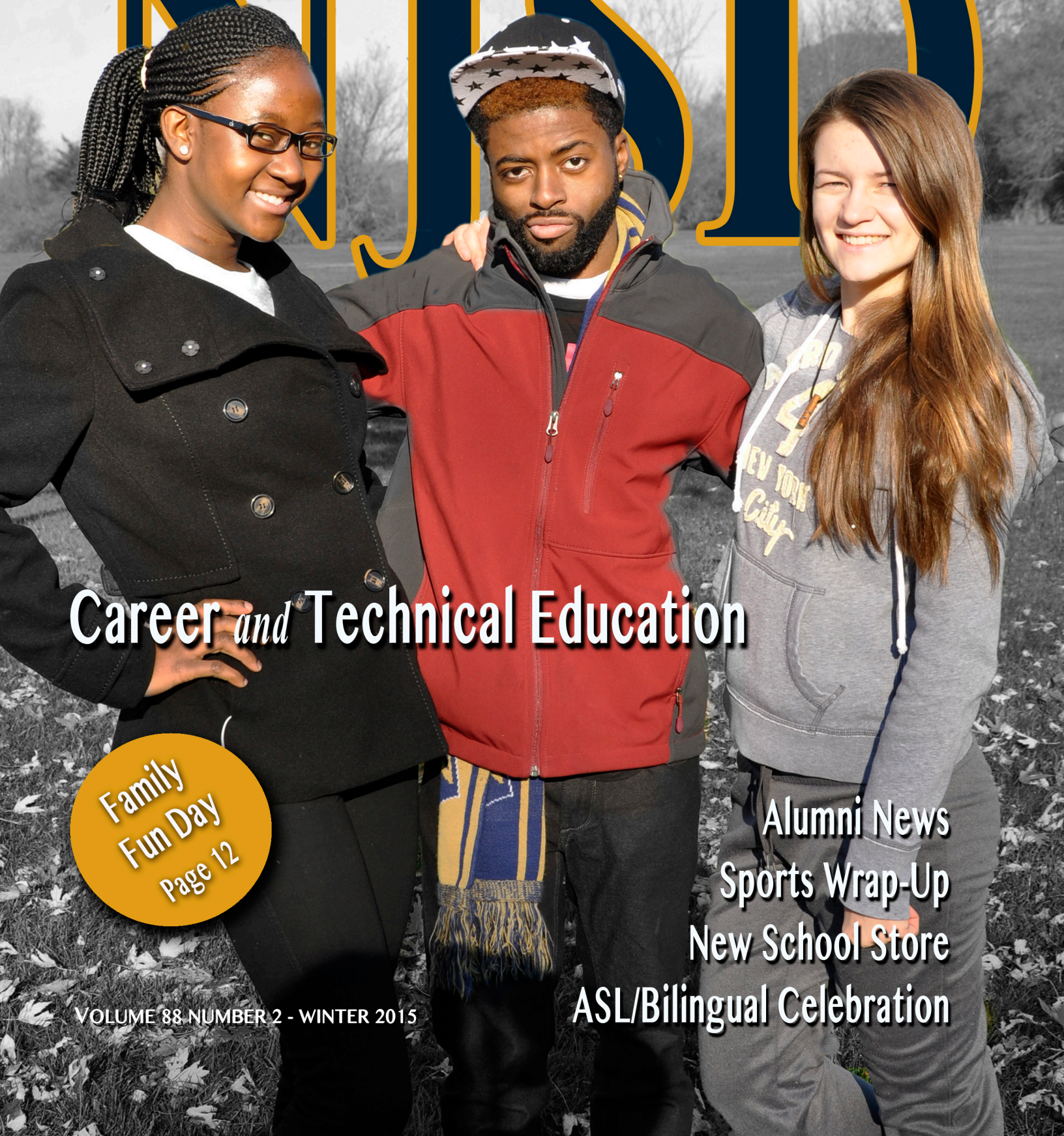


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HISTORY OF OUR NAME

In the mid nineteen sixties, The New Jersey School for the Deaf had its name officially changed to The Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf. Articles in this publication use varying names, such as MKSD, NJSD, Katzenbach School, or New Jersey's Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf. These names are used interchangeably.

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A Message from Dr. Angel

During NJSD's early years, our students were living in an industrial age where manufacturing was an important segment of the workforce. To prepare our students for a successful career after graduation, NJSD developed one of the best vocational programs in the country, a vocational program that was often used as a model for other schools to follow. During those early years the vast majority of jobs only required a high school degree and students who majored in the vocational programs – printing, welding, tool and dye machinists, and many many more - easily found jobs in the work force. As years went by and we entered the technology age, many of these vocational programs no longer were viable for our students and they closed. With the vast majority of jobs today requiring some postsecondary education, preparing our students for success at the postsecondary level and/or a career after graduation necessitated changes in the academic and Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs provided by MK/NJSD.

One of the major changes we made was to insure that the CTE programs we provide our students are certified, meet industry standards, and can lead to good paying jobs for our students. To make this happen we had to close some programs and strengthen others. Today, we are proud that our Culinary Arts/Food Preparation Program and Automotive Fundamentals Program are both certified by the state and meet industry

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standards. Both programs have agreements with community colleges to enable our students to continue their CTE programs at the postsecondary level. The second major change we made was to partner with Mercer County Technical Schools (MCTS). This allows our students to have a wide choice of CTE programs off campus in addition to the two CTE programs offered on campus. Our partnership with MCTS also includes sharing curriculum so that students in both our CTE programs follow the same curriculum used at MCTS.

Another major change we have made is to change from a Total Communication school to an ASL/English Bilingual school. Although we are not yet a 100% ASL/English Bilingual school we are getting closer to our goal. Our first annual ASL/English Bilingual celebration, which was a huge success, showed we are getting closer to our goal. There are more changes that have been made, and more that are on the way. All the changes have been made with one goal in mind – to prepare our students for success as they pursue a postsecondary education and/or career upon graduation.

The following pages will tell you more about the changes we have made. We hope you enjoy reading about all these changes and positive things happening at MK/NJSD.

Angel M. Ramos, Ph.D.
Superintendent

School Store

Greetings from the newly remodeled NJSD School Store! The NJSD school store has a new look! It has been painted and redesigned and now offers a variety of new items including breast cancer and autism awareness items, school spirit items in addition to all of our classic NJSD sweatshirts, T shirts, jackets, polos, and hats, just to name a few.

The Culinary Arts Class will be selling items that they have made in class every third Tuesday of the month. During the week of Halloween, many customers came to buy spooky treats and shop at the store. Be sure to check out future collaboration with the Culinary Arts Class.

Extended special: "Let's Talk" T-shirts. Regularly \$10.00 on sale for \$8.50 or two for \$15.00; this includes children and adult sizes.

Look for new clothing and jewelry items that arrive from time to time. Please come and visit the store every Tuesday from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The store is located in the High School near the gymnasium and main office.

To place an order, schedule a visit, or for more information, contact advisor Lauren Dubin.

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Dorm Life

On Thursday October 30, Residential students went on a trip to the Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia, PA for their annual Haunted Halloween trip. Students had the opportunity to go through the very old prison and be treated to adventures and scary experiences. Students had the option of purchasing a glow necklace, which permits the haunted workers to touch the visitors. The tour took about one and half hours and the students enjoyed themselves!

Residential students also enjoyed the trip to the Philadelphia Mall on December 17th. They are looking forward to the snow tubing weekend in the Poconos this winter. Dorm staff has planned a full schedule of activities this year that include

juggling, therapy dog shows, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and many more!

Residential students had their annual Holiday Dinner on campus December 18th. The dinner was held in the High School Cafeteria and was prepared by the Culinary Arts students. Students also enjoyed dancing and activities after the Holiday Dinner and had a wonderful night of socializing!

These activities are beneficial to the students in that they help to foster friendships that last well beyond high school graduation. This is evident in the strong Alumni Association that continues to grow and support the school in many different ways.

Career & Technical Education at Katzenbach *and* MCTS

An integral part of the high school program is Career & Technical Education. Katzenbach has a long history of support for technical majors. Even though the number of career programs has been reduced at NJSD, students continue to have many options. With the partnership between Katzenbach and nearby Mercer County Technical School, students have the opportunity to choose from among several different areas. Students attend in either the morning or afternoon sessions for approximately two and a half hours a day. Teachers from NJSD accompany the students. Upon successful completion of the two-year program, students earn a certificate in their respective major.

Students have participated in the following programs at MCTS over the past few years: Building Maintenance Trades, Graphic Arts Technology, Retail Food Marketing, and Health and Child Care.

Currently, there are five students enrolled at MCTS in the Graphic Arts program and one in the Health and Child Care class. In Graphic Arts, students gain experience designing documents using Adobe software. Post-secondary training is encouraged

upon completion of this program because of the fierce competition in the job market.

Jason Cruz is in his first year of the Health and Child Care program. While this is a rigorous class, Jason has persevered and continues to do well. The Health and Child Care program prepares students for a career in either health care or child care. Class time involves lectures and various projects such as lesson planning, resume writing, journaling and reports. Jason is interested in becoming a classroom assistant or a preschool teacher. Once a month, students visit different sites in a preschool or elementary school. This class is hoping to also visit NJSD in the near future.

On the following two pages, the CTE programs offered at Katzenbach are featured. For more information about any of the career programs, please contact the school principal.



Ashanti, Tamar, Mr. Agans, Elivra, and Rebecca in Graphic Arts



Jason with Mrs. Robinson and Ms. Osowski



Rosa and Mariah take a break from class

Comments from the students:

"The Graphic Arts class is the best experience of my school life. I have been focusing on my future goals."

Rosa Perez

"I love it here! Learning is fun at the tech school!"

Mariah Santos

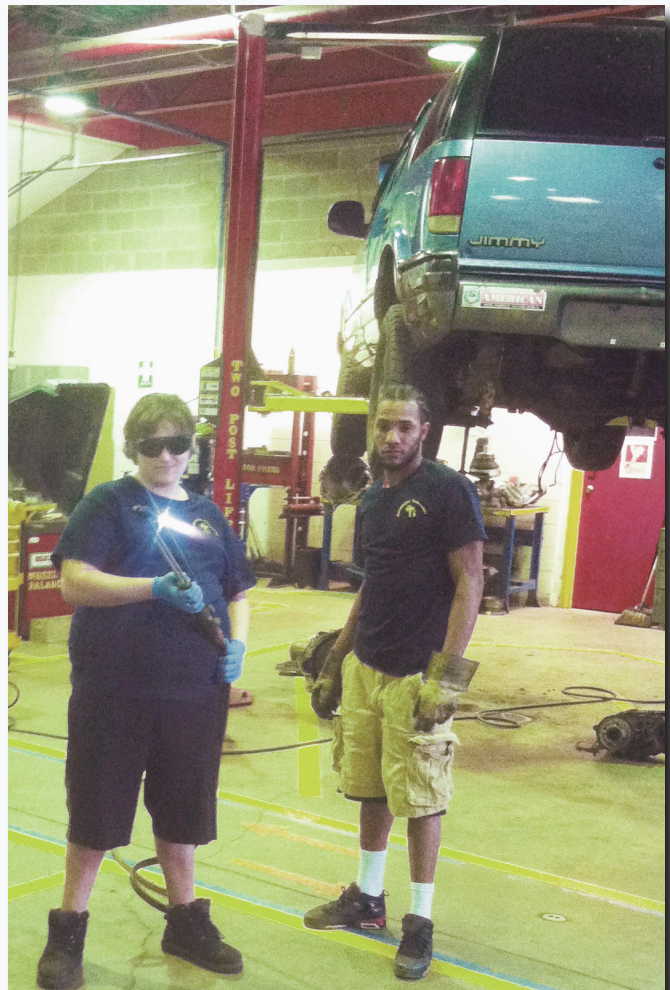
Automotive Fundamentals

The Automotive Technology Program at NJ/MKSD is a National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation/Automotive Service Excellence (NATEF/ASE) Accredited program. Students learn repair and maintenance procedures involving basic systems of the automobile. Modern automobiles, computer technology and formal classroom instruction are combined with a wide variety of hands-on shop activities and labs. The learning experience includes both foreign and domestic automobiles for a diversified and complete educational experience. Resources such as field trips, guest speakers, up to date vehicle diagnostic computers/tools, and current online reference manuals are used to enhance instruction. Students are given the opportunity to develop skills utilizing tools and techniques of the trade, as well as proper work habits and job attitudes.

Automotive Technicians are in high demand. There are many job opportunities in the field such as independent repair shops, new/used car dealerships, state facilities, performance/specialty shops, factories/part rebuilder, oil change/tire shops, and custom repair facilities. Upon completion of the program, students will be proficient in different aspects of automotive repair and maintenance. CTE students can go to two-year colleges and major in Automotive Technology or continue their education at a trade school. Students also have the opportunity to pass the NATEF/ASE tests, which will give them a very good chance of finding gainful employment after High School.

COURSES

- Hand and Power/Air Tools
- Electrical/Electronic Systems
- Suspension and Steering
- Brakes
- Engine Performance
- Engine Repair
- Manual Drivetrain and Axles
- Automatic Transmission/Transaxle
- Heating and Air Conditioning



Culinary Arts

The Culinary Arts Program at Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf is designed to provide our students with real life experience. The course content focuses on entry-level culinary skills, food safety, pride and professionalism, readying students for a post-secondary education at many local colleges and universities or to enter and build their career in the ever-growing field of Culinary Arts and Hospitality. Students work in a professionally equipped kitchen in which they learn basic culinary food preparations, ServSafe fundamentals, equipment use, care and maintenance, line cooking and banquet facilitation.

As a result of changes in the economy and job market, there is a greater need for culinary and food service workers. As more and more people continue to eat their meals away from home and more corporations provide in house catering and dining room service, the outlook for culinary and food service workers is good. During the third year of the program, students will be placed in an apprenticeship program by the Structured Learning Environment Coordinator. This will provide the students with real world work experiences in various restaurants, bakeries and local universities. When students graduate from the program, they receive Completion and Sanitation Certificates and will be qualified to work in a variety of food service positions in restaurants, hotels, corporate dining facilities, healthcare and resorts.

Successful graduates of the program will be able to:

- demonstrate proficiency in a variety of professionally recognized culinary skills;
- work in any production or food preparation station within a food service department;
- use safe and sanitary practices within any food production department;
- create appropriate menus and recipes;
- purchase products needed by the food service organization;
- design and plan buffets and food-related activities and functions;
- demonstrate professional written and computational skills;
- effectively supervise and train kitchen personnel;
- demonstrate a working knowledge of advanced culinary and pastry techniques and methodologies' proficiency with a basic degree of skill.



Campus Improvements

MK/NJSD has several projects happening to improve the campus for the students.

The lighting project has been completed. Damaged poles were repaired, new lighting was added, and employees improved the overall appearance of the campus.

The auditorium renovation project is approximately 50% completed. Some of the improvements are the installation of new seats, carpeting, and windows. The ceiling and walls have been repaired. A new handicapped seating area is being added to the auditorium. If all goes well, the project should be finished sometime in February.

Lastly, the last phase of the fire alarm upgrade project is underway. Six remaining buildings have been identified for the upgrade, which has already been installed for most of the other buildings on campus. The new fire alarm system is addressable, which means that emergency responders can pinpoint fire, smoke or other hazards much quicker.

The MK/NJSD campus is so beautiful already and these improvements will make it a safer and even more attractive place!

Staff News

RETIRED

Marion Mynch, *Director of Food Service*

DECEASED

Leon Summers, *former Head of Security, on November 7, 2014*

Betty Basford, *former Teaching Assistant, in January, 2015*

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MK/NJSD Gets New Map

NJ/MKSD has a beautiful new addition to the campus. At the main entrance, a beautiful Timber frame campus map was installed across from the Security Booth. As an Eagle Scout project, Brian Marion from Troop 91, Hamilton, NJ, Mercer Area District, Bucks County Council, created the map with assistance from scouts from his troop and help from his father, Brian Marion, fellow Eagle Scout Joe DeLusant, and MKSD instructor Bill Jennings. After many fundraisers, donations from friends and family, meetings with the NJ/MKSD Alumni Association, and other employees, he began the woodworking last spring. Brian was finally able to raise the structure on November 28th.

It is clear that Brian worked very hard on this project and the MK/NJSD family is grateful for this structure that will assist visitors in locating buildings on campus.



ASL/English Bilingual Celebration

Friday, October 17th was NJSD's first annual ASL/English Bilingual Celebration. All staff and students proudly wore their new yellow ASL/English Bilingual t-shirts while participating in a variety of activities to celebrate their two languages. Families were invited to join in for the celebration, and in the elementary school, there was a good family turnout. The morning started off with an explanation of the day, and why we are celebrating the fact that students and staff are bilingual.

Each of the departments, ECP and Elementary, Middle School and High School all had a variety of activities set up for students and their families to enjoy, learn about and use both English and ASL. Some of the activities included ASL storytelling, a history of ASL and Deaf Culture, ordering a snack in your second language, making posters to celebrate the use of your language usage, games, ASL Literature shows by the students including name stories, number stories and ABC stories.



Alumni/Museum News

Jochem Memorial Center

The Jochem Memorial Center was in need of painting to refresh the building. NJSD/MKSD Alumni Association, Museum Committee, and two people from NJ Deaf Senior Citizen volunteered to paint the whole room and the kitchen on Wednesday November 5, 2014. The Alumni got paint and supplies from the MKSD maintenance shop. The Jochem Memorial Center looks real nice for students, staff, and deaf communities to use for their events and meetings.



Seated left to right: Phil DiMaio, Loraine Kegerreis, Bob Yuhus, Elaine Bizzarri. Standing front row left to right: Marion DeLusant, Tom and Phyllis Sparks, Patricia Cleland, and Fred Elbrecht. Back row: Dan Bagby and Jimmie Davis

*Pictured above:
The volunteers enjoy
a pizza break
provided by the
Alumni Association*



*At right:
Victor Bizzarri
paints the back
wall of the
Jochem Center*

Cruise Vacation

During the third week of October many deaf adults from New Jersey flew to San Juan, Puerto Rico for their three day pre-cruise before a week on the ship. A tour around the island was provided along with a sign language interpreter. Travelers visited the old forts. The Puerto Ricans built forts hundreds of years ago, designed by the Irish. The tour also included a visit to the amazing rain forest and waterfalls.

Many deaf people from 25 different countries, far as Australia, Ireland and Canada checked in at the port onto the beautiful Royal Caribbean ship "The Jewel of the Seas". Passages Deaf Travel Agency from Williamsburg, Virginia arranged the trip. The weather was beautiful and hot in the 90's. The ship offered activities and two swimming pools. The shows included Magicians and Comedians John Maucere and Chad Chesmark, Sean Forbes of Sign Language Musician, and actress Marlee Matlin from *Switched at Birth*.

The first island visited was Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Activities included swimming, swimming with the dolphins, snorkeling and a bus tour around the island.

The second day the ship stopped at St. Johns, Antigua. The third day, was one whole day at sea, and the fourth day the ship docked at Oranjestad, Aruba. Some toured the island and saw the lighthouse, while others participated in activities such as snorkeling, swimming at the beach, shopping, and a ride in the Atlantis submarine. In the submarine everyone saw a shipwreck through a glass window with many colorful fish and scuba divers swimming around the wreck.

The last island the ship docked at was Willemstad, Curacao, a Dutch Island. A tour of the Hato Caves was exciting and educational. Prior to returning to San Juan, we sailed at sea the whole day with a beautiful blue ocean and lovely weather.

Alumni/Museum News

The museum committee started to unpack boxes so they could set up new rooms in the Clock Tower. Some committee members got busy cleaning up what was left from former staff in a few of the rooms.

Using a bulldozer, driven by Mike, the grounds and maintenance workers (Kevin F, Mike K, Al, Greg, and Frank) helped move six fire/waterproof filing cabinets from building #30 to the Clock Tower. They will be used in the new museum office.

There are three rooms occupied by the business office staff. Their rooms will be used to display artifacts once they relocate to another building.

Fred Elbrecht put up *Deaf-Mutes Times* from *Silent Worker, School and the City, Supplement, New Jersey* and *Katzenbach School News* front covers on the walls. The dates are from 1888 to present.

The young Michelangelo marble statue is now at the Clock Tower Rotunda. It was at building #29 in the living room for a long time. It can be seen at the front door entrance in the Rotunda. The men from the museum committee brought the statue and its stands to the Clock Tower last month. Strong groundsmen helped stack the pieces into one statue.

Hopefully, the museum will be ready for tours in late winter or early spring.

DECEASED ALUMNI

Nancy Bracey, Class of 1984, passed away on August 25, 2014 at age 49.

Mike Wheeler, Class of 1974, passed away on September 7, 2014 at age 58.

Alex Pedro, Class of 1964, (*left school early to support his mother*) passed away on September 26, 2014 at age 68.

John Lyons, Jr., Class of 1959, passed away on October 22, 2014 at age 74.

Grace Ann Dearolf Bioty, Class of 1960, passed away on November 5, 2014.

5K Fundraiser - Halloween Party

About 16 adults and four children attended the Alumni Association's 5K Halloween party at the Jochem Memorial Center on Saturday, October 23, 2014. The party was held to raise funds for the 5K to be held on Saturday April 25, 2015. The same day MKSD hosted the ESDAA Volleyball Tournament. Heidi Schumacher Wallace was committee chairperson. She got 50 pumpkins and four hay bales donated by a farm to decorate the Jochem Center. Some participants painted the pumpkins.

*Thank you to the
Alumni Association*

The MKSD/NJSD Alumni volunteers are a critical part of the success of the school. They work very hard, volunteering many hours to improve MK/NJSD.

Articles and photographs submitted to the *Katzenbach School News* in the Museum and Alumni sections are provided by Phyllis Sparks. Phyllis, along with her husband Tom, have been long-time supporters of the magazine and more importantly, the school.

MK/NJSD appreciates the hard work of all the Alumni and all volunteers.

If you have any Alumni information that you would like included in the Katzenbach School News, please contact Phyllis Sparks

Broadway Play - Aladdin

Thanks to the generous donation of the Theatre Development Fund (TDF), the HS students traveled to New York City to see a Walt Disney's Broadway show – Aladdin - on November 19th. TDF, which is a non-profit organization, donated all the tickets to the students and teachers who accompanied the students to the play. This is the fourth year that TDF has donated tickets to the school so that our students can experience the joy of seeing a Broadway play.



One of the nice things about going to see Aladdin was that the theater made

sure our students had full access to the play by providing reasonable accommodations. The theater provided the students with interpreters who were trained on interpreting in a theater setting. The theater also provided the use of a CART operator so that students could also “see” the actors’ conversations via text on a screen.

These accommodations insured that all the students enjoyed watching the show that had beautiful costumes and entertaining dancing! Of course the favorite character was the “Genie”, who was very funny.

This trip was exciting and students are already looking forward to next year’s Broadway show -- thanks to the Theatre Development Fund.

Family Fun Day

On Saturday, November 15, 2014 the first “Family Fun Day” was held from 1-4 pm here at MKSD. There were over 80 people in attendance at this fun event. The idea was to have fun interaction with our families, friends and staff using American Sign Language. There were various activities set up and family groups assigned to each activity. Every 20 minutes the groups changed activities. Families participated in Bingo, ASL Music videos, ASL Ebook stories, Computer/IPAD room, and various ASL games. There were prizes and refresh-



ELMS students and parents enjoy the computer activity during Family Fun Day!

ments. Some local stores donated food or gift cards. The culinary arts teacher and students prepared food on beautiful trays. Two Spanish interpreters and four volunteer ASL interpreters assisted families for the afternoon. This event was organized and chaired by Maureen Goldblum. Committee members included: Joan K r a s n i s k y , Wendy Keck, Elisa Castagna, Nicole McClish, Suzy Colon, Jessica Merz, Pam Wood, Louise Yorke, Megan Rosko, Deb Bilik, and Jeff Avrin. The committee members volunteered their time and did a fabulous job.

ELMS Students Get Creative!



Tommy Mooney displays his lego Caribbean Clipper that he built after completing a written plan



Sean Moran (left) and Gino Turino (right) are proud of their castle they built after writing the outline on how to build it.

Students in the elementary classes worked on developing outlines for how to build an object. Upon completion of the outline, the students used legos to build the object according to their written plan. As the students were building, the teacher would question them on the how and why of what they were doing to get them

thinking. Teachers learned these strategies in the bilingual/bicultural classes that they attended. When the lego structures were completed, the students used ideas from their discussions with the teacher to write their stories. They edited their work with each other and with the teacher's help. Below are the two stories.

The Caribbean Clipper

by Tommy Mooney

I will build Caribbean clipper. Small ship nine pirates on ship. Good pirates help people give money and gold money for poor kids.

Deck bottom and middle deck where pirates sleep. They eat on the bottom deck. The captain cook fish. They swim water ocean clean body.

Day time they fix flag, sail and cannons. Night good pirates help people. People like good pirates.

The Castle

by Sean Moran and Gino Turnio

We live in the castle. We grow trees and make money to buy horses and make walls strong. We have four horses. We have seven soldiers. Horses and soldiers protect gold and money. Some horses bad because break castle wall. Horses good stay outside grass eat. We want for work together.

Sports News

Volleyball

The NJSD Varsity Volleyball and Soccer teams participated in their ESDAA Tournaments on the same weekend -- October 24th and 25th. The boys went to Framingham, MA to TLC.

NJSD hosted the 34th Annual ESDAA Division II Volleyball Tournament. On Friday the girls played the round robin tournament against, Rochester, Delaware, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and St. Mary's. Saturday morning the teams participated in competitions. Liliana Martinez and Elvira Kabanova won the setting competition. They set the ball over the net, back and forth to each other 52 times in a minute! Rochester was second with only 30!! The Lady Colts, #4 seed, played the #5 seed, PSD. They beat PSD in straight games, 25—11 and 25—14. Now they were on to face the #1 seed DSD. They lost but put up a GREAT fight, 25—18 and 25—20. They faced WVSD in the consolation game and came out on top with straight wins, 25—15 and 25—15. The girls took third place and also won the Sportsmanship trophy. Elvira and Liliana were voted to the All-Tournament Team! Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that helped Athletic Director, Martha Fowler, with the two-day tournament.



Elvira Kabanova (left), Liliana Martinez (right)

Soccer

The boys played #1 seed, ASD in the first game and lost. MK/NJSD and PSD combined the players so we could play 11 on 11 to join the tournament. The NJ/PA team was the #4 seed. After losing to the #1 seed, they now faced the #3 seed, Rhode Island. It was a tough game; nip and tuck the entire way!

The NJSD players really played tough. Ricky Maldonado scored on a penalty kick and Amon Baldwin scored the second goal to beat RISD. Jose Maisonet, goalie, kept the game in hand with 13 saves in the goal. Ricky Maldonado was voted to the All-Tournament team and the boys took home the third place trophy.





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REGISTRATION & PACKET PICK UP
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM

9:00 AM - 5K RUN/WALK

9:45 AM - FUN RUN/WALK
(CHILDREN ONLY AGES 5-12)

11:00 AM - AWARD CEREMONY

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