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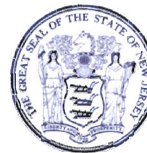
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HISTORY OF OUR NAME

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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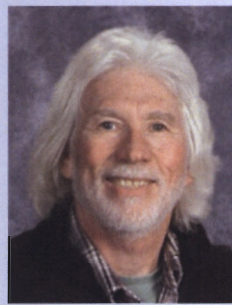
The theme of our 2017 school yearbook is "Journey". Webster defines the word, "journey as a passage from one stage to another." As you peruse through this issue, Marco Espinoza, Halo Warner, Justin Teixeira, Jeffrey Levitt, Nasir Gurganus, and Curtis Chapman-Williams, our 8th grade graduates are moving to the next step of their journey to the High School. Jason Cruz, Azeem Ahmad, Joshua Keller, Juan Ventura-Colaj, Eduard Hertling, Patrice Cassitta, and John Dickson, our HS graduates, will venture out into the world to further their education or begin a job. Our retirees, Erin Barry, Bill Jennings, Karan Kriger and Judy Bellando are completing their journey at MKSD and moving into the next chapter of their life.



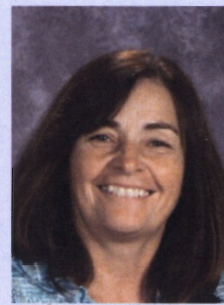
Best wishes to the 8th graders, HS graduates and retirees as they embark on the next chapter of their journey. Have a wonderful adventure on the road ahead.



Erin Barry
Superintendent Secretary
22 Years of Service



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25 Years of Service



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34 Years of Service

Thank you for your years of service to
the students and staff at MKSD.

Young Playwrights Project

In March, we were pleased that 6 of our students decided to submit scripts of their own creation to the ATC's sixth annual Young Playwrights Project. Although none of our school's pieces made it into the finals, High School junior Emily Cruz's script, "The Crazy Wrecked Day" did make it to the semi-final round! Congratulations Emily!

ATC Studios hosted this contest, accepting short, one-act scripts (10 minutes or under) that reflected the theme "Gotta Laugh." Located in Clifton, NJ, ATC Studios have been providing an environment to explore and develop performing arts skills for over 25 years.

Scripts were read and evaluated by professionals and teachers at ATC. From all the various school submissions, approximately 10 were selected, produced, and performed by a cast at ATC. Three of the performances will be selected to be featured on the internet. Previous years' winners can be seen here:

<http://www.atcstudios.org/young-playwrights.html>

Katzenbach Induction of New NHS Members

Lauren Boose, NHS Advisor



Pam Garozzo, Director of the Division of Student and Field Services; Azeem Ahmad 2017 NHS Inductee; Joan Krasnisky, Acting Superintendent; Eliandy DeLaCruz 2017 NHS Inductee; Krista Bruehl, HS Principal; and Wayne Jacobsen, Dean of Students

On February 3, 2107, Katzenbach held an induction ceremony for two new members, Azeem Ahmad and Eliandy DeLaCruz. The ceremony began in the ELMS auditorium with a procession of the current members escorting the inductees.

The High School Principal, Mrs. Krista Bruehl, welcomed the National Honor Society members, inductees, audience, and guests. She introduced Mrs. Pam Garozzo, the Director of the Division of Student and Field Services at the New Jersey Department of Education. Mrs. Garozzo delivered to the audience her heartfelt speech which included personal stories and expressed her pride for the new and current members of the Katzenbach National Honor Society.

The National Honor Society promotes and recognizes students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. Membership is a privilege. As members, the students demonstrate a commitment to service, display excellence in academics and leadership, and have honorable and admirable character.

Current members assisted with the candle lighting ceremony led by the 2016-2017 NHS Advisor, Lauren Boose. Mrs. Krista Bruehl, and Mr. Wayne Jacobsen, Dean of Students, presented the pins and tassels to the inductees. Mrs. Joan Krasnisky, Acting Superintendent, presented each inductee with their certificate of membership.

Azeem and Eliandy recited the pledge of the National Honor Society which officially made them members. Each student presented their family with a flower to show their appreciation for the love and support they receive. Emily Cruz, President of the Charter and Miguel Dominquez, Vice-President, presented the Charter certificate for this school year to Mrs. Krasnisky with the assistance of John Dickson. The ceremony ended with closing comments from Mrs. Krasnisky, and her heartfelt thanks for everyone who made the ceremony a great success.





Thank You from the School Climate Transformation Project Committee

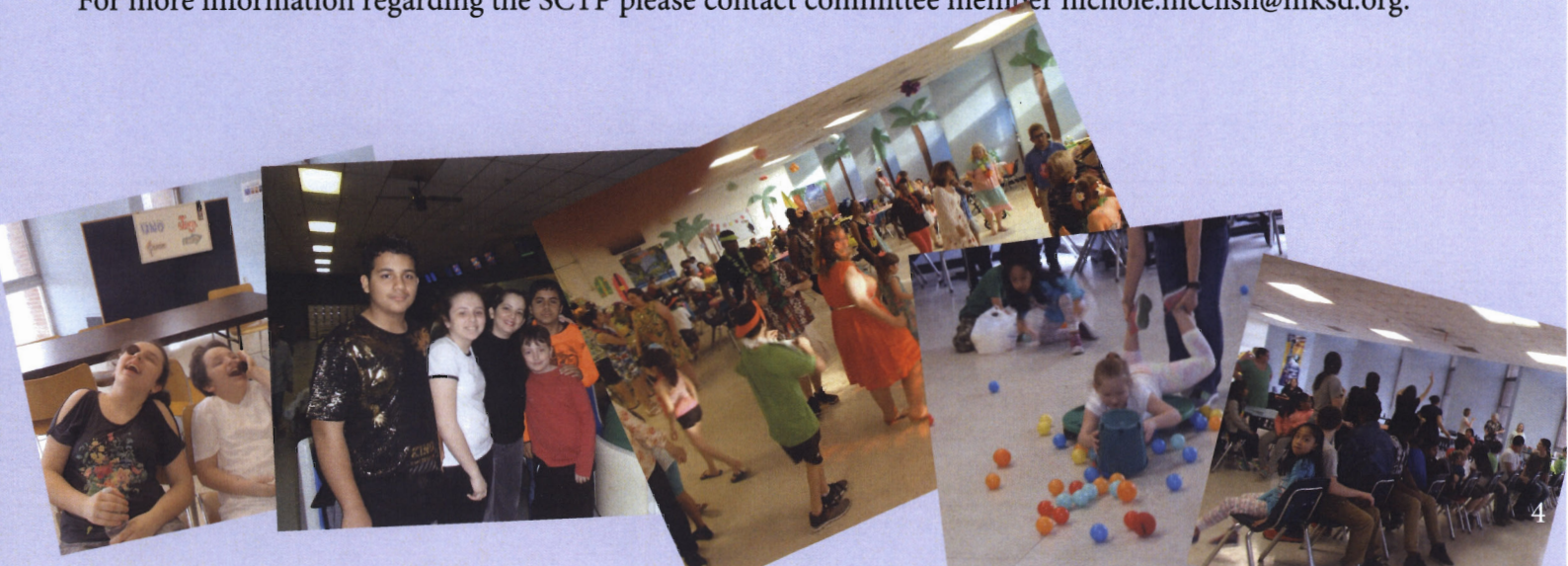
The School Climate Committee would like to thank everyone for attending the School Climate Transformation Projects (SCTP) events this school year. Look for our 2017-2018 school year events on our Social Media Pages in the Fall.

The SCTP committee hosted its last event of the year on Saturday, April 29th. Approximately 120 students, staff, and families got together for a Luau Dinner Dance in the High School Cafeteria. The cafeteria was transformed into a Hawaiian oasis with palm trees, tiki men, and surfboards. There was even a Tiki Bar where you could get a tattoo! Everyone dined on Hawaiian cuisine, including an authentic Hawaiian dessert. After the delicious meal, everyone enjoyed dancing and the limbo. Many people participated in the the line dances. They were a big hit! The DJ taught everyone a new dance that nobody knew.

The events hosted throughout the year were in response to a survey administered earlier in the year regarding the climate of the school to students, staff, and parents. Based on the results of the survey, the committee determined goals for the 2016-2017 school year.

A major goal was to foster a stronger parent/staff relationship and for parents to participate within the school community. The School Climate Committee has been hosting events throughout the school year to provide the opportunities for families to be involved. Some of the other activities SCTP committee hosted this school year were: Ice Skating at Mercer County Skating Rink, Game Day in the HS Cafeteria, Bowling at Pin Street in Hamilton, and the Luau Dinner Dance. We will continue to provide these opportunities. They were all very successful events. We hope to see you again at next year's events.

For more information regarding the SCTP please contact committee member nichole.mcclish@mkzd.org.



New Jersey Deaf Senior Citizens, Inc. Donates to the Class of 2017

Monica Ayrer



NJDSC, Inc. President, Ann Downs, presents a \$500.00 donation to the Class of 2017. Students accepting donation - Juan Ventura-Colaj, Azeem Ahmad, and John Dickson

On May 17, 2017 the New Jersey Deaf Senior Citizens hosted their 4th Annual Luncheon in the Jochem Center at Katzenbach. The students in the Culinary Arts program prepared and served the Senior Citizens a wonderful lunch. Every year NJDSC, Inc. donates half the proceeds they collect to the current Senior Class to defray the cost of their Senior Trip. This year the Senior Class trip will be in Ocean City, MD, June 6-9, 2017.

Most of the NJDSC, Inc. members are former graduates of Katzenbach. They enjoy coming back to Katzenbach and sharing fond memories with each other and with the students who participate in this Annual Luncheon. This is a great opportunity for the students to interact with members of the Deaf community.

The Class of 2017 would like to thank NJDSC, Inc. for their generous donation for their Senior Class Trip.

NJ/MKSD Alumni Day

Phyllis Sparks

Alumni Representative

On Saturday May 20, 2017 the Alumni Association had its annual meeting at Katzenbach in the Jochem Center. After the meeting, the Alumni Sports Committee hosted a Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony for former athletes. Jowy Crosta, Hall of Fame chairperson first introduced the 1972 Basketball team that won the Eastern Schools for the Deaf Athletic Association (ESDAA) championship. Gary Knarr was the only team member able to attend the ceremony. The other teams that were inducted included the 1974 Cheerleading Team, 1975 Basketball Team, 1977 Cheerleading Team and 1978 Basketball Team. It was a great day, and all the alumni enjoyed remembering the good times they shared together during their years at Katzenbach.



1977 ESDAA Cheerleading Team Champion
Karen Sparks Golembeski, Jackie Recine Ortholano, and
Kathy Ardini



1975 ESDAA Team Champion
John Bingham



1978 ESDAA Team Champion
Ron Chisolm, Bill Merritt, Stanley Hajdamacha, Andrew
Mochi, John Bingham, Jack Szabo, and Tom Szabo

Katzenbach 8th Graders Say Goodbye to ELMS

The 8th Graders at Katzenbach prepare to say goodbye to the Elementary Middle School and are looking forward to their transition to the High School. Below are some comments and memories shared by each of the 8th Grade Students.

“My name is Jeffrey Christopher Levitt. I remember my first day of school. I was so nervous because I was in a hearing school, and no one could understand me. Most of my school years were in a hearing school. I left that school and came to Katzenbach during my 8th grade year. The thing I love most about MKSD is that people are like family here. I enjoy many activities at home and school. My favorite activities are playing basketball and being on the Track and Field team.”

“My name is Halo Warner. I was born on October 18, 2002 in New Jersey. Both of my parents are deaf as well. I began school at Katzenbach when I was 2 years old. My favorite memory at school was during Extended School Year (ESY) when my friends and I went boating and our boat turned over, and we got all wet. Basketball, baseball, football, soccer and hockey are my favorite sports. I like to play and watch every kind of sport.”

“My name is Marco Espinoza. I was born on September 30, 2000. I moved to America when I was 13 years old and started attending Katzenbach at age 14. I did not know ASL or English at first. I loved learning how to communicate in ASL and English. I play basketball, soccer, and track and field at school. My favorite classes are Reading, English, and Math.”



Curtis Williams

“My name is Justin Teixeira, and I was born on June 19, 2003. I started attending Katzenbach because I have a hearing loss. I remember all the great teachers in elementary school. My favorite memories are of when we celebrated my birthday with my friends at school. At Katzenbach I learned to be bilingual and become skilled in both English and ASL. My hobbies include watching football with my family and reading the Harry Potter Book Series.”

“My name is Nasir Omar Guganus. I was born on April 7, 2003. I know sign language, but I can talk, too. My speech is good, and I am pretty smart. I started attending Katzenbach in 2006 in the Early Childhood Program. I enjoy playing basketball, football, playing video games, playing on Rublox, and hanging out with my friends.”

“My name is Curtis Chapman-Williams. My birthday is September 19, 2002. I started at Katzenbach 7 years ago in Ms. Pam Wood’s class. Now in Middle School I am in Ms. Nichole McClish’s class. I love to look at books, cars, and trucks during my free time. One of my favorite things to do is visit the firehouse or the police station.”



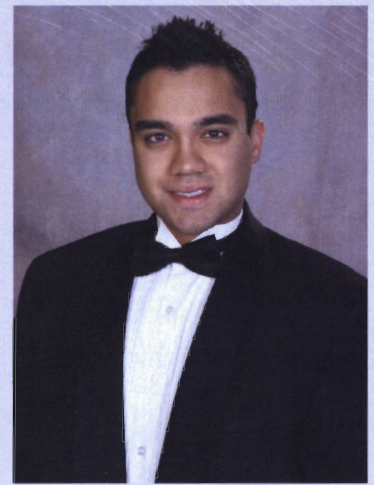
Top: Nasir Guganus and Jeffrey Levitt

Bottom: Marco Espinoza, Justin Teixeira and Halo Warner

Azeem Ahmad

Hamilton, New Jersey

Azeem has been a student at Katzenbach for 8 years. His major is Automotive Technology and he plans on getting a job in that field after graduation. In his free time, he enjoys chatting with friends and playing sports. While a student, Azeem has been involved in soccer, basketball, and softball. He has been a member of the National Honor Society and President of the Student Body Government. His best memories of school are playing softball and hanging out with his friends.



Patrice Isiclona Cassitta

Bricktown, New Jersey

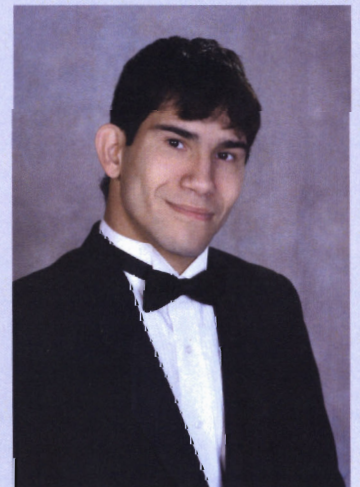
Patrice has been an academic student during her year at Katzenbach. Her favorite subject was Transition Class. She participated in volleyball. After graduation, Patrice is planning on getting a job. Her best memories of school were the special events and gym class. She wants people to remember her as a sweet and caring person.



Jason Cruz

Bordentown, New Jersey

Jason's friends call him Jay. He has been at Katzenbach for 14 years. His major has been Health and Childcare in the Career and Technical Department. He hopes to work with children after graduation. He enjoys hanging out with friends and playing video games. He has been involved in track and field, softball and the manager for the volleyball and the girls basketball teams. Jason received the Defensive Player of the Year Award for Soccer and the Most Improved Player Award in Basketball. He was a member of the Academic Bowl Team. Jason would like to be remembered for making people laugh and for helping people.



John Waters Dickson

Flemington, New Jersey

John came to Katzenbach in the Lower School 11 years ago. John is a Vocational Student majoring in Culinary Arts and his favorite subject is Literature. After graduation, he plans on working in a food establishment in Hunterdon County, New Jersey. John has been on the Honor Roll many times and he is a member of National Honor Society. He loves to tell jokes and horror stories to his friends.



Eduard Hertling

Brick, New Jersey

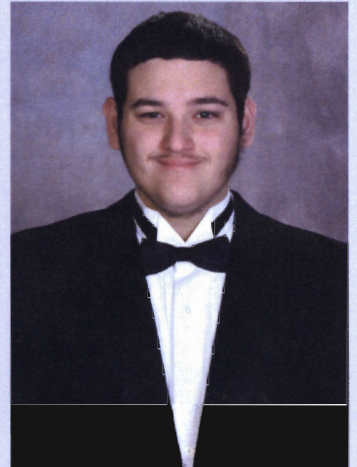
Eduard started at Katzenbach 17 years ago and his favorite subject was Reading. He likes to play games on his iPad. As a student at Katzenbach, he participated in the Katzenbach Recycling, the Lion's Club Eye Glass and ARC Programs. After graduation he plans on working. His favorite memory of Katzenbach was going to the prom. His favorite place to go on vacation is Disney World.



Joshua Michael Keller

Collingswood, New Jersey

Joshua has been a student at Katzenbach for 14 years. He studied Automotive Technology and after graduation, he plans on going to college. While a student, Joshua participated in basketball, soccer and softball. He was a member of the National Honor Society and he has been on the Honor Roll many times. His favorite memory of Katzenbach is a dorm trip to Dorney Park. He loved his time at Katzenbach and will miss his best friend, Jason Cruz.



Juan Ventura-Colaj

Juan moved to the USA from Guatemala in 2012 and has been a student here for 4 years. He loves to play sports such as soccer, basketball and track & field. His favorite classes are Physical Education and ASL. He enjoys being with friends, especially Andrey Molina. Juan plans to work and do forklifting for a construction company after graduation.



Annual Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day

On Thursday, April 27, 2017, Katzenbach participated in the Annual Take our Daughters and Sons to Work Day.

This event is designed to be more than a career day. The Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Program goes beyond the average practice of "shadowing" an adult. Exposing girls and boys to what a parent or mentor in their lives does during the work day is important, but showing them the value of their education, helping them discover the power and possibilities associated with a balanced work and family life, providing them an opportunity to share how they envision the future, and allowing them to begin steps toward their end goals in a hands-on and interactive environment is key to their achieving success. To learn more about the Take Our Daughter and Sons to Work Foundation please visit their website <https://daughtersandsonstowork.org>.



Academic Bowl Team

Stephanny Doolan and Pam Wood

Katzenbach 2017 Academic Bowl Team Competes in the Eastern Regional Gallaudet University Competition.

The Katzenbach/New Jersey School for the Deaf's Academic Bowl Team has been practicing for the Eastern Regional Gallaudet University Academic Bowl competition since September. This year, our Varsity Team members were Miguel Dominguez, Emily Cruz, De'Avian Watson and Amon Baldwin. Our Junior Varsity team consisted of Eliandy DeLACruz, Jason Cruz, Joshua Keller, Corey Jenkins, and Stanley Uka. The team was coached by Pamela Wood and Stephanny Doolan. This year's competition took place from March 10-13, 2017, at Rockville High School, in Rockville, Maryland.

The four Varsity Team members demonstrated wonderful sportsmanship, team spirit, dedication and hard work during the two-day competition. This year's Eastern Regional competition consisted of 20 teams/schools. Katzenbach competed in 9 matches against the following schools: Marie Philip School (MPS), St. Mary's School for the Deaf (SMSD), OCM BOCES (OCM), Rockville High School (RHS), Mountain Lakes High School (MLHS), New York School for the Deaf (NYSD), Manchester Program for the Deaf (MAN), Rhode Island School for the Deaf (RISD) and New York State School for the

Katzenbach had 26 children participate in the event this year. In the morning the children spent time in the area their parent works in, and were able to observe them in their daily work routine. Mid-morning the children then gathered in the High School cafeteria for a welcoming introduction from some of the High School Student Body Government (SBG) representatives. Then they went outside, and the SBG members led the children in an icebreaker activity. When the activity concluded, Acting Superintendent, Joan Krasnisky, welcomed and addressed the guests, and invited them to join the High School students for lunch. After lunch they returned to work with their parents. The visiting children left with a better understanding of the important work their parents do at Katzenbach, happy memories of a fun day, new friends and great goodie bags!

Deaf (NYSSD). Some of these matches were really close until the end and not one team member gave up or became discouraged. The team won their last match against NYSSD. The score was 9-5. Everyone on the team had a positive attitude and enjoyed interacting with the other teams. The matches were during the day, and the evenings were filled with activities that allowed each student time to build new friendships and socialize. Saturday night was a bowling night and Sunday night was our farewell party, with special guest, DJ Nico DiMarco, Nyle DiMarco's twin brother.

This year the Katzenbach Academic Bowl, Varsity and Junior Varsity teams gained knowledge, experience, and demonstrated good sportsmanship.

As coaches, we could not have been prouder of how well each player worked together, encouraged each other and never got discouraged. Congratulations to the Katzenbach Team!



2016/2017 Academic Bowl Team

Residential Program 2016-2017 Highlights



The Residential Program had a very busy year for both students and staff. It was a great year, and everyone had fun working together.

Some of our activities and trips this year included the following; AMC movie night and dinner; paint night given by Alumni, Brenda Cabrera; trip to Amazing Escape; haunted house trip; girls night out for Italian dinner and Starbucks; Chinese buffet birthday dinner; 10 weeks of bowling at Slocums bowling alley; 12 weeks of swimming at The College of New Jersey; ASL chat club at Barnes and Noble hosted by TCNJ. This was a student favorite. The students interacted with the ASL college students to help them improve their ASL skills. The students attended Deaf Awareness Day at TCNJ, where they were able to watch an ASL film produced by a Deaf Filmmaker, Mark Wood. After the movie the students had dinner at the college cafeteria. Then they enjoyed a presentation given by Mark Wood on how he began his movie business.



The Residential Program students also participated in the Transition Program, instructed by teachers, Kathryn Schreiber, Heather Osowski and Kristen Walker. They taught our students independent living skills, which included learning how to get a job, using public transportation, balancing a checkbook, and many other life lessons. Recently, Vicki Joy Sullivan, from Career

Success Solutions, began to instruct the students on how to complete a job application, write a resume and have mock interviews.

Each month we celebrated the Holidays. The students were very involved with planning the parties by ordering the food and decorating the Multi Purpose Room (MPR). They celebrated Halloween by dressing up in costumes and playing games. The winter Holiday dinner was catered this year. After the dinner the students went to Shady Brook Farms in Pennsylvania to enjoy the Holiday Light show. We also had celebrations for Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day.

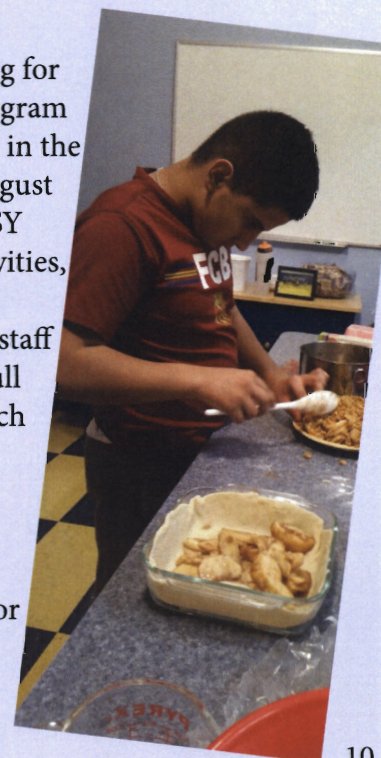
Students are working in the Colt Center weekly, learning how to serve food, and manage money. The students also work on the MKSD corner advertising billboard every week, posting quotes, advertisements, and important events that are happening on campus.



The Residential Program recently began a Greenhouse Club. The students who participate in this are planting flowers and vegetables, and are responsible to water and maintain all the plants.

For the remainder of the year there are several trips and activities planned to wrap up the end of the school year. There is a trip planned to go to Tyler State Park for a cook out and hike around the park. There also is a trip to Six Flags Great Adventure, which the students are all looking forward to on June 15th.

The staff is currently preparing for the Extended School Year program (ESY) which runs for 4 weeks in the summer from July 10th to August 4th. Activities planned for ESY include: swimming, gym activities, outdoor activities including hiking, and special trips. The staff are working on setting up a full schedule for the students which will include: art, recreational competitions, educational workshops, and much more. The goal is for the students to have a full camp experience for the residential component of ESY.



Paint Night

Erica Sulock, ELMS Fundraising Chairperson

On Friday, April 21, 2017, the ELMS Fund Raising Committee hosted their second painting event. PEAC Health and Fitness center, Ewing, NJ, was kind enough to open their studio to us for the event. Corks and Canvas from Lawrenceville, NJ brought the easels, canvases, paints, and other supplies, as well as provided the artist. Monica Ayer provided ASL interpreting services. Staff members, family members, and members of the community came out for a night of fun, laughter, and creative expression. The artists did an excellent job guiding the painters through the steps to create beautiful paintings. All of the proceeds from this event went to the ELMS Activity Fund. This fund is used for students in the ELMS building for supplies, parties, trips, and students' need throughout the year.



De'VIA Artist Nancy Rourke visits Katzenbach

In March our Katzenbach students in the Middle and High Schools had the opportunity to meet and work with Deaf "Artist", Nancy Rourke. Ms. Rourke presented her work to students and described the genre of art that expresses the artist's experience in the Deaf community. This genre is called Deaf View, Image Art (De'VIA). Ms. Rourke described her experience becoming a De'VIA artist and activist, or "Artist", as she calls herself. Students also had the opportunity to make their own art inspired by Ms. Rourke and De'VIA.



Bilingual/Earth Day Field Trip

Erica Sulock and Kristen Walker

Every year the Elementary students go on a Bilingual/Earth Day trip. The trip is our way to celebrate the bilingual skills of the students and to help make our community beautiful for Earth Day.



Early on the morning of April 25, a group of excited elementary students and staff boarded a school bus to begin an activity-filled day. We made our way to the Hamilton AMC movie theatre to see this year's Disney movie "Born in China". Prior to the movie, the students learned about closed captioning devices that are placed in the cup holder of the movie theater seat. Our movie was open captioned so the

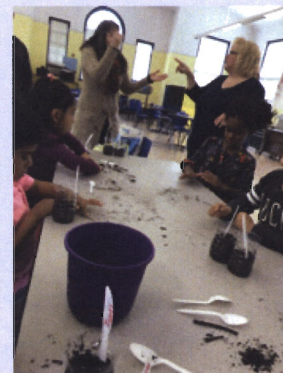
students didn't have to use a device to understand the movie. During the movie the students were able to see the lives of different animals in China, as well as the relationships the animals have with one another. Some of the animals the students learned about included a mother and baby panda, a red panda, golden monkeys and snow leopards.

When the movie ended, everyone headed back on the bus for the next stop... Wendy's! Leading up to the field trip, students rehearsed ordering their meals in their Speech and Language sessions. They practiced the signs and words for the different food and drinks they planned to order so they would be prepared to apply these skills. Wendy's staff was patient, and the manager offered the students free Frostys. When the students were asked about their favorite part of the trip, many of them said the Frostys.

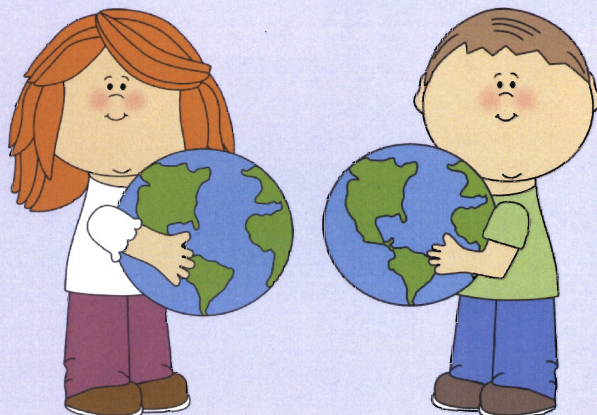


For the last part of the day we were not able to go to Veteran's Park because it was raining. Instead we went back to class and read to the students the books "It Zwibble" and "The Greatest Cleanup Ever." The book was about learning ways to use things that may be considered trash in different ways to save the environment.

The students had been collecting plastic bottles and their plastic forks, knives, and spoons from their lunch for a few days. They used the plastic bottles as planters to start seeds. The students planted four or five different varieties of seeds that will grow into flowers. The students will plant their flowers in the gardens around the pond. They used the spoons to scoop the dirt into their planters. They used the forks and knives to make labels for the plants.



It was a fun day!



Annual Katzenbach Alumni Basketball Game

The Alumni vs. Student basketball game is always held on the first Wednesday in March.

Katzenbach had a fantastic turnout. The bleachers were full of spectators. Thirteen men and six women alumni participated in the games.

Even though there was not a large turnout of women alumni, they still beat the HS girls 34 to 15! The Women's Alumni team were: Maria Morrongiello (1982), Debra Schmidt (1988), Kadijah Salam (1988), Brittainy Payne (2006), Jody Casiero (1988) and Stacey Jones (2002).

The Men's Alumni game was HOT! The High School boys were way behind after the quarter, but caught up and were only down by 21-28 at halftime. In the second half the HS boys actually took the lead but could not hold on, and lost 42-49. The Men's Alumni Team were: Marvin Shuler (2009), Charles Priscopo (1993), Jimbo McGrail (1992), Sunny Singh (2013), Marquis Gainey (2012), Ashanti Rutledge (2016), Matt Gilmore (2014), Tamar Taylor (2016), James Johnson (1991), Chris Webb (2009) Dani Quiroz (2009), Bill Nowrey (1993), Brian Shaw (1996).



On the floor left to right: Geizi Teuttle, Ana Maria Devora
Standing left to right: Kadijah Salam, Maria Morrongiello, Emily Cruz, Alexis Holland, Jody Caseiro, Crystal Narvaez, Debra Schmidt, Stacey Jones, De'Avian Watson, Brittainy Payne, Sinmi Folaranmi



Front row left to right: Charles Priscopo, Ricky Maldonado, Marquis Gainey, Marco Espinoza, Bill Nowrey, Marvin Shuler, Stanley Uka, Jason Cruz, Amon Baldwin, Naim Webb, Tamar Taylor, Christian Ayers
Standing left to right: Ricky Baily, Dani Quiroz, Ashanti Rutledge, Brian Shaw, Sunny Singh, Chris Webb, Jay Johnson, Corey Jenkins, Andrey Molina, Jimbo McGrail, Juan Venura-Colaj, Onasis Estevez, Miguel Dominguez, Matt Gilmore, Josh Keller, Azeem Ahmad

Sports News

We, the student athletes of NJSD, thank our families and fans for all your support!
2016-2017



Athletes of the Year 2017
De'Avian Watson and Ricky Maldonado



Athletic Director's Award Winners
Eliandy DeLaCruz and Andrey Molina



Katzenbach 2017 All American Athletes - Naiajah Wilson, Andrey Molina, Corey Jenkins, Emily Cruz, and Ricky Maldonado

In Memoriam

Former Staff

Helen Platt Power, Teacher
February 5, 2017

Elizabeth Nicholson (Nemeth)
May 5, 2017

John Moscatiello
Voc. Teacher 1975 to 1977
May 8, 2017

Alumni

Daniel Wozniak
February 5, 2017
class of 1953

Joyce Dewitt Maloney
March 30, 2017
Class of 1961

Joseph Ennis, Jr
April 8, 2017
class of 1963

Mamie Mazzu Adamca
April 17, 2017
Class of 1950

Susan Fishbein Costa
May 2017

Class of 1969

Angel Rivera
May 8, 2017
Class of 1972

Richard Bowles
May 2017
Class of 1940

William Anderson
May 13, 2017
Class of 1956

Samuel Llorens
May 16, 2016
Class of 1975

Charles Schmidt
May 17, 2017
Class of 1963

Rebecca DeVito Genovario
June 4, 2017
Class of 2006

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