



## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

### Harvard Study Adds to Growing Body of Evidence About Progress in Newark Schools

Dear Friend of NPS,

We recently received the results of a Harvard University study that identified progress made in Newark Public Schools. The study says we are seeing positive results for students and that reforms have empowered families to choose better schools for their children. The study finds results when examining growth on scores between 2010-11 and 15-16, shows that 'between-school reforms' have driven a majority of this growth. Today, thousands more Newark students are reading and doing math on grade level than just a few years ago and as a result, these students have a better chance at attending college or pursuing a meaningful career when they leave our schools, according to the report. Overall, this information shows,

**1)** Newark Schools are providing better results for students, **2)** Reforms have empowered parents and they are choosing wisely; and **3)** This is one more piece of data in a growing body of evidence that shows how reforms are now improving life outcomes for Newark students. The sum of these results show us that thousands more Newark students are reading and doing math on grade level, and graduating on time, than there were in 2010. This is the goal of any educational improvement effort and our hope is to build on this progress and continue to improve these outcomes for Newark students.



Superintendent Christopher Cerf

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Hawthorne Avenue Elementary School Celebrates Child Health Day

**Hawthorne Avenue** recently celebrated Child Health Day by engaging students in different forms of exercise and nutrition; track and field, volleyball, jump rope and yoga. Students in grades preK to 8, participated in a fun day of moving away from the desk and computers to participating in fun events that promote wellness, according to CES Marqese Singleton.



The staff and community partners (Nike, Food Corps, a Zumba Dance Troop, and Whole Foods) conducted a nutrition corner to discuss the negative side of sugar intake, particularly through the popular drinks many students drink. "This was the school's fourth annual Child Health Day Celebration," according to Principal H. Grady James IV, who organized the annual event after the physical education teacher requested the school to observe such an important initiative. "We look forward to continuing to focus on health not just on Child Health Day, but everyday!"

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/17-19 8 Schools will participate in a Newark Murals Tour
- 10/19 Know Your Rights Workshop
- 10/25 Professional Development Day (Schools Closed)
- 10/26 Special Education Parent Advisory Council
- 10/27 Deadline to apply for Sprint's no-cost smartphone
- 11/1 Local Control Planning Meeting (5 Locations)
- 11/7 Election Day (Schools Closed)
- 11/9-10 PR Recognition Day/Veterans Day (Schools Closed)
- 11/19 Parents as Partners: Embracing Diversity
- 11/20 Hawthorne: Ribbon cutting of newly remodeled Parent Room Sponsored by IKEA

## SPORTS CORNER



### New York Giants Visit NPS

The New York Giants recently presented a check for \$10,000 each to the **Central High School** and **Weequahic High School** football teams. Go Blue Devils! Go Indians! Congratulations!

Photos by City of Newark Press Office



MORE ON THE REVERSE





## School District Develops Plan to Accept Students Relocating to Newark

**Newark Public Schools (NPS)**, has begun accepting donations from parents and students in every school for Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief efforts. Recently, Superintendent Cerf joined Baraka, the United Way of Essex and West Hudson and a number of other agencies at a press conference to develop a plan and pledge support to help the people of Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria. "School leadership will be working with the entire school community to participate in this district-wide humanitarian effort," said Superintendent Cerf. **"Our school district is home to thousands of people of Puerto Rican descent, many of whom have relatives living in Puerto Rico** - so it is our responsibility to help where we can and to engage others to do the same." The Puerto Rico Relief Effort is being coordinated through the Office of Family and Community Engagement. Requested items include new or gently used summer clothing, baby and adult diapers, toothpaste and toothbrushes, feminine hygiene products and clothing for all ages.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## NPS Launches Parents Workshop in Each Ward

NPS' Family and Community Engagement will host a series of workshops for parents of children attending a NPS school. The **Parents As Partners Institute** is a 5-week intensive Parental Engagement and Advocacy class based in the neighborhood in which schools are located. The Institute, which is being launched this year, helps parents understand educational policy, home-school connection linked to learning, developing a personal story, identifying aspects of high quality education, PARCC testing/assessments; and key conversations with elected officials and local leaders. According to Executive Director of FACE, Margarita Muniz, the goal is to foster a Home-to-School Connection, increase Parent Leadership Skills and Network with fellow parents for the success of all Newark Public Schools students. Child care for children 4 to 10 years of age is available and dinner is served at all sessions. To register, please notify the Community Engagement Specialist at your local school.

#### FALL SESSIONS

##### SOUTH

**Spencer Miller Community School**  
66 Muhammad Ali Ave.  
6-8pm

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
OCT 04	OCT 11	OCT 18	OCT 25	NOV 01

##### WEST

**Westside High School Campus**  
403 South Orange Avenue  
6-8pm

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
NOV X	NOV 08	NOV 15	NOV 21	NOV 29

##### NORTH

**Roberto Clemente**  
257 Summer Ave  
6-8pm

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
NOV X	NOV 08	NOV 15	NOV 21	NOV 29

##### CENTRAL

**Camden Street School**  
281 Camden Street  
6-8pm

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
FEB 07	FEB 14	FEB 21	FEB 28	MAR 07

##### EAST

**Lafayette Street School**  
205 Lafayette Street  
6-8pm

#1	#2	#3	#4	#5
FEB 07	FEB 14	FEB 21	FEB 28	MAR 07

### LOCAL CONTROL

#### Community Meeting: Nov 1, 6-8pm

You are invited to join us for a planning meeting on local control of Newark Public Schools. A series of meetings will be held simultaneously in each of the five wards from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, **November 1, 2017**. The meeting will provide an opportunity for you to inform the transition plan for local control. Dinner begins at 5:30pm



WARD	SCHOOL
CENTRAL	Central High School
EAST	Oliver Street School
NORTH	Elliott Street School
SOUTH	Belmont Runyon
WEST	Speedway Academies

MEET THE BOARD

- Marques Aquil Lewis**  
Board Chairperson
- Tave Padilla**
- Reginald Bledsoe**
- Dashay Carter**
- Crystal C. Fonseca**
- Kim Gaddy**
- Josephine Garcia**
- Flohisha Johnson**
- Leah Owens**
- Gina Matos**

