanill
Rocio Uzeta
Lamara White
Lyandro Zuniga
Joel Ramos

Room 208

Henry Suchite-Rodriguez
Moise Pierre
John Martinez
Elisha Godbold
Adrian White
Amber Rua
Micah Rivas

Brianna Hawley
Yamisha Braconiel

Room 210

Freddy Ballester
Angel Bruno
Gabriella Cruz
Allya Jaquez
Nasir Martinez
Ashley Medina
Rameses Minus
Nayale Quimis
Monica Soto

Room 301

Joseph Alvarez
Samantha Castaing
Mithayus Diaz
Ciara Latchman
Solmarie Rodriguez
Lisbeth Torres
Jibrael Martinez
Aysha Penafiel
Jim Quishpe
Alex Roman
Ashley Valentin

Room 302

Elijah Douglas
Amour Henry
Claryssa Martinez
Melissa Martinez-Molina
Devin Narvaez
Emily Padilla
Franchesca Perez
Marcus Santiago

Room 303

Matthew Padilla
Alianna Maduro
Owen Kelly
Antonio Lance
Calvin Mott
Jasmin Velez
Jack Cumbicus
Yaelina Lambertus

Room 304

Jaron Concepcion
Genesis Chalmers
Izabelle Herrera
Joshua Lopez
Kylee Lopez
Rosemary Lopez
Alec Perez
Nuri Raheem
Jolie Richards

Room 306

Otis Bryant
Devin Fussell
Ethan Glover
Tamia Louissaint
Zariah Middleton
Ciara Morales
Scott Quishpe
Jacob Rosario
Alex Solano
Khalil Stallings
Yariel Zuniga

Room 308

Angela Blair
Destiny Cruz
Destinee Duran
Glendaly Mendez
Isaiah Ramos
David Solano
Jeami Solano
Camila Zamora

Room 310

Jailynn Martins
Zashenka Molina
Roselyn Muniz
Adrianna Perez
Elizabeth Ramos
Sara Richardson
Amanda Roman
Milagro Velazquez

Room 12C

Hanaan Adenaike
Raven Burwell
Moises Castillo
Jamoni Ellis
Elizabeth Esteves
Kha'Marri Goodwin
Regina Inweh
Jordan Jones
Nigel McSween
Darrell Morton
Sariah Richardson
Jaila Wade

Room 13-C

Linai Blackmon
Lucas Bustamante
Chukwuemeka Ezeonu
Kiyara Goodson
Skylar Motley
Sanaa Murph
Osaruonamen
Okwudishu

Room 14-C

William Abou-Rjaili
Gabriely Acosta
Joseph Amado
Genesis Billups
Jaime Horne
Gabrielle Jimenez
Carlos Martinez
Brianna Morales
Joshua Negron
Mia Smith
Roselyne Vazquez

Room 15-C

Chibundom Ezeonu
Nilsa Ramos
Shayla Miller
Isis Pabon
Camila Zambrana



Inclement Weather School Closing!

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 Website. **Go to the Robert Treat Academy homepage at**

www.roberttreatacademy.org.

You may also check the following television stations between **7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.**

CHANNEL 2 WCBS NEWS

OR LOG ON TO <http://wcbstv.com/schoolclosings>

CHANNEL 4 WNBC NEWS

OR LOG ON TO <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/weather/school-closings/>

CHANNEL 5 FOX NEWS

OR LOG ON TO <http://www.myfoxny.com/subindex/weather/closings>

CHANNEL 12 NEW JERSEY

OR LOG ON TO www.new12.com (Cablevision customers)

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

CALLS SHOULD NOT BE MADE TO THE ACADEMY.



**SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH, 2012
IN COMMEMORATION OF
DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S
BIRTHDAY.**

New to Our Staff!

Ms. Christina Petrone is the new kindergarten teacher at Central Campus. She is working with Ms. Saggio. She states that it is a pleasure to be a member of such a wonderful staff. It has been her passion to teach ever since her childhood. She studied Elementary Education and English at Caldwell College and was a graduate of the class of 2007. She has previously taught first grade in the Clifton School District and taught fourth grade in the New Milford District. She loves to sing, run and go to the beach.



Ms. Susan Olsen joined the Robert Treat Academy in 2011 at the North Campus. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from Montclair State University and is a certified elementary school teacher. Before joining RTA, Ms. Olsen worked in a private school for eight years as the Lead Teacher Assistant and has experience teaching grades 2-8. She has also taught 7th grade math and completed her student teaching in the Newark Public School System. During her free time, Ms. Olsen enjoys volunteering for The Salvation Army, spending time with family and friends, hiking, and rescuing animals.



Central Campus
Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 25, 2012
6:45 PM in the Multi Purpose Room
We expect to see all parents there!

Parent Council Meeting Attendance

Central and North Campuses

2011-2012 Academic Year

Parent attendance at		AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.
the last Parent Council Meeting was very disappointing. This was our annual Winter Concert. All of the students who participated, in the Chorus, Band and Orchestra and the "Little Voices", worked hard and long to assure the parents that this would be a night of entertainment.	301	84%	76%	p	36%	64%
	303	96%	76%	a	60%	56%
	308	84%	89%	r	65%	62%
	310	88%	96%	e	65%	66%
	304	100%	76%	t	76%	56%
	306	83%	79%		52%	63%
	302	88%	77%	C	60%	77%
	203	96%	73%	o	60%	73%
	201	92%	72%	n	52%	64%
	202	83%	79%	f	58%	71%
	205	88%	73%	e	96%	54%
	208	84%	48%	r	100%	60%
	204	66%	54%	e	52%	56%
	206	73%	73%	n	21%	63%
	207	84%	40%	c	44%	68%
Once again, we ask you to support our students by attending Parent Council Meetings.	210	60%	48%	e	52%	52%
	104	79%	63%	s	50%	42%
	107	92%	68%		40%	56%
	C-13	92%	88%		76%	48%
	C-12	100%	96%		100%	84%
	C-14	92%	86%		76%	72%
	C-15	88%	100%		64%	72%

Always an Educational Trip!

Submitted by the Eighth Grade Team and Science Department

Liberty Science Center is a New Jersey non-profit corporation dedicated to offering exceptional science learning experiences on-site. Our eighth grade at Robert Treat Academy had the opportunity to visit this exciting and educational facility, located in Liberty State Park, Jersey City, New Jersey. The students, engaged learners, got to feel the science excitement, and actively connect people of all backgrounds to pivotal science and society issues. Students had the pleasure of viewing an IMAX movie, which focused on the Hubble telescope. The IMAX features an 88-foot wide screen. The Hubble Space Telescope, perhaps the most important astronomical tool since Galileo invented the telescope, produces astonishingly beautiful images of objects that are hauntingly far away in space.

Students also viewed the "Eat and Be Eat-en"" exhibit, which is designed so students can get up close to the animals. Habitat windows are low and shaped so kids can easily discover the fascinating creatures that call Liberty Science Center home. The next exhibit they experienced was "Wonder Why". They observed the balance of a colorful beach ball on a stream of air at the Bernoulli Blower, made huge sheet Soap Bubbles, sounded off a Resonance Tube, sent a message around the room with a Sonic Tube, made Fluorescent Rocks glow and puzzled it out with Brain Teasers. This was an amazing trip in which students had the chance to make use of science and mathematical knowledge in order to solve real life problems and learn about fascinating new creatures.



"SKYSCRAPER EXHIBIT"



**LEFT TO RIGHT: ANABELLE RODRIGUES,
JAYLIN LUGARDO, JOSHUA SKILLERN AND
EDGARDO HERNANDEZ**

North Campus

Parent Council Meeting

Thursday, January 26, 2012

6:45 PM In the Multi Purpose Room

All Parents are expected to attend!

December Was a Busy Month!

The pictures below and on the next page depict some of the activities that went on at both campuses of Robert Treat Academy. We had Build-a-Book at both locations, the Book Fair at North, and Santa arriving at North Campus on a fire truck with candy for all. The father of one of our students at Central Campus visited there with his biking club and gifts for all and, of course, we ended the month with our Winter Concert.





Very Interesting!

Submitted by the North Campus Second Grade Team

Ms. Capuano and Mrs. Feinstein have implemented a new activity in our second grade classroom to motivate students' behavior. The activity is cross-curricular since students are learning economy concepts, math skills, and are working to maintain positive behavior throughout the day.

The concept starts with each student assigned a Credit and Debit Notebook to track money they earn in our class. The notebooks serve as a bank account. They earn money based on a number of things. All students receive credits for the classroom jobs they perform during the week. Students also earn credits for positive behavior, completed homework, and classwork assignments. We strongly believe in working together as a team, and throughout the week they earn credits for their commitment and dedication to being the best they can be. For the most part, credits have prevailed



in our class, but sometimes debits are issued. Debits are issued when class rules are broken. We strongly encourage acts of kindness throughout the day and they have collaboratively taken this approach to heart. Our students are always proud to help and encourage their fellow classmates.

The rewards for their commitment begin when Ms. Capuano and Mrs. Feinstein issue a paycheck to all students at the end of each pay period that reflects the money they have earned after balancing their credit and debits. At the end of the day on Friday, they cash their checks at our "school bank" and purchase items from our classroom store. They are aware if they see something they like, but do not have enough money, they can save their cash for the following week. This is not an easy skill to master ... waiting for something, but we truly believe it is an important life lesson.

An Early Holiday Celebration

Submitted by the Central Campus Kindergarten Team

The students at Robert Treat Central were treated to an early holiday celebration. Our school was entered into a raffle offered by the Most Wanted Riderz motorcycle club. To our good fortune we were one of the schools to have their name pulled and win toys for our students. On Wednesday, December 14, members of the club came to Robert Treat dressed in Santa hats and accompanied by

sacks of toys. The students were thrilled when they received their special gifts.

A special thank you goes out to Mr. Blair McGuire who entered our name into the raffle. Mr. McGuire is the proud dad of kindergartner, Nazir McGuire.

(Pictures will appear on pages 10 and 11.)

Always Learning Something in Music Class!

Submitted by Ms. D. 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.

This month all classes have been learning so much about music. Kindergarten has been working on steady beat; first grade has been working on dynamics and second

grade has been learning about rhythm. It is so exciting to see the student's progression, and we are ready to keep moving forward.

This month our students have been learning a new patriotic song. They will be focusing on this during the New Year. Third grade is gearing up to start learning about recorders. This year has been quite successful and we have only just begun!

The students and I are very excited to continue our musical experience into 2012. There is just one thing that you should never forget and that is: "Without music, life is a journey through a desert!!!"

Fourth Grade Science Projects

Submitted by the Fourth Grade Team

Endangered Species and their Habitats

The fourth grade has been studying endangered species and ecosystems in Science class. What are endangered species and ecosystems, you ask?

Endangered species is a population of organisms which are at risk of being extinct (or completely dying off).

Ecosystems are the living and nonliving things in an area and how they interact with one another.

The fourth grade made shadow boxes to portray the ecosystem their endangered species lives in! The projects were on display in the area outside the High School Placement offices until Holiday break. Here are a few projects for you to enjoy!



PROJECT BY: DARREN HERNANDEZ
RM. 202



PROJECT BY: : JAILENE GUZMAN
RM. 201



PROJECT BY: : AVANI JIMENEZ



LEFT:
PROJECT BY:
SOPHIA
FIGUEROA
RM. 201

Multiplication All-Stars

**Submitted by the Central Campus
Third Grade Team**



In order to motivate the third grade class to master and memorize their multiplication facts, we have introduced the concept of becoming a "Multiplication All-Star." Weekly, the students have a chance to achieve this honor and take a timed multiplication test which focuses on a new factor. If the students can answer 36 multiplication questions correctly in two minutes or less, they earn the title "Multiplication

All-Star." Each time a student achieves a 100% on their quiz, he/she receives a star with his/her name on it in the hallway for all to see. In addition, every all-star student receives a certificate for the successful and speedy completion of the multiplication facts for that week. Students are realizing the rewards of studying hard for their quizzes and noticing that the more they study their multiplication facts the easier it is to become a Multiplication All-Star!



Greeks Bearing Gifts...of Knowledge!

**Submitted by the Sixth Grade Team
6th Grade Students Enter the World of Ancient
Greece**



From Zeus and Hera to the worlds of Athens and Sparta, from the legend of the 300 to the myth of Medusa, the 6th grade students are learning all about Ancient Greece this cycle. The Social Studies unit on

Greece covers the gods and goddesses, the roots of democracy, famous Greek myths, the trial of Socrates, and of course, geography and governmental issues of the city-states. Each student is fully immersed in the study, beginning with writing their names in Greek letters, choosing a god or goddess to illustrate and annotate, reading about the Fall of Troy and Jason and the Golden Fleece, and creating the world of Ancient Greece on the hallway bulletin board.

All democratic governments have their foundation in the world of Greece. The Olympics originate in Greece, the names of stars and constellations come from this world, and some of our most famous leg-

ends and stories have their roots in this ancient culture. One needs only to look at the logo of Foot Locker to see how Greece has shaped today's world. It is important and essential for the 6th grade students to take the time to study this world in depth and to take away knowledge that will last them a lifetime. Of course, the fact that they are having fun at the same time never hurts either!



News From the North Campus Music Room

December is the most exciting time of year for musicians! Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, Los pasados, El nacimiento, Diwali, and all the other holidays about which the eighth grade has been teaching us are linked to traditional songs. The R.T.A. Choir recognizes many of these holidays with songs like "Shalom Chaverim" and "Lord of the Dance/Simple Gifts." In January, moreover, our singers will perform in Spanish at the Three Kings Celebration at the North Ward Center.

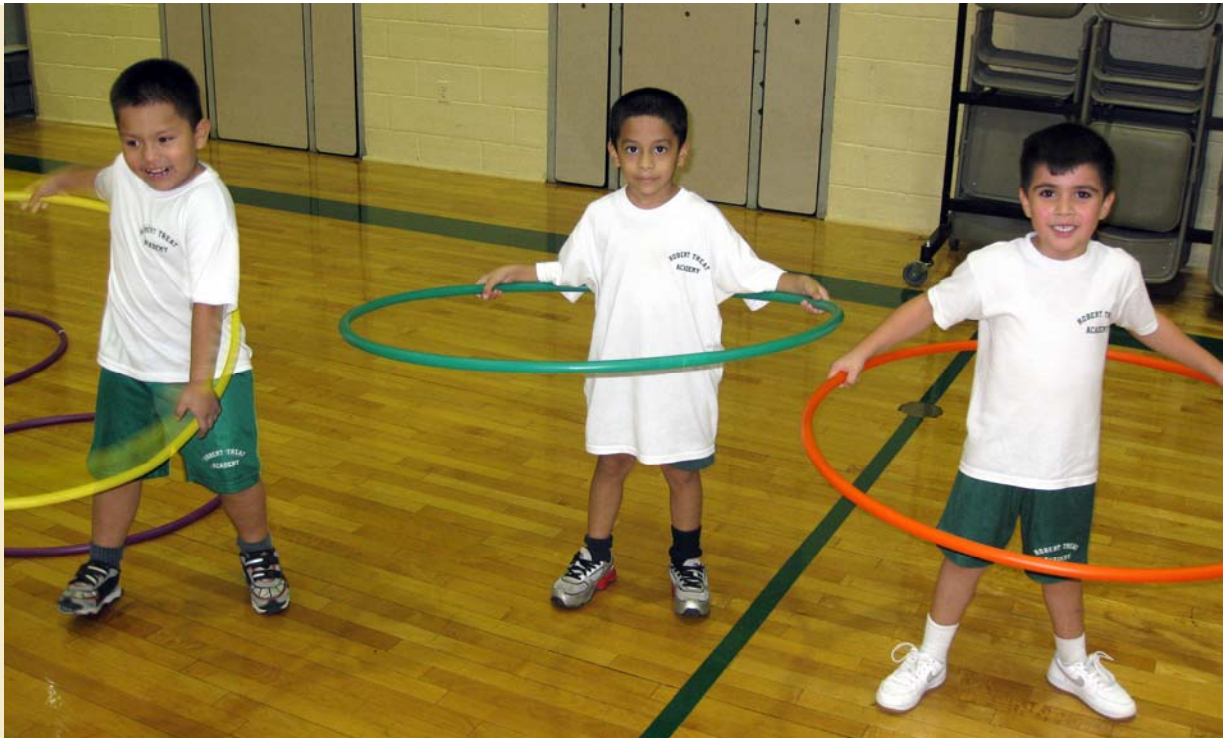
Indeed, winter is thrilling – so much so that many songs are dedicated to the season alone! General music classes have been tracking steady beats with bells in "Jingle Bells," playing recorder for the same song, or playing guitar for "Ode to Joy." The fantastic repertoire that comes with this time of year truly has pushed our skills and prepared us for a highly successful 2012!

News from the North Campus Gym

Submitted by Mr. Ontell North Campus Gym Teacher

Over the past several months our RTA students have had the opportunity to take part in a variety of physical activities, games, and sports with a sub-focus on health. Nutrition has been the main topic for our primary students while the middle grades have learned about the Environment and Six Components that make up a healthy person! Our young students are practicing their eye-hand coordination, balance, and safety while working in

small groups. The 5th through 8th grades have been working on their basketball skills and are participating in Tchoukball, which is a unique game that promotes teamwork and good sportsmanship. Also, RTA recently became members of the United States Tennis Association in the hopes of implementing tennis in to our program! To conclude, our students will be very excited for the upcoming Volleyball Tournament and Old School New School Basketball game.



**ON THE
LEFT!**

**LEFT TO
RIGHT:**

**DAVID
SOLANO,**

**ISIAH
RAMOS**

AND

**JACOB
QUILES**

**ON THE RIGHT!
LEFT TO RIGHT:**

**ANGELA
LAGONIGRO,
GLENDALEY MENDEZ**

AND

DANIEL CRESPO



Encourage your child to read independently each evening!

Don't Live in a Pigsty

**Submitted by the Central Campus
First Grade Team**

During the first grade's reading unit *I am Responsible*, the students have read and discussed many different stories that told the different ways they can be responsible. There was one story in particular that really got their attention titled *Pigsty*. *Pigsty* is about a boy named Wendell who has a messy room. His mom wants him to clean his room because it is "turning into a pigsty". When Wendell decides not to follow his mom's advice about cleaning his room, pigs begin to live in his room. It started with one pig. Then, as Wendell's room got messier, more pigs came to live in his room. At first, Wendell enjoyed the pigs, but then his things began to get broken.

Wendell then decided to ask his mom for help, and she reminded him that his room is his responsibility. Wendell cleans his room and asked the pigs to help. Since the room was clean, the pigs did not want to live there. They packed up and left. Wendell realized that keeping his room clean was a responsibility he was going to keep on doing.

This story was funny and entertaining while at the same time the students



learned about why it is important to keep their room clean. What made it even more fun was when the students were finished with the story, they did a writing activity. The students all pretended that they were Wendell and wrote a diary entry about how the pigs were making them upset. Here are some of their diary entries for you to enjoy:

Dear Diary,

I can't stand these pigs! When will they go? I am so angry! I want them to get out because they are not keeping my room clean!

Sincerely,

Wendell

Written by: A'Nyla Botts

Dear Diary,

I can't stand these pigs. When will they go home? They ate my baseball cards. They chewed my favorite comic book. That's enough! I am mad.

Sincerely,

Wendell

Written by: Raven Burwell

Guided Reading Is Great!

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

First graders are eager to continue to utilize our new Scholastic Guided Reading series. This school wide supplemental reading program is intended to achieve an even higher success rate in literacy as well as provide differentiated instruction for every student. Every morning, first graders have the opportunity to meet in small groups with a teacher. These small groups focus on developing reading comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, oral language, and writing skills. Each time a group meets, they get a new enjoyable non-fiction book that targets a specific skill. The first graders really enjoy reading along with a teacher and getting individualized instruction. Through the use of this program, the first graders are becoming skilled independent readers!



ROBERT TREAT ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

NORTH CAMPUS AND CENTRAL CAMPUS

SCHOOL CALENDARS

2011-2012

SCHOOL CLOSING			# OF DAYS
DATES			STUDENTS / TEACHERS
<u>2012</u>			
January	3	SCHOOL REOPENS	
	16	SCHOOL CLOSED - DR. M. L. KING JR.'S BIRTHDAY	21 / 21
February	17-20	SCHOOL CLOSED – PRESIDENTS' DAY OBSERVANCE	19 / 19
March			22 / 22
April	6-13	SCHOOL CLOSED – SPRING RECESS	15 / 15
	16	SCHOOL REOPENS	
May	28	SCHOOL CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	22 / 22
June	28	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	20 / 20
June	29	EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATION	
July		SCHOOL CLOSED FOR SUMMER RECESS	
TOTAL # OF DAYS – STUDENTS			207
TOTAL # OF DAYS – TEACHERS			210

Jump Aboard the Polar Express

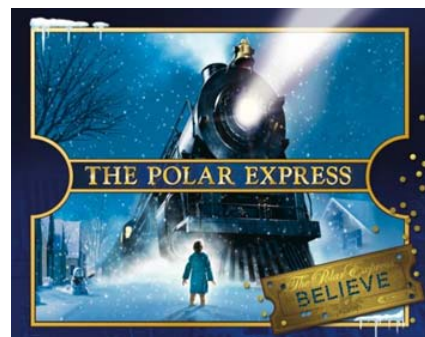
Submitted by the North Campus Kindergarten Team

Kindergarten students took a journey on a steam engine across the Great Polar Ice Cap to the magical city at the North Pole. There, Santa gave out the first gift of Christmas, one small silver bell from his sleigh. All who believe will hear the sound of the bell. We were certainly able to hear it. Some of our favorite quotes will remain in our hearts for years and years to come.

"Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see." - Conductor of the Polar Express

"There's no greater gift than friendship." – Santa Claus

"Though I've grown old, the bell still rings for me, as it does for all who truly believe." – Young Boy



Fire Safety at RTA

Submitted by the North Campus Third Grade Team

During the month of November, the third grade students were able to put their fire safety skills to the test. Firefighter Ralph came to join us from the Belleville Fire Department and the Saint Barnabas Burn Center. Firefighter Ralph brought along with him a miniature mobile home to help demonstrate how fires could be prevented and what you should do if there ever is a fire in your home. The children entered the staged house, which was furnished with a kitchen, living room, bedroom and bathroom. The house was full of different materials that could start a fire in your home and our students were very good at pointing them all out. Firefighter Ralph also discussed the importance of fire smoke detectors, and how and when their batteries should be changed. Firefighter Ralph suggested to use your birthday date to help remember to change the smoke detector batteries at least once a year.

The students' favorite part of the demonstration was when the mobile home started to fill with smoke to replicate a house on fire. The children were required to exit the burning home through a balcony door and climb down a little fire escape ladder. We learned to never re-enter a burning building, make sure your family has a meeting place outside, and when it is appropriate, to stop drop and roll. On behalf of the students and the third grade team we would like to thank Firefighter Ralph, the Belleville Fire Department and St. Barnabas Burn Center for taking the time to come and teach us the necessary procedures when encountered with a fire.



Sixth Grade Learns About Hanukkah First Hand!

Submitted by the Sixth Grade Team

Grade 6 students had the pleasure of a visit from Holocaust survivor, Peter Fleischmann and his wife, Bernice. They came to introduce the students to the Jewish holiday, Hanukkah. Mr. Fleischmann or Peter as the students lovingly call him, brought the story of Hanukkah and explained why it is celebrated for eight days and nights. It seems a long time ago the Jewish Temple was seized by Syrian-Greek soldiers and they dedicated the Temple to honor the god, Zeus. This upset the Jewish people and they tried to take back their property. So a group of rebels named the Macabees fought and indeed they got their Temple back. They celebrated

and tried to clean the Temple from the practices that the Syrian-Greeks had allowed, but they only had a little oil to burn to purify the Temple. They started to burn the small amount of oil and to their surprise it burned for eight days and night. This is the miracle of the Hanukkah oil and it is celebrated every year.

The students also learned about Hanukkah Geld which are special coins given during Hanukkah. Mr. Fleischmann gave the students chocolate geld and then they played Dreidel, which Peter had taught them. It was a fun day and interesting to learn about other cultures and how others celebrate the winter holidays.



SATURDAY CLASS SCHEDULE

2012

January 7th	(3rd through 8th grades)
January 21st	(3rd through 8th grades)
January 28th	(3rd through 8th grades)
February 4th	(3rd through 8th grades)
February 11th	(3rd through 8th grades)
February 25th	(3rd through 8th grades)
March 3rd	(3rd through 8th grades)
March 10th	(3rd through 8th grades)
March 17th	(3rd through 8th grades)
March 24th	(3rd through 8th grades)
March 31st	(3rd through 8th grades)
April 21st	(3rd through 8th grades)
April 28th	(3rd through 6th grades)
May 5th	(3rd and 4th grades)

NJASK Testing for Grades 7 and 8 will begin Monday, April 23rd and end Thursday, April 26th .

NJASK Testing for Grades 5 and 6 will begin Monday, April 30th and end Thursday, May 3rd .

NJASK Testing for Grade 3 will begin Monday, May 7th and end Thursday, May 10th.

NJASK Testing for Grade 4 will begin Monday, May 7th and end Friday, May 11th.

SATURDAY DAILY SCHEDULE

3rd and 4th Grade – 8:15 – 10:30

5th and 6th Grade – 8:45 – 11:00

7th and 8th Grade – 9:15 – 11:30

Beginning Saturday, January 7th the 4th and 8th grades will be adding a Science component to their Saturday schedule and one hour will be added to their allotted time. All other grades will resume as scheduled.

As of January 7th

4th Grade - 8:00 – 11:15

8th Grade - 8:30 - 11:45

3rd, 5th, 6th and 7th grades resume as scheduled above

Calendar of Events

January 16, 2012	Monday	School closed in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
January 19, 2012	Thursday	Board of Trustees Meeting
January 25, 2012	Wednesday	Parent Council Meeting-Central Campus
January 26, 2012	Thursday	Parent Council Meeting-North Campus
February 14, 2012	Tuesday	Happy Valentine's Day
February 16, 2012	Thursday	Parent Council Meeting-Both Campuses at both locations Board of Trustees Meeting
February 17-20	Friday thru Monday	Presidents Weekend Observance

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Seventh Grade Enjoyed "The Outsiders!"

Submitted by the Seventh Grade Team

The 7th grade finished *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. The story is about a group of young boys, known as the Greasers, who are from the "wrong" side of town. The story focuses on their struggles in life and their friendships with each other. The antagonists in the novel are the Socs, short for Socials. They are the privileged kids in town who terrorize the Greasers. Ponyboy, the narrator, is a 14 year-old boy who has faced many hardships. Although the novel is fiction, the story is written as Ponyboy's English composition for his teacher.

Two of the main characters are Ponyboy Curtis and Johnny Cade. The students wrote diary entries as if they were one of these two characters. The students were asked to take on the personality of one of the boys and respond to events in the novel. This strategy assists students with character analysis and point of view. It is important for students to understand characters and their emotions. Many of the students were extremely creative with their writing and they enjoyed the exercise.

