



PHS/RUTGERS BIOMEDICAL PROGRAM OFFERS ADVANCED EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND COLLEGE CREDITS

Four years ago, Piscataway High School began its BioMedical Career Pathways Program in partnership with Rutgers University. This program introduces students interested in medical sciences to college-level learning and the opportunity to -- along with high school credits -- earn up to 14 Rutgers University credits. These credits can be applied to a Rutgers degree or to a Rutgers transcript to transfer to other colleges and universities. The Piscataway teachers involved in this program, Dr. John Murphy, Ms. Leslie Wilson, and Dr. Lisa Szeto, are all certified as Rutgers Adjunct Professors. We are very pleased to announce the program results for this year's graduating seniors: twenty-three seniors will graduate with fourteen credits; six seniors will graduate with seven credits; five seniors will graduate with three credits. This is a great example of how Piscataway Schools partners with the world-class university within our town and how we develop challenging curriculum within our high school. Congratulations to our students, teachers, and Science Department Chair, Ms. Gita Manchanda.



PISCATAWAY 2017-2018 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Piscataway's 2017-2018 Teachers of the Year!

Megan Suozzo: Piscataway High School
Teresa Michalski: Conackamack
George Batalas: Quibbletown
Jennifer Wilson: Schor
David Gaunt: Arbor
Debra Castellucci: M. L. King
Deborah Gornick: D. D. Eisenhower
Dawn Dombroski: Grandview
Safiya Bodley: Knollwood
Shauna Cunningham: Randolphville
Jenna Shepcaro: Children's Corner



PHS FILM STUDENTS WIN AGAIN MS. ROYSTON RELEASES NEW CD

PHS film students were recognized for more honors:

- "Aphonia" directed by Audrey Visscher was a finalist – in the top 30 out of 180 in New Jersey -- and won first place for opening credit sequence in the Ten-Day Film Challenge.
- "Broken: The Musical," directed by Reese Garcia, won first place for music videos in the Creskill NJHS Film Festival.
- "Broken: Friends," directed by Jenna McKim, was a finalist in the NJHS Five-Day Film Challenge -- one of the top 20 out of 135 submitted films. Lea Rafisura, who won the prestigious best actress award for her role in this film.
- "Broken: Lockdown," directed by Danny Allen, was a finalist in the Five-Day Film Challenge .

Conackamack Music teacher Shamie Royston will launch *Beautiful Liar*, her second CD with her jazz trio, on June 20.

Ms. Royston is an accomplished jazz pianist and composer who shares her passion for music with her students. She introduced Jazz Night at Conackamack two years ago and plans to bring additional new ideas in music to Conackamack and the district. Congratulations, Ms. Royston!



GATOR GREATNESS AT ARBOR

The Gator Greatness Showcase took place at Arbor School on May 22. Families took "gallery walks" and spoke with students who had projects on display in art, literature, technology, science, world language, and instrumental music. Student work included "Adventures of the Sea," a themed art display, and several anti-bullying videos -- written, directed, and performed by students in the Technology Club. Readings featured selections from Arbor's *Fantastic 4 Literary Magazine*. Science Club experiments, Spanish Gifted and Talented students research projects, and performances by the Orchestra, Band, and Hand Bell Choir rounded out the event.



EISENHOWER HERITAGE WEEK

Eisenhower celebrated its first Heritage Week with special presentations from Eisenhower moms who shared their beautiful cultures with the students. Presentations included Indian cultural dancing and an introduction to the Penobscot American Indian Nation, as well as a student fashion show and flamenco dancing. Throughout the week, students visited each other's classrooms and shared cultural research on a "passport tour." Students embraced the diversity of Piscataway and the opportunity to learn from each other.



RANDOLPHVILLE STUDENTS INTERACT WITH SCRATCH

Randolphville students learned a new language – Scratch – in a fun, interactive workshop, Barclays Code Playground. Using Scratch, third graders applied their coding skills to create their own computer games.

Students captured fish and sharks, and designed backgrounds within the program. Exposing elementary students to coding challenges such as this opens doors to further exploration of computer science as they advance through their studies.



ELL STUDENTS LEARN HISTORY

On June 5, Ms. Curry's ESL Jump Start class — which includes middle school English Language Learners from all three middle schools who come from Guatemala, India, Afghanistan, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Iraq, Korea, Ecuador, Pakistan, Egypt, Haiti, and Peru — enjoyed a class trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. Thanks to planning by Ms. Husbands, the students learned first-hand about early US immigration and the history of the Statue of Liberty. It was an exciting and moving day for both the students and their chaperones, Ms. Husbands and Mr. West.



ROBOTICS COMES TO ARBOR AND KING

PHS students, their robotics team coordinators -- and their robots -- visited fourth grade students at Arbor and King. They assisted the younger students in building code and using controllers to complete tasks. The younger students learned of many opportunities available to them to get involved in robotics. Best of all, they learned how teamwork is the most important part!



KNOLLWOOD EXAMINES GOLDILOCKS

Third Grade Law Fair at Knollwood Elementary presented *The Trial of The Three Bears versus Goldilocks* as their mock trial. The



performance chronicled events of the day when Goldilocks entered the Three Bears' house. Students worked diligently while learning about the criminal justice and court system, script development, role playing, and set design. They performed during the school day for teachers and peers, and the following evening for friends and family.

STEAM TEAM BRINGS TOY WARS TO SECOND GRADE STUDENTS

Supervisors and instructional coaches from STEAM fields across the district brought classic toys to each of the elementary schools. Elementary students played with view masters, Slinkys, Rubik's cubes, jacks, xylophones, and shape sorters, and were asked to engineer new designs to enhance the toys. The students offered many imaginative and creative ideas during this challenge.



AUTHOR ELIZABETH EULBERG VISITS GRANDVIEW

Grandview third grade students were excited to meet author Elizabeth Eulberg during her recent visit to the school. The students read and loved



Eulberg's "The Great Shelby Holmes" series during their mystery unit in Readers Workshop. Meeting the author, hearing about her writing process, and having her answer their questions, enriched their reading experience. Mr. Ahrens and Mrs. MacMillan organized the visit.

TEACHERS PARTNER WITH FDU

Eleven Pway teachers continued their own education to help students overcome dyslexia. The teachers



completed a three-credit graduate course at Fairleigh Dickinson University that provided both lecture and practicum experiences for the Orton Gillingham multi-sensory instructional approach to reading, writing and spelling. One of the primary instructor's was Grandview's Support Specialist Leslie Daise, an adjunct professor at FDU.

PHS ART STUDENTS RECOGNIZED



Congratulations to PHS art students Mia Tomasino (first place) and Avia Hurley (second place), and their teacher, Ms. Dorothy Amme, for their winning artwork in the New Jersey Department of Human Services 2018 Teen Media Contest.

FIVE MORE PHS STUDENTS COMMIT TO COLLEGE SPORTS

On Wednesday, May 30, five more student/athletes signed college admission



commitments, bringing the total number for the year to twenty. Following are the student/athletes who committed in May, and the college they will attend in the fall: Eric Hollenbach - Rutgers University - Newark - Men's Volleyball; Jordan Davidson - University of the Sciences - Men's Basketball; Keshawn Grant - College of Saint Elizabeth - Men's Basketball; Nahjir Woods - Wilkes University - Football; John Crearer - New Jersey Institute of Technology - Track and Field.

KNOLLWOOD LEAP STUDENTS FOLLOW EDISON'S FOOTSTEPS

Knollwood's Grade 2 LEAP students took a trip to the Thomas Edison Memorial Tower and Museum in Edison, NJ. After researching Edison's life and inventions, students experienced



"The Wizard of Menlo Park", his laboratory, inventions, experiments, and achievements. Students experimented themselves -- separating iron ore from sand, activating a human battery, turning on and off circuits, and cranking to generate force to power a light bulb.

PHS STUDENTS SCORE IN SCIENCE LEAGUE

PHS student Rishi Patel led Team PHS in Science League, scoring one-hundred-percent on every Chemistry test throughout the year. He was named number one in the state for Chemistry, while steering the team to a sixth place overall finish. Nick Chen also achieved outstanding results, ranking in the top fifteen percent in Chemistry. Other team results included Biology 1 Team: rank 49/124 teams; Biology 2 Team: rank 28/122 teams; and Physics C (AP Physics) Team: rank 36/73 teams. Congratulations to all PHS students who participated in this rigorous academic competition.

PHS STUDENTS BREAK KAHOOT

On Monday, May 14, PHS AP World History students, under guidance from teacher Holly Cregar-Porch, participated in the Third Annual AP World History International Kahoot!



Battle, an online competition that helps students prepare for their AP US History exam. Fifty freshman gathered in F100 and using district laptops and green screens competed with over 6,800 participants. The competition was so intense they broke Kahoot! after twelve questions and completed the Kahoot! verbally. The students enjoyed the experience that helped prepare them for their exam on May 17.

KING TEACHER APPRECIATION

King fourth graders in Rooms 30 and 31 appreciate their educators. Teachers Mrs. Paust



and Mrs. Hutchinson encouraged their students to identify teachers, administrators and support specialists who helped and inspired them throughout the year. Students showed their thanks by writing detailed reasons for their appreciation. The students then used their artistic talents to create portraits of these influential educators.

MS FITNESS CHALLENGE



More than 120 students from all three middle schools competed in the Middle School Fitness Challenge. The PE staff did an amazing job adapting events to the PHS Anthony Gym after unexpected rain. Students competed in multiple fitness activities, including Push Up/Sit Up ; Weight Push; Box Jump; Medicine Ball Toss; Wheel Barrel Race; Relay Race; and Tug of War. Congratulations to Conackamack for winning the team trophy. Thanks go the entire MS PE staff, PHS athletic trainer, Chris Krefski, and PHS PE teacher, Matt Culkin, for their help at the event. Congratulations to Assistant Athletic Director, Julia Schick, for overseeing this successful fitness program.