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Jackson Education Members Join Together During “Day at The Races” Social Event!

On Saturday, May 31st, JEA members and their families gathered at the historic Monmouth Racetrack in Oceanport, NJ, for a day filled with excitement and camaraderie.

Over 100 attendees came together to enjoy thrilling horse races, delicious food, and fantastic company, making it a truly memorable event. From placing friendly wagers to soaking in the lively atmosphere, everyone embraced the spirit of the day, celebrating the strong community that makes JEA special.

Thank you to all who joined—your presence made the event a resounding success!



Stars, Stripes, and Smiles: Switlik Elementary School Kindergarteners Shine at Annual Patriotic Show!

In a heartwarming display of pride and unity, the kindergarteners of Switlik Elementary School brought tears and cheers to a packed audience during their annual Patriotic Show, held Thursday afternoon in the school's gymnasium.

Dressed in red, white, and blue, the young students celebrated America through songs, including sign language, and smiles that lit up the room. Proud parents, grandparents, and community members filled the seats as the children performed classic favorites like "You're a Grand Old Flag," "This Land Is Your Land," and "God Bless America." This event is always a highlight of the year. It's about more than just patriotism—it's about building confidence, community, and an early understanding of what it means to be part of something bigger than yourself.

Highlights included a flag-waving march-in, a video slideshow of the students from during the year and the grand finale song of "I'm Proud to be an American." Teachers and staff worked for weeks preparing the performance, incorporating lessons about our country, community helpers, and national symbols into daily learning.

The Kindergarten Patriotic Show is a beloved tradition at Switlik School, one that continues to inspire pride in both young students and the community around them. It was extra special this year as we were also joined by a few friends from the Administration office, including Jackson School District Superintendent, Mrs. Nicole Pormilli and Assistant Superintendents, Dr. Laura Godlesky and Mr. Robert Rotante. We were so happy to see them attend and have an opportunity to watch these wonderful children perform like seasoned professionals.



Goetz Middle School Peer Leaders Create Connections & Promote Togetherness!

Middle school peer leaders are vital in creating an inclusive and supportive school environment. These student leaders take on meaningful responsibilities that strengthen school spirit and help build a sense of belonging among their peers.

One of their key roles is welcoming new students. Peer leaders provide guided tours of the school, helping newcomers feel more comfortable and confident as they adjust to a new setting. Acting as friendly and knowledgeable guides, they answer questions, highlight important areas, and introduce staff and fellow students. Their welcoming efforts help new students feel connected from their very first day.

Beyond welcoming new students, peer leaders also lead school-wide initiatives that promote kindness and connection. In the fall, they participated in Unity Day and the Kindness Celebration. Before winter break, they organized a gratitude activity to celebrate and appreciate teachers. They wrote thoughtful messages and helped create a festive display to express the school's appreciation for their teaching. Peer leaders also step into teaching roles, delivering mini-lessons in sixth-grade homerooms. These lessons focus on social-emotional learning topics such as respect, responsibility, and teamwork.

By modeling positive behavior and leading by example, peer leaders show how student leadership can foster a caring and respectful school culture. Group advisors are school counselors Ms. Ariety Fellenz and Mrs. Susan Kratz.





Pre-School Family Night Event at H.C. Johnson Elementary School!

Our 3rd Family Night of the year was held on April 9th at HCJ Elementary School. The theme was “We’re Stepping into Kindergarten”! It was a successful and fun evening with over 30 families who participated!

Our Family Night focused on Kindergarten readiness and we had two of our wonderful Kindergarten teachers Cindy Engle and Christine Temple give a presentation on what to expect in Kindergarten and how to prepare you preschoolers for kindergarten!

We also had our Community Partners join us, including the Jackson Police Dept, The Ocean County Library, and the Girl Scouts all joined us for the fun!

Fun was had by all, there were educational games and interactive activities for the families to enjoy- as well as light refreshments and a raffle with two winners!



Jackson Liberty High School Seniors Participate in Express Enrollment Day!

On Friday, May 16th, Jackson Liberty Guidance Department joined about 40 seniors on a trip to Ocean County College. Titled Express Enrollment Day, the day consisted of small group advising and scheduling, a tour of the campus, lunch, and completion of their student IDs.

This is the culmination event of the College Pathways Program. The College Pathways Program supports and assists high school seniors with the transition to college – regardless of where they choose to attend. The program is designed to eliminate barriers to college entrance through discussions on: The college selection process, college applications, funding college and financial aid, FAFSA & scholarship application completion, career, degree planning, and advisement.

The College Pathways Program allows high school seniors to make confident, informed choices about their futures and receive guaranteed lifetime acceptance to OCC.



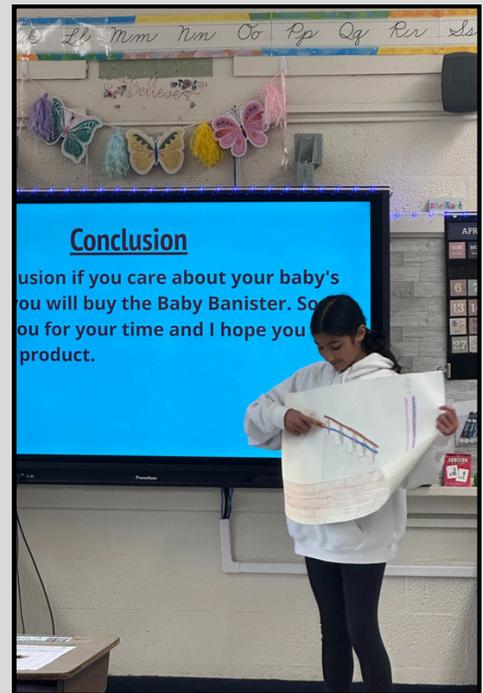
Jackson Talented and Gifted Program Hosts Thrilling Shark Tank Project at Switlik Elementary School!

The Jackson Talented and Gifted (JTAG) Program recently wrapped up an exciting and innovative Shark Tank-inspired project. The project, a part of the TAG curriculum for 4th and 5th graders, challenged students to think creatively, collaborate with others, and present their ideas in front of a panel of “Sharks” – teachers and administrators who acted as investors.

Under the guidance of JTAG advisors, Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Magee, students were tasked with developing a unique product or service, writing a business plan, and preparing a pitch to present to the “Sharks.” The goal was not only to foster entrepreneurial skills but also to encourage problem-solving, public speaking, and teamwork – essential skills that will benefit the students for years to come. Mrs. Magee, one of the lead advisors for the project, explained, “This project is designed to give our students a real-world experience in business and entrepreneurship. It’s a fun, engaging way to learn about the process of turning an idea into a product, while also building their confidence and public speaking skills.”

The event culminated in a live pitch session, where students presented their ideas to a panel of “Sharks” made up of school staff, including Administrators Mr. Saulnier and Mrs. Lambert, as well as Mr. Autenreith, Mrs. Magee, and Mrs. Gilmore. The students’ presentations were impressive, with each student demonstrating thorough knowledge of their product, the potential market, and their financial projections.

As the TAG program continues to inspire the next generation of thinkers, problem-solvers, and leaders, the Shark Tank project stands out as a shining example of how hands-on, experiential learning can engage students and prepare them for future success.



Carl W. Goetz Middle School Tackles Substance Use and Abuse!

One aspect of a Student Assistance Coordinator (SAC) is intervention and prevention of substance use. This is exactly what Goetz Middle School Student Assistant Coordinator Stacey Fisk does so passionately as it's such a serious topic in all schools throughout the country. Back on Thursday November 17, 2024 the DART Coalition of Ocean County, Institute for Prevention and Recovery, came to Goetz to train a select group of students on many topics.

The Coalition focuses on preventing underage drinking, prescription drug abuse and the illegal use of marijuana and tobacco and vaping in Ocean County. The coalition helps to train and advise our students on these topics. DART (YPC) used many team building activities to share information with our students as well as to assist the peer leaders with getting comfortable enough with themselves, to then be able to work assisting their peers with any issues that might come up during the school day and need attention.

DART facilitators, along with advisor/SAC Stacey Fisk collaborated with the Goetz National Junior Honor Society, YPC members and peer leaders on many topics including vaping and tobacco use. The central focus is helping to educate, prevent and stomp out smoking, vaping and all other forms of substance use. Our YPC members have written, created and filmed several PSA's for our school to view on Goetz live. We are all working together to "stomp out" these issues.



Lucy N. Holman Elementary School 5th Graders Design Cardboard Zoo Projects!

Whenever a student can learn through both research and hands-on activities, the better their experience always is.

Check out what the 5th graders at Holman Elementary School recently developed as the kids each made animals out of cardboard boxes, researched facts about their animals, and then presented their projects to their grown-ups at a special assembly. To top it all off, they also took a class trip to the Popcorn Park Zoo where they were treated to seeing real live animals in their own natural habitats..



Elms Elementary 1st & 2nd Graders Code in Student Play Code Club!

The 1st and 2nd grade students work so well collaboratively at Elms Elementary School. Not only do they enjoy listening, learning and Coding with Awbie using Osmo's and iPads, but these students also completed unplugged coding with the Code and Go Mouse Activity, under the direction of computer teacher Mrs. Sendecki. Thank you to the Elms PTN for supporting all of our student clubs!!



Elms Elementary 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Engineer in Bots & Beyond Club!

Each week students in grades 3-5 moved to a different robot station where they continue to learn hands on by problem solving and critical thinking. Under the direction of teacher Mrs. Sendecki, these students had the opportunity to manipulate and navigate all 4 robots through coding and design!

The students worked with Wonder Dash in the Blockly App, Wonder Cue in the Cue App, Sphero Bolt on the Sphero Edu app all on iPads, and Cubelets, which are modular robot blocks. They were used to design mobile robots using videos on Chromebook, and the students' creativity and imagination.

Our club was a great success; many exciting adventures were had each week! Thank you to the Elms PTN for supporting all of our clubs!



H.C.Johnson Science Fair Exemplifies Student Ideas & Creativity!

The recent H.C. Johnson 5th grade Science Fair was a stellar success, with this year's theme centered on space, the planets, and space exploration. Students worked in teams to research, design, and create engaging projects that showcased their knowledge and creativity—from models of the solar system to interactive displays about astronaut life.

The event was attended by enthusiastic visitors, including students from preschool through 4th grade, as well as proud parents who came to support and celebrate our young scientists. The fair not only highlighted the students' hard work and teamwork but also inspired curiosity and excitement about space for all who attended.



McAuliffe Middle School Hosts Innovative Shark Tank Inspired Enrichment Program!

This past February, the JTAG program at McAuliffe Middle School presented their Shark Tank business models on their Presentation Night. Meeting weekly, a select group of invited students worked closely with advisors, Mrs. Clauburg and Mrs. Sampson, to develop original business plans and models, inspired by the popular television show Shark Tank.

Each student created a print advertisement and a commercial to accompany their product. The evening was a showcase of talent and ingenuity, with students confidently presenting their businesses and fielding questions from potential investors.

Attendees of the presentation were able to invest in products with "McAuliffe Money" and awards were given to the top three earners. The products included businesses as Elepante Blanc (gift giving service), On the Flip Side (reversible purses), and VisAlert (an evacuation alarm that connects to watches).

At the end of program celebration, the top three students' presentations were recognized, and two students were awarded certificates of achievement for their exceptionally detailed project protocols, highlighting their dedication and professionalism.

The enrichment program not only encouraged students to think creatively and critically but also helped build valuable skills in communication, collaboration, and entrepreneurship. It was a memorable experience for all involved—and a proud moment for Christa McAuliffe Middle School Enrichment Program.



Elms Elementary Students Study Engineering Through LEGO Bricks and Kits!

Under the expert direction of Elms' teacher Mrs. Sendeki, the 1st & 2nd grade students used the LEGO Race Car Kits to build any vehicle or multiple transportation vehicles. They created whatever their imaginations came up with and many enjoyed working together in a group.

Students in our 3rd through 5th also created amazing LEGO projects with our LEGO Gadget Kits! These students enjoyed building catapults, mixers, all kinds of gadgets - and many additional items that they created as well and the results were awesome. Thank you to the Elms PTN for supporting all of our student clubs!



Preschool Family "Prom" Night Held at Switlik Elementary School!

The Jackson School District Preschool Department recently had their 4th and final Family Night of this school year at Switlik Elementary. The theme was "Preschool Prom" and it was certainly our biggest outcome ever! We had over 250 families join us for this very special event which was such a huge success, and absolutely adorable to experience for all attendees!

We had a DJ, face painters, games and even a multi-color balloon arch with endless photo opportunities! The children had so much fun dancing with their friends, and playing games led by the DJ. Needless to say, Preschool Family Night was a night to remember for all!

Thanks to our entire Preschool team and administrators for all of their absolute support to help make this such a magical event that all will remember for years to come!



Christa McAuliffe Middle School Jazz Band Captures Numerous Awards During “Jackson Liberty High School Jazz Festival!”

On Saturday, April 5th McAuliffe was one of five middle school jazz bands that competed at the Jackson Liberty High School Jazz Festival. The students did an outstanding job and the judges were blown away.

McAuliffe won two of the four section awards, taking home Best Saxes and Best Trumpets. Two outstanding musician awards, one for 8th grader Josie Wolfe on the tenor saxophone and another for 8th grader Kai Williams on vocals. An Outstanding Soloist award to Kai Williams for his performance as the vocalist on My Funny Valentine.

McAuliffe also brought home the best overall band award, coming in first place over the other middle schools. The McAuliffe Jazz Band is under the direction of Mrs. Kylie Malarich.



Art & Athletics Happening at Lucy N. Holman Elementary School!

On Thursday, March 27, 2025, the hallways of Holman Elementary School were transformed into a museum of wonderful creations as the school held an Art Fair to showcase the creativity of its students.

Under the direction of art teacher Ms. Kim Castellano, students in grades K-5 studied various artists and art concepts, creating their own inspired works. After touring the Art Fair, families headed to the Holman Gymnasium to watch our annual March Madness basketball game, with Holman 5th grade students facing off against more than a dozen Holman staff members.

The competition was fierce, but ultimately the 5th graders prevailed over the Holman Staff to win the game! Congratulations on the big win, 5th Graders!



Jackson Memorial High School Band Members Recognized For Their Talents!

This past Tuesday, seven Jackson Memorial High School Band students auditioned for the All Shore Band Directors Association (ASBDA) Honors Symphonic Band. They took time over the last several months to prepare a professional level solo on their respective instruments. They presented portions of this solo to a panel of judges and were assessed on their performance ability.

Based on this assessment, six of the seven have been invited to perform with this Honors Band! This band will comprise of the best musicians in both Ocean and Monmouth Counties! They will rehearse over the next two weeks and then present their final concert at the Michael T Lake Performing Arts Center at Neptune High School on Saturday, April 5th.

Please help us congratulate these students on their acceptance and upcoming performance experience!

- Morgann Thomas - Clarinet (10th Grade)
- Natalie Itwaru - Clarinet - (9th Grade)
- Vanessa DeSouza - Trumpet (11th Grade and 4th Chair Trumpet!)
- Mariella Morales - French Horn (12th Grade and 1st Chair Horn!!!)
- Daniel Dipierro - Euphonium (10th Grade)
- Christopher Robinson - Timpani (10th Grade)

As always, thank you for your continued support of the performing arts in the Jackson School District!

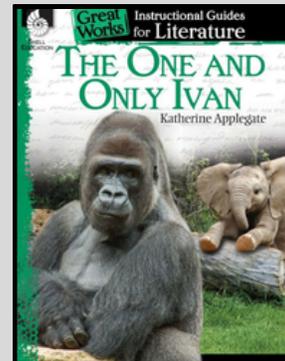
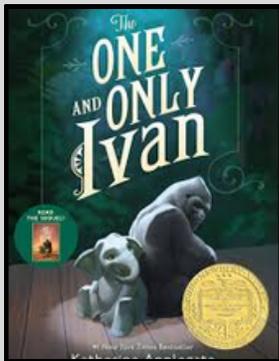


Crawford-Rodriguez Students Read & Meet “The One and Only Ivan!”

There’s always something new and exciting happening at Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary School. Ever since we had the privilege of welcoming our Rosenauer family into the building, it seems that the experiences for all have become even more interesting and amazing. This was indeed a perfect example as a classroom of students read the book *The One and Only Ivan*, written by author Katherine Applegate.

Students were amazed as they studied this story about a captive gorilla named Ivan and were able to discuss all the events together during collaborative group discussions as they progressed through the story. But the best part was at the end when they all were treated by a special visitor, which was Ivan himself.

Thanks to all for making this event such a great journey, and special thanks to Mrs. Koopman for helping to bring the story to life by organizing Ivan to make his own personal appearance. This was certainly an amazing experience that our students will not soon forget!



Christa McAuliffe Middle School Educator Coordinates 4th Annual McAuliffe Color Run!

It’s been a great spring at McAuliffe Middle School, which recently held their 4th Annual Color Run on Saturday, April 5.

Under the direction of “Color Run” advisor Katie Chinery, our staff, students, and their families got covered in all sorts of safe and colorful powder as they enjoyed a fun morning participating in games!

We hope this successful event continues throughout our district for many years to come as it truly inspires all of us to respect one another and work together in order to achieve common goals!



Christa McAuliffe Middle School Inspires Cast & Crew During Their Spring 2025 Performance of “The Lion King Jr!”

McAuliffe's last musical, *The Lion King Jr.*, was performed on March 21st and 22nd. Under the direction of Mrs. Kylie Malarich and Mrs. Nicole Santoro, with choreography by Ms. Ashley Scellato, the students performed beautifully!

The students' performance of 3 part harmonies, advanced dancing, and beautiful artwork, enchanted audiences during all three shows and made McAuliffe's last musical ever something to remember.

Kai Williams, an 8th Grader who played Mufasa and adult Simba said, "My experience during *The Lion King Jr.* was pretty amazing. I enjoyed every part of spending time with my friends during rehearsal, and being the best I could be to my fullest potential. We would always have so much fun during practice, and all the times we danced and sang together were so amazing to me. I overall would do this play with the same individuals all over again if I could."

Cecilia Polos, a 6th grader who played young Nala and was a featured dancer said, "It was a magical experience to be on that stage for the first time."

Josie Wolfe, an 8th grader who acted as Student Director this year said, "Working together on this show made all of us connect on a different level that is really special to me."

Breanna Kosarin, an 8th grader who played adult Nala said, "I'm glad I got to spend my 8th-grade year with all of the drama kids and I am happy I got to meet the 6th graders before I went to high school. Meeting everyone this year made me feel so special because they all cared about performing something really remarkable."



Lucy N. Holman Elementary Celebrates Read Across America in Style!

On the evening of March 5, 2025, Holman Elementary School held their Read Across America Pajama Party for students and their families. Kids came back to school that night dressed in their pajamas and watched Holman staff members perform a show of Dr. Seuss's book *The Lorax*.

Students were also served refreshments, and families were invited to shop at the HOPE-sponsored Scholastic Book Fair taking place that evening. More than 40 Holman Staff members participated that night, giving of their own time to perform on stage, or help take tickets and direct attendees, or to hand out refreshments.

This event was sponsored by the Jackson Education Association and Holman's PTA, HOPE (Holman Organization of Parents and Educators). It was a great evening bringing together families and educational staff to celebrate the fun of stories!



Crawford OCHD Health Lessons Promote Self Awareness and Healthy Habits!

The Ocean County Health Department came to Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary once again to give their research based prevention programs, Footprints and Unique You.

Through these programs, students in second and third grade become more aware of their feelings and learn positive ways to deal with them. They also develop greater sensitivity to others feelings. Students learn cooperation, teamwork, how to make wise decisions, say "no" and how to solve problems.

These programs make a good classroom, even better. Additionally, the Ocean County Health Department also came back to the building at a later date in order to give every fifth grade classroom a personal hygiene lesson.



The Letter “F” Stands for “Fashion” in Lucy N. Holman Kindergarten Classroom!

In Mrs. Albertino’s Kindergarten class at Holman Elementary, “F” stands for fashion! After mastering the recognition of letters and their names, the kindergarteners celebrated with an exciting ABC Fashion Show on March 7th, 2025, alongside their 5th-grade buddies from Mrs. Major’s class.

Each young participant showcased their creativity by using pictures, words, drawings, or objects that began with their assigned letter, which they proudly glued onto their paper bag vests. Many students brought along additional items starting with the same letter to truly “show off” their thematic outfits. With the guidance and support of Mrs. Major’s students, the kindergarteners crafted drawings and added vibrant pictures to personalize their vests.

The event culminated in a lively walk down the ABC runway, where the students posed with flair and confidence! To top off the celebration, they sang their hearts out, rocking out with inflatable guitars to a medley of ABC songs. The day was filled with joy and excitement, marking a memorable experience as the students showcased what they learned about the letters of the alphabet!



Jackson Police Officer Welcomed to Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary School as Classroom Guest Reader!

Recently Mrs. Carbo and her 5th grade classroom had a very special guest walk into their doors during their literacy lesson. Yes, it was Jackson Police Officer Conti who came to meet all of her students before sitting with all to read a story outloud to all. This was such a pleasure as the connections between children and our local first responders is such an important theme for all of us to promote. Not only did the students enjoy having Officer Conti visit, but we know he was just as moved meeting all of them as well. We hope to see him back in our building soon, and perhaps he can bring more of his co-workers with him as well.



Jackson Memorial Jaguar Band Continues Their Fabulous Journey to The City of Brotherly Love!

Twenty five of our amazing and talented student musicians from the Jackson Memorial High School Band recently had the opportunity to observe an open rehearsal of the Philadelphia Orchestra! The orchestra performed one of Beethoven's most beloved Symphonies (Symphony No. 3 "Eroica") along with Ravel's Piano Concerto for Left Hand. The latter piece was unbelievably creative as the piano soloist performed a full blown piano concerto literally with one hand.

Band director Mr. Jason Diaz had initially thought the soloist would only play a limited range of the keyboard, but to his surprise he eventually realized that this musician had used every key on the instrument. Mr. Diaz said that if he had closed his own eyes, he would have believed that the soloist had used both hands!

This was an amazing experience for all who attended and we do want to thank the Jackson Education Association and the Jackson School District for always supporting our music programs. Having these students being able to experience their first orchestral concert yesterday is a testament to the importance that our district places on the creative art programs in the Jackson Schools.



Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary School Welcomes Author Eleni Theodorou For Anti-Bullying Assemblies!

Recently, the Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary School welcomed author and presenter Eleni Theodorou for six inspiring anti-bullying assemblies!

Through her work, Noko The Knight Busts Bullying, Eleni Theodorou focuses his presentation assembly on promoting kindness.

Students in each grade listened to our guest author as she read one of her books, which allowed all to learn coping skills and much more in this interactive assembly!



Lucy N. Holman COMPASS Programs Promote Student Growth!

The Holman Elementary School certainly focuses on reaching students of all learning levels, backgrounds, and abilities. Students in grades K & 1 were treated to "The Happy Habits Club," which focuses on social and emotional learning by teaching students about random acts of kindness and emotional intelligence. The session integrates mental wellness principles through storytelling and interesting activities.

Our 2nd grades were able to experience a "Mindfulness" presentation designed to educate students on the difference mindfulness can have. Participants learned basic regulation tools to navigate through daily stressors naturally. Our 3rd graders studied "Stress Reduction," which seeks to equip students with techniques and strategies to manage stress effectively and enhance their overall well-being. Our 4th graders learned about "Conflict Resolution," in which students learned what conflict is, the different ways individuals react to conflict, and how they can resolve conflict in healthy ways. Last but not least, our 5th graders focused on "Healthy Habits," as we promote a culture of healthy habits among students and emphasize its positive impact on mental health. Students of all grades left their presentations feeling empowered to make informed choices for long-term benefits.



Crawford-Rodriguez Wellness Committee Focuses on Staff Self Care!

Experts agree that the best way to take care of students is to make sure that the people who interact most with them are taking care of themselves. That is exactly the objective of the Wellness Committee at Crawford-Rodriguez Elementary School! The Wellness Committee came up with many ideas to help promote the staff's physical and mental health. In January and February, spearheaded by nurse Donna Wharton, they conducted a challenge for all staff. This wellness challenge had participants getting to work early to walk, parking far away from the building, drinking their water, doing circuits and much much more! There were winners for different challenges several times a week and fun was had by all! Most importantly, many staff started and continued on in their healthy lifestyles and this is something that will ultimately influence the students that they interact with daily.



Jackson Memorial High School Student Wellness & Resource Fair Welcomes Local Community Members!

The students of JMHS recently had the opportunity to participate in the Jackson Memorial Student Wellness and Resource Fair on December 18, 2025. Led by the JMHS SAC, Laureen Caggiano, and school counselor, Maryann Stenta, the JMHS student prevention club, JagP.A.W.s, led the charge in organizing over twenty-two local resources to come out to Jackson Memorial High School for the day and educate the students about the local mental health and substance abuse resources they have in the community.

Students were able to collect information, ask questions and participate in a variety of different activities with the local providers and organizations. There were a variety of local resources in attendance including, but not limited to, Jackson Township Police Department, Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, three therapy dogs, The Brain Injury Alliance, the Ocean County Health Department, Common Ground Grief Center, GenPsych, COMPASS, Preferred Behavioral Health, Hackensack Meridian Health, RWJBarnabas, the MARINES, SPTS, among others. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to learn about their local resources and raise awareness about mental health and substance abuse/use.

A special thank you goes out to the JMHS student prevention club, JagP.A.W.s for their hard work and commitment to raising awareness about these topics and the JTV students who filmed the event; the event's success would not have been possible without all of you! Truly, the JMHS prevention club, JagP.A.W.s, and the Jackson Television (JTV) students are all rockstars!



National Honor Society Adviser Organizes Fun & Creative Paint Night at Jackson Memorial High School!

On December 6th, 2024 the National Art Honor Society at Jackson Memorial High School held their 6th annual Paint Night. Under the direction of Jackson Memorial art teacher and National Honor Society adviser Lisa Stallone, the 39 members of the society spent the evening guiding the 70 painters through a step by step painting for the evening.

With the generous donations for painting supplies provided by the NJEA Pride grant the painters were able to complete their own vibrant paintings of a landscape with trees. Participants remark how they look forward to this event every year. It is a wonderful event that brings the community together through art.

National Art Honor Society adviser Lisa Stallone says that "this event is our most successful scholarship fundraiser of the year. But what is the most important is how it brings everyone together; the students become the teachers, leading family and friends through creating something beautiful."



Switlik Staff Competes Against The World Famous Harlem Wizards!

One thing that the students at Switlik Elementary School love is whenever they get to see their teachers doing something outside of their regular classroom. This was certainly one of those times as our staff came together as one team to challenge the world famous Harlem Wizards, who are some extremely talented and acrobatic basketball players. But when you have such motivated staff as we do, they always rise up to any challenge.

Our students and their families got to see such a close game as our team held their own and even carried a lead right up until the final minutes. Unfortunately we didn't actually win the game but we did win the respect of our opponents and most importantly, our entire Switlik family had so much fun cheering us on all night long.



Fabulous Adventures and Amazing Student Events Always Happening at Jackson Liberty High School!

The students and staff at Jackson Liberty High School are always up to something that's both educational and fun. Check out some of the recent events that have been occurring this spring, starting with the Adventure Bound trip, organized by our outdoor adventurer Mr. Dzienkiewicz. Of course it wouldn't be the spring time season if we didn't have our annual "Feronies" show, organized and presented by our amazing Mr. Harry Ferone.

But perhaps the most exciting thing happening for many of our students is their own future and planning beyond our hallways, and that is what "College Decision Day" was all about. Our seniors, no matter what their path may be come July, are already preparing for their own personal journey as they take the knowledge, skills, and guidance that they received during their many years as a Jackson School District student.

Our Guidance Department and all district staff certainly wish all of them success in all that they do, and we're confident that each and everyone on of them will be doing many great things to come!



Assistant Superintendent Dr. Godlesky Makes a Special Visit During “Fun Friday” Event at Crawford-Rodriguez!

Recently, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Laura Godlesky visited students in Mrs. Barry and Mrs. Tilsner’s second grade class at Crawford-Rodriguez for a very special “Fun Friday”. On these “Fun Fridays”, an opportunity is provided for parents and other community members to come in and read a story in person to the students.

As always, the kids always enjoy listening whenever a special guest comes into read, and also works together with them to complete a fun craft afterwards. This certainly sounds like a fantastic experience for not only the students, but the teachers and special guests as well. We certainly know how much fun Dr. Godlesky had and we hope to see her back in our building again.



Goetz Middle School Students Inducted in National Junior Honor Society!

A select group of Goetz Middle School students were inducted into The Imani Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society on May 29th. These students worked extremely hard to earn their spot in this amazing club. The inductees will go on to be the first NJHS members at the new Jackson Township Middle School.

Next year these inductees will be joined by the McAuliffe Middle school inductees to form one club. Goetz Advisor Stacey Fisk is looking forward to the merger of the two schools." This merger brings many new and fabulous opportunities for all members." The final induction was bittersweet for all involved, but moving forward, we will represent all Jackson Middle Schoolers as one cohesive group.

Special thanks to the NJEA for supplying a PRIDE Grant that supplied all of our snacks and supplies needed to make this event an even bigger success.



Switlik 4th & 5th Grade End of Year Carnivals Celebrate Many Years of Hard Work & Dedication During Elementary School Journey!

It wouldn't be a proper send off to middle school if the Switlik PTN and staff didn't allow for our 4th and 5th graders to have a little fun before the move up to their next grade level. As Switlik School does annually, we celebrated our current Switlik graduates with a special outdoor carnival, which is a day-long celebration of skills games, inflatables, slides, staff dunk tanks, and of course all the food and ice cream that they can eat.

Always an amazing day, but the best is at the conclusion when all students get to experience a bubble foam dance party where they certainly get to celebrate all of their accomplishments together. Although everyone had so much fun during this day, it's not lost on our entire Switlik community that we are soon saying goodbye to them, however we know that we sent them off in style and that each and everyone of these students will continue to grow and be successful in their journeys to come.



JEA Members Support Annual POAC Walk for Autism Awareness!

It was a wonderful day for the Jackson Education Association, as they joined together to support the annual People of All Communities (POAC) Walk for Autism Awareness. This wonderful event took place on Sunday May 18th in Lakewood, NJ at the FirstEnergy ballpark, which most of you recognize as the home of the Blue Claws.

Special thanks to the JEA members that participated in this POAC Walk for Autism Awareness. We are so proud that our JEA had multiple teams walking in conjunction with our own district wide initiative to raise funds for this very important and worthwhile cause.



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