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SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

“Nurturing the brilliance of every child.”



Dear Friends of NPS,

The human life cycle is filled with change, and our children are born with the innate ability to learn and evolve across their development. Each child is born with many possible pathways to success and a distinctly unique potential. Change is inevitable in everything we do.

As society changes we must continue to rethink the purpose of our schools and the potential of our students. We must offer opportunities to help them learn and develop while realizing their success greatly depends on their relationships, experiences, and environments. We remain committed to ensuring these factors are best designed to meet each child's interest, talents, and needs – and our schools remain pathways that can lead students to successful lives as adults. What we do now impacts them later.

Last week, I participated in **The Week of the Young Child** at the Samuel L. Berliner School. As I sat at the table with kindergarten students, I was reminded of the brilliance of young children. One young man even taught me a thing or two about his ant colony that I didn't know. I'm reminded of how important it is to listen to our youngest children and to love, nurture and raise them in a way that isn't just celebrated during a special week, but every day.

This month, we also recognized our students during **Autism Awareness Month**, and kicked off important art events across the city including our **Newark Teen Arts Annual** at the Newark Museum. Both of these events reminded me further of the brilliance of our students in different ways, as well as the importance that we continue to evolve and change to keep up with them. Our students are finding new and exciting ways to express themselves through art, and I'm always inspired by our autistic students in particular, who with the support of their families and the great staff in our schools, are constantly finding inspiring ways to find success in their own lives by bringing unique and brilliant insights into the lives of others.

Lastly, but very importantly tonight, we welcome three new members to our Board. We look forward to working with them to make our students the best and the brightest, anywhere. Together, we have a unique opportunity to create a path for our children to be great students and positive members of society. Let's do our best individually and collectively to nurture the brilliance of our students from a young age, and to provide them with opportunities throughout their lives to find the pathway to success that best suits them, and most importantly, allows them to share their brilliance with the world.

As I always say, **“A better tomorrow starts with us today.”**

Sincerely,

A.Robert Gregory



Welcome new Board Members to NPS



Yambeli Gomez



Asia Norton



Dawn Haynes

Gina Matos Leads NPS on the “Fight for Our Lives”



Gina welcomes the Interim Superintendent Robert Gregory and Brad Haggerty, Chief Academic Officer to the Fight for Our Lives Conversation with students from Parkland, FL and across NJ



MEET THE BOARD



-  **Josephine Garcia**
Board Chairperson
-  **Dawn Haynes**
Vice Chairperson
-  **Gina Matos**
Student Representative
-  **Reginald Bledsoe**
-  **Kim Gaddy**
-  **Yambeli Gomez**
-  **Flohisha Johnson**
-  **Asia Norton**
-  **Leah Owens**
-  **Tave Padilla**



**NEXT PUBLIC MEETING
MAY 22, 2018**

Celebrating Belmont Runyon! Education, Arts, History



Autism Awareness Month

Raising awareness about autism in schools and in the community, thanks to Carolyn Granato, Marilyn Mitchell & the team.

View more online:
<http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/departments/curriculum-services/office-special-education/autism-awareness-2018/>



Urban League and Sussex Avenue Graduate Coders

More than 25 students at Sussex Avenue Renew School graduated from the Urban League of Essex County Coding Program. The program is in partnership with NJIT. Each student attended a 9 week coding program.

Congratulations Principal Darleen Gearheart and students!



First Ever District-Wide STEM Fair

NPS held the first ever STEM Fair with more than 35 schools and 100 students. The Robeson Center was the site of the scientific inventions developed by students. Congratulations to Ivory Williams, Betheny Davis and all students, especially the 1st Place Winners!



Ridge Street



BARD Early College



Belmont Runyon

Celebrating student art at the Teen Arts Festival at the Newark Museum



IMPORTANT DATES

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| 4/25 | AT&T Service Event @ Weequahic High School | 4/28 | SWCSI Health & Fitness Fair @ Shabazz High School Football Field |
| 4/26 | SEPAC Meeting | 4/28 | LGBTQ (Pride Party) @ Newark Public Library |
| 4/27-28 | Unveiling of Roberto Clemente Highway | 4/30 | Newark Enrolls Portal Opens |
| 4/28 | Newark Public Library: The Shani Baraka Woman's Resource Center and Hetrick-Martin Ins. Host Pride Parade | 5/12 | Participate in the 11th Annual Creation Nation Art & Peace Parade/Taking off from Park Place by NJPAC |
| 4/28 | Autism Speaks Walk @ Weequahic Park | 5/22 | NPS BOE Meeting (Public) |
| 4/28 | Robotics Expo @ Science Park | | |

For more dates and details visit: <http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/district-calendar/>

