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Roselle Schools Newsletter for the Week of November 11 to November 15 Positive Happenings throughout Roselle Schools

Abraham Clark High School Band and Junior ROTC Performed at the Linden Walmart Grand Opening on Nov. 13

Members of the Abraham Clark High School Band and Junior ROTC helped to welcome the new Walmart Supercenter to Linden at its grand opening on Nov. 13.

The band proudly played the Star-Spangled Banner and then marched around the new store as they were surrounded by many residents and local officials cheering them on.

The Linden Walmart, located at the Legacy Square development on U.S. Routes 1 & 9, donated \$1,000 towards the senior's Project Graduation Night.

"I am beyond proud of our scholars for representing our school and making Roselle proud," said ACHS Principal Rashon Mickens.

The grand opening also featured a DJ, festive decorations and many product giveaways.



Photo: The Abraham Clark High School band pictured outside of the new Walmart Supercenter in Linden after performing at its grand opening on Nov. 13.



Photo: Members of the ACHS band as they performed the Star-Spangled Banner at the grand opening.

Grace Wilday Junior High School Poetry/Creative Writing Club Visited by Music Therapist

Students of Grace Wilday Junior High School's Poetry/Creative Writing Club enjoyed a recent visit from Cara Smith, a music therapist and songwriter from the non-profit organization Umoja Music Theory.

Through Umoja Music Theory, Smith travels all over the world to implement music theory programs into various schools and communities. Recently, she traveled to Nairobi, Kenya to work with schools and students of various communities.

The school's Poetry/Creative Writing Club is one of its social and emotional learning clubs, known as SEL. Smith's lesson tied right into the club's purpose.

"Ms. Cara explained to the students about the power of music theory and how its healing and calming benefits are all related to the competencies that are implemented into the SEL clubs," said Grace Wilday Principal Tomeeka Hunt.

Collaboratively, the students and Smith wrote a poem describing their feelings and then created a melody while she played the guitar.

During the session, the students also had an opportunity to use the songwriting process to discover how to turn their poetry into song. Smith promised to return to the club to help them finish the song.

“Ms. Cara and the students were very excited about what they learned and look forward to working together soon to complete their song,” Hunt said.

Students at Leonard V. Moore Middle School Host Painting Party

The Leonard V. Moore Middle School Art Club, along with art teacher Ms. Septimus, hosted a painting party this week which brought together many students for an exciting class that focused on creativity and individuality.

Students were able to paint their stress away at this fun-filled painting party, while also creating their own art worthy of being displayed on the household refrigerator.

Harrison Elementary School Received Grant for Spring Field Trip

Harrison Elementary School received some great news this week as it was awarded a Field Trip New Jersey Grant of \$700 to put towards the transportation cost of the upcoming, early-anticipated spring field trip.

Also, the votes are in for this year’s spring field trip and students chose to visit the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange! In anticipation of their trip, students will learn all about the animals they will encounter at the Essex County zoo, which continues to grow and add new attractions for students.

Washington Elementary School Launches After-School STEAM Program

Washington Elementary School launched its after-school Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) program this week. Students are already enjoying learning about all things STEAM.

The program is both hands-on and project-based to help students truly understand all aspects of STEAM.

Dr. Charles C. Polk School Raised \$500 for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In honor of National Breast Cancer Awareness, Dr. Charles C. Polk School Elementary School sponsored a T-shirt fundraiser for breast cancer awareness. The staff also “dressed down for a cure” for the 13th year in a row on Nov. 15.

Polk Elementary staff, students and parents raised and donated \$500 to the American Cancer Society through this fundraiser.

“We believe it is important to spread the message about the importance of early detection. Our goal is to help our community, empower patients and advocate for families,” said Polk Elementary Principal Andreaa Harry.



Photo: The Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School staff “dressed down for the cure” in Breast Cancer Awareness Month T-shirts.

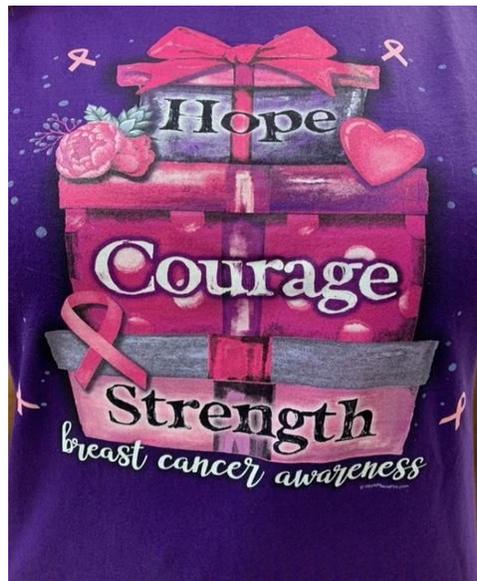


Photo: The Breast Cancer Awareness Month T-shirts from the Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School fundraiser.

Kindergarten Success Academy Students Participate in “Marathon Kids” Event to Kick-Start Their Friday

Several Kindergarten Success Academy students participated in the school’s “Marathon Kids” event on Friday, Nov. 15, when they ran around St. Joseph’s Church, which is right next door, twice as their fellow students cheered them on.

The goal of “Marathon Kids” is to help families and schools establish healthy habits by actively working together to complete marathons. We all need to start somewhere, and twice around the church is one great challenge to develop an early love of running.

Each student that participated received a “Marathon Kids 26.2” shirt to signify the completion of their first marathon.



Photo: Kindergarten Success Academy students that participated in the school’s “Marathon Kids” event.



Photo: Kindergarten Success Academy Principal Dr. Nathan Fisher as he congratulates students on completing their marathon.

Now Who Doesn't Love a Visit from the Roselle Librarian?

Preschool students welcomed Ms. Parham, a borough librarian, with excitement as she visited the school this week as the special guest for story time.

After having such a great time, she now hopes to visit the preschoolers every other week to read to them while incorporating literacy, math and science into their curriculum. It is never too early to develop a lifelong love of reading, she says.

Welcome, Ms. Parham!



Photo: Borough of Roselle librarian Ms. Parham as she reads to the local preschoolers.