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## Positive Happenings throughout Roselle Schools - Jan. 13 to 17

### Abraham Clark High School Varsity Bowling Team Takes Home First Place Trophy

The Varsity Bowling team at Abraham Clark High School recently won first place at the Long Branch High School Winter Wave Invitational Tournament on Jan. 17.

The Rams also won for overall High Game and High Series.





*Pictured above: Some members of the Abraham Clark High School Varsity Bowling team showing off their first-place trophy at the Winter Wave Invitational Tournament.*

### **Seventh Graders from Grace Wilday Junior High School Participate in Union County College's "Game On!" Event**

Seventh grade Honors Language Arts students from Grace Wilday Junior High School participated in a Union County G&T Association Problem Solving Convocation at Union County College on Jan. 13 called "Game On!"

Thirty-six Grace Wilday students worked with other gifted and talented students from Cranford, Elizabeth and Roselle Park school districts to create companies that create and market original board games.

Each company was given one hour to create a theme-based, original board game, complete with directions, creative board design, playing pieces, and a marketing plan to include price and target audience.

Once each business produced their game, students moved throughout the college classrooms in order to play and critique each other's creations.

"Developing and playing board games provides a unique, fun opportunity to facilitate higher order cognitive abilities, including sequential writing skills. Board games are often precursors to

electronic games, and can be helpful in building social skills and self-esteem, as well as teaching students about rules, competition, fair play, and values,” said Principal Tomeeko Hunt.

### **Leonard V. Moore Middle School Students Learn All About Life as a Native American**

This week at Leonard V. Moore Middle School, all 5th graders participated in in-class workshops during their social studies class as part of the Lenape Outreach Program to teach about Native American customs and daily life.

The Lenape tribe’s territory spanned from what is now eastern Pennsylvania, New Jersey, southern New York, and eastern Delaware.

This was co-sponsored by L. V. Moore’s dedicated Parent-teacher group.

### **Harrison Elementary School Students Create Lenape Pottery**

One of the 4th grade classes at Harrison Elementary School teamed up with the school’s art teacher, Mr. LaMorte, this week to create Lenape inspired pottery.

Students learned how the Lenape made cooking pots and other vessels out of clay and were able to make their own creations during their art class.

### **Washington Elementary School Third Graders Enjoyed Researching Endangered Species**

How can people help animals survive? That was the essential question on the minds of third graders at Washington Elementary School this week as they continue to research information about endangered species.

One of the main topics that was researched was how people in local and national government positions can help.

Eventually, students will be creating books focusing on their chosen animals. They will also share their creative projects in class.

### **Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School Celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

Dr. Charles C. Polk School celebrated Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Jan. 17 with an assembly to highlight the beginning of Black History Month.

The students and staff wore white in celebration of unity and peace and excerpts of Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech were played and discussed by the students.

“Our guidance counselor, Mr. Martin, was able to bridge the gap for students during the assembly by showing them how Dr. King’s kindness and being a good citizen can inspire them to work hard and accomplish the same goal,” said Principal Andreaa Harry.

In culmination, all students were given a writing assignment to reflect upon the lessons they have learned.



*Pictured above: Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School first grade students and staff sporting their white shirts in celebration of peace and unity.*



*Pictured above: Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School third grade students and staff in white.*

### **Kindergarten Success Academy “Lil Jills” Mentoring Program Has Begun**

This week, the Kindergarten Success Academy Lil Jills mentoring program began.

In their first session, the students used conversation cubes to get started in conversation. The girls each introduced themselves and shared something special about themselves.

The Lil Jills program is headed by school guidance counselors Ms. Benson and Mrs. Tinsley-Wilson.

“All of the girls will learn new strategies for self-worth and empowerment. Each girl is being developed to become confident leaders through the mentoring program. As they build their supportive network, the girls will learn a host of valuable skills in a safe environment with peers who understand the difficulties and challenges they face as young girls,” said Principal Dr. Nathan Fisher.

There will also be a career strand designed especially for girls, showing the girls career pathways into a variety of areas.

### **Roselle Preschoolers Learn to Code With “Code-A-Pillar”**

It’s never too early to start learning about coding and that’s why students at the Roselle preschool were introduced to coding skills and technology this week.

Students are working together collaboratively to pick a code for the robotic caterpillar’s path. Students are also using the Substitution, Augmentation, Modification and Redefinition (SAMR model) and working on the redefinition level.



*Pictured above: Roselle preschoolers with their robotic caterpillar or “code-a-pillar” to learn coding skills.*