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# Superintendent's Report

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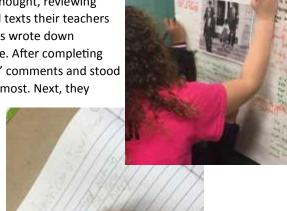




### ARBOR STUDENTS TAKE A WALK THROUGH **HISTORY**

Fifth grade students at Arbor School took a step back into the Civil Rights Era during their Language Arts classes in recognition of Black History Month. During their 'Gallery Walk' students silently moved around the room, deep in thought, reviewing powerful images, videos and informational texts their teachers displayed on particular topics. The students wrote down comments and questions about each image. After completing the gallery walk, students reviewed others' comments and stood next to the photo that impacted them the most. Next, they

created their own title and comments about that image. Students in Mrs. Laura Stoddard's class, after reviewing the story of Ruby Bridges, shared their thoughts about community and school diversity. One student stated, "We have the chance to meet new people and have conversations with them." Mrs. Stoddard noted that this concise statement shows, "We all have something wonderful to share."



#### PISCATAWAY NAMED TO AP HONOR ROLL

Piscataway was named to the College Board AP Honor Roll, one of only 39 high schools in New Jersey to achieve this milestone. Piscataway was named due to achieving the double distinction of building a significant increase in the number of students taking AP courses, while simultaneously increasing the number of students scoring a 3 or above on the AP exams. This could translate to significant college savings for these students, as scoring 3 or above may count for course credit at colleges and universities across the country. Well done, PHS students!

Congratulations to New Jersey's 39 districts on the College Board's AP **District Honor** Roll!



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#### SCHOR STUDENTS VISIT MUSEUM OF MATHEMATICS

Schor students attended a field trip to New York
City's Museum of Mathematics, an award winning
museum that highlights the role of mathematics in
illuminating the patterns and structures all around
us. Students explored the museum's hands on
exhibits and attended a Graph Theory workshop
based on the Bridges of Konigsberg problem,
considered to be the first theorem of graph theory.
Students will be creating their own exhibits inspired
by their trip to be displayed at Schor. The field trip
was sponsored by an Inspire Grant from the
Piscataway Education Foundation.







### CAT IN THE HAT STACKS AT EISENHOWER

Eisenhower second grade math LEAP students celebrated Read Across America Week using the engineer design process! The students completed "Hat Stack," a STEM challenge inspired from the story "The Cat in the Hat." Students were challenged to create the tallest "hat stack" in ten minutes using only paper and cups. Using these materials and limitations, students planned,



engineered, tested, and shared their "Hat Stacks."

### PHS STUDENTS PLACE THIRD IN ETHICS DEBATE

Piscataway High School placed third in two separate groupings at the Stevens Institute Regional Ethics Debate Completion. A total of 18 teams participated. The High School Ethics Debate Competition



introduces students to critical thinking about ethical issues in today's world. Piscataway has had teams place first, second, or third each of the last four years.

### QUI BBLETOWN HOLDS SECOND ANNUAL CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA!

Quibbletown's Second Annual Cultural Extravaganza was a huge success, combining a pot luck dinner with student performances. Students contributed foods that "said something about who they are." The Cultural Celebration that followed included dances, singing, spoken word, Jazz Band and 8th Grade Choir performances. For the finale, all performers sang and played John Lennon's *Imagine*. The performances were repeated during the school day for the entire student body. Those assemblies included a presentation from Raices Cultural Center about their recent relief trip to Puerto Rico. Quibbletown PTG donated proceeds from the November Talent Show to Raices to help fund their trip.



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### PHS ACHIEVES AT TITAN BUSINESS SIMULATION

On Monday, February 5, 16 PHS teams went on to the final round of TITAN Business Simulation Competition. PHS's Team AKA (Adam Liang, Kunal Thakker, and Adam Nathoo) avenged last



year's second place finish to win first place (\$1000), and team NHK (Neel Gandhi, Hammad Ghani, and Kenneth Narvaez) took 3rd place (\$250) at the NJ State Finals of the Junior Achievement TITAN competition today at Ethicon (a Johnson & Johnson Company).

### PHS PRESENTS BROADWAY CABARET

PHS will present a
Broadway Cabaret, a
collaboration between
the vocal music, theater,
and dance departments
at Piscataway High
School, on Friday, March
23 at 7pm in the PAC.
Tickets can be
purchased in advance



for \$10 general admission and \$20 premium seating, at pwaychoir.booktix.com. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

### GLOWFEST GLOW IN THE DARK FITNESS FUN AT KNOLLWOOD

On Friday, February 9, Knollwood Elementary held its annual PTO Glowfest. A total of 450 staff, students



and parents engaged in a rigorous, yet fun night of fitness in the dark. The event was hosted by the PTO and supported an ongoing effort to diversify classroom libraries.

Demonstrations were performed by a dedicated group of 24 Knollwood staff members who enjoyed spending time with students and their families outside of the regular school day.

### PHS WRESLERS INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM WINS

The PHS wrestling team won the District 18 tournament! Individual district champions were Marcus Petite, Michael Petite and Nick Recine who also competed in the region tournament along with



teammates Joseph Hatcher, Elijah Pitt Goodson and Paris Foster. Congratulations also go to Joseph Hatcher for achieving his 100th career win this past season!

## LADY CHIEFS TAKE THE CROWN IN THE GREATER MIDDLESEX CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT

The PHS Lady Chiefs defeated Edison, 51-37, in the championship game of the Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament at the Rutgers Athletic Center in Piscataway. This is the first county tournament title for Piscataway since 2015. Senior LaNiya Miller was named the Most

Valuable Player of the game, scoring 18 points with seven rebounds. Congratulations, Lady Chiefs!



### WELCOME, MS. TANIS!

The district welcomed
Cathline Tanis as the new
PHS English Department
Chair. Ms. Tanis comes to
Piscataway from North
Brunswick, where she taught
English and World Literature.



She is also an Adjunct Instructor of English Composition at Raritan Valley Community College. Ms. Tanis holds a Bachelor's Degree in English and Masters in Education from Rutgers University, and a second Masters in Administration and Educational Leadership from Georgian Court University. Welcome, Ms. Tanis!

### GRANDVIEW FIRST GRADERS AREN'T AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOI F!

First graders enjoyed a special visit with volunteers from the United Way and Johnson & Johnson! They participated in a STEM activity based on the



Three Little Pigs story where they constructed a durable house able to withstand the wind of a hair dryer. Fun was had by all!

#### QUI BBLETOWN STUDENT HAS ART ON DISPLAY AT NJPAC

A painting by Quibbletown 7th grader Gia Patel was selected for exhibition at the Late Winter Juried Art Show sponsored by the Art Educators of NJ, at New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. Gia's work is on display in the Victoria Theater Gallery through April. Stop by the NJPAC gallery to see all the wonderful and creative pieces on exhibit from students across the state.



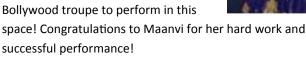
#### MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN REGION ENSEMBLES

Congratulations to middle school music students Huyan Nguyen, 7th Grade Orchestra student at Conackamack Middle School who has been accepted into the CJMEA Region II Chamber Orchestra, and Quibbletown 8th grader James Belyo who has been accepted into the CJMEA Region II Symphonic Band on trumpet.



#### KING STUDENT GOES BOLLYWOOD

Martin Luther King School student Maanvi Bajaj participated in an Indian folk dance performance at Symphony Space Broadway Theater in Manhattan. The Navrang Dance Academy presented "Bollywood Glamour" with choreography by Varsha Naik. Maanvi's dance troupe was the first ever Bollywood troupe to perform in this



#### MORE ACCOLADES FOR PHS ART STUDENTS

Six PHS art students will exhibit in the Middlesex County Youth Art Month this year. Savannah Cook, Santiago Rodriguez, Avia Hurley, Gabriella Ortiz, and Sara Venturi will have work on display at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick from March 11-22, with a closing reception on March 22, from -8:30pm. PHS students Krisha Chavda and Sara Venturi had work selected for the NJ State Youth Art Month exhibition and were honored at the NJ State House on March 9, 2018.







