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Positive Happenings Throughout Roselle Schools - Jan. 20 to 24

Abraham Clark High School Honored Martin Luther King Jr. Day with Annual Celebration

“We should all be thankful that Dr. King dared to dream,” proclaimed Abraham Clark High School (ACHS) Principal Rashon Mickens during his opening comments at the 4th-annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration on Jan. 20.

The service took place at the high school from 8 to 10:30 a.m. starting with a buffet breakfast and ending with a flag raising ceremony at Roselle Borough Hall.

The celebration also included performances by students from ACHS, Grace Wilday Junior High School, Leonard V. Moore Middle School and Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School.

“This year was a great event in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We are proud of our scholars as they paid homage to the life and legacy of such a great man and leader,” said Principal Mickens.



Grace Wilday Junior High School Students Create “Re-Purposeful Art”

The “Re-Purposeful Art Project” program continued this week at Grace Wilday Junior High School with various teams competing in a bottle cap collection contest.

Grace Wilday's "Vipers Team" was victorious in collecting the most bottle caps. The contributions of the teachers, and parents were instrumental in creating such a large project.

With such a mass collection of caps, the team created an image of the Grace Wilday mascot that now proudly hangs in the hallway above another "re-purposeful art" project.

"It is our goal to implement a recycling program to develop and create various types of art projects. Moving forward we will be collecting disposable plastic items such as water bottles, pens, marker caps, utensils, and bottle caps," said Principal Tomeeko Hunt. "Let's stop polluting our communities and make the environment we live in beautiful."



Students at Leonard V. Moore Middle School Help Improve School

It's all about teamwork at Leonard V. Moore Middle School. That's why students have been pitching in to make their school an even better place to learn.

Students have the opportunity to earn personal rewards and prizes by assisting with a variety of school-related jobs and activities, according to Principal Craig Messmer.

"I'm proud to report that many students have helped organize, clean and repurpose areas of the building," he said. "They are doing a tremendous job and we are very proud of them."

Harrison Elementary School Focuses on Multiculturalism

Harrison Elementary School students have been focusing on multiculturalism this month as part of their assigned projects.

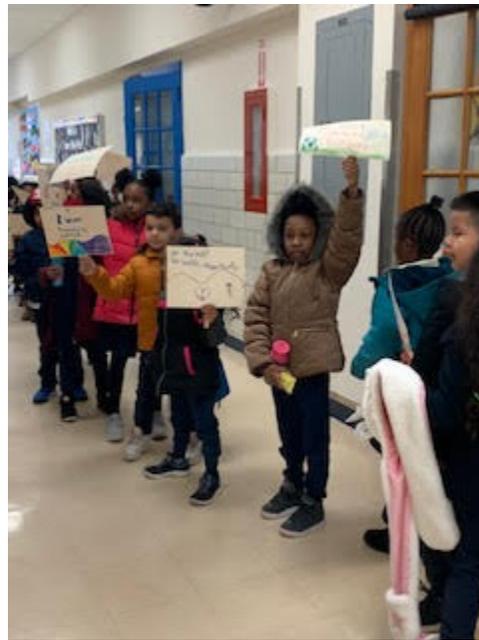
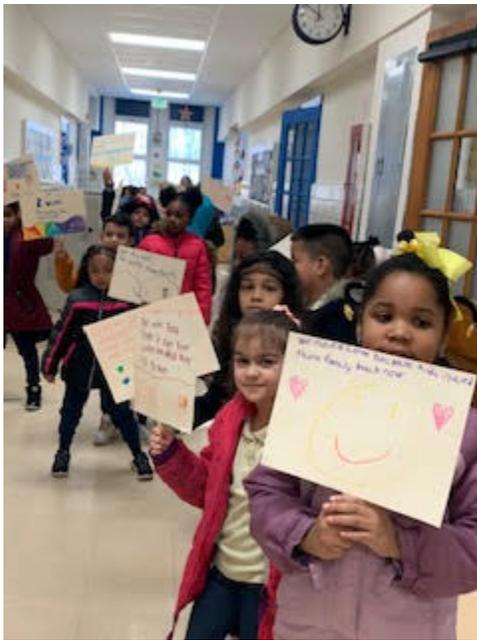
For example, the 3rd grade was assigned to study Germany. Each class from that grade level has either researched German food, German music, German clothing or German art.

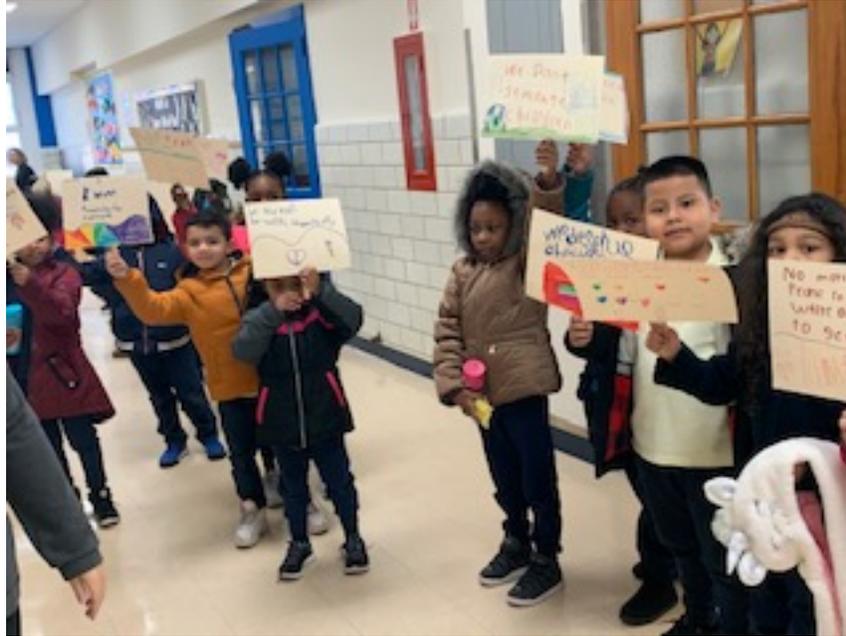
Students will be displaying their artwork and projects for the entire school to learn about new cultures.

First Graders at Washington Elementary School Participate in Silent Protest as Part of Black History Month

As part of their Black History Month lesson, first graders at Washington Elementary School learned all about silent protests and how they've been used throughout U.S. history, specifically with the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

After their lesson, the students then participated in their own silent peaceful protest by creating signs and lining the hallways of Washington School. The key message: The masses have a strong voice, even when they are silent.





Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School Students Participate in Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

Students from Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School participated in ACHS's Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration on Jan. 20.

Several students performed a traditional African American dance for the community to the song "Glory" by John Legend and Common on the school stage.

After the program, they marched with a community of leaders and residents to Borough Hall on Chestnut Street for the annual flag raising ceremony.



Kindergarten Success Academy Students Perform "La Ratita Presumida"

Kindergarteners from Mrs. Gonzales' class had the chance to perform one of the stories from "La ratita presumida" this week.

Each student acted out this imaginary story of about a rat. "La ratuta presumida" is a popular fairytale from Spain.

"The students' performances were spectacular. They showed that they easily knew their respective lines for each character, well memorized and believable," said Principal Dr. Nathan Fisher, with a smile. "These 5-year-olds are preparing to take this performance on the road."

Roselle Preschool Students Continue to Learn About Recycling

Preschool students continued to learn about reducing, reusing and recycling this week.

Students read the book "Don't Lose it, Reuse it" and discussed different ways that they can take old items and make them into something new.

They then practiced how to reuse by taking old water bottles and easily converting them into bowling pins to play a math bowling game.

The staff also took them on a "litter walk" around the Borough of Roselle to identify the proper receptacles to dispose of trash.



Photo caption: Roselle preschoolers enjoying their “litter walk” as part of their lesson about learning to reduce, reuse and recycle.