

NEWS

from Jefferson and Roosevelt

December 2024

Students raise money for ICU

ROOSEVELT School recently raised money to benefit the neonatal intensive care unit at Cooperman Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston. This cause holds special significance for Roosevelt. One of the school's own students received care there as an infant.

Students also participated in a walk around the school grounds, demonstrating their compassion and commitment to helping others. "The event not only fostered a sense of community but also highlighted the importance of supporting families during challenging times," said Peter Strumolo, principal. "We're proud of our students for



their dedication to making a difference in the lives of those in need."

School nurse Elaine Sica organized the fundraiser.



A visit from Finnley

JANICE Koehne, teacher's aide and owner of Roosevelt's emotional support dog, Finnley, recently brought the beloved golden doodle into classrooms. Koehne discussed how support dogs can help enhance emotional well-being. She also described the extensive training and dedication required to prepare a service dog.

The students were captivated by Finnley's calming presence and gentle demeanor. They gained a deeper understanding of the important role emotional support animals play in the world.



Learning fire safety

ROOSEVELT third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders recently visited the Lyndhurst Fire Department to learn essential fire safety tips.

The students experienced a simulated home fire with billowing smoke where they practiced how to safely exit during an emergency. They also learned about the various tools that firefighters use in their duties.



Introducing Officer Mike

Mike McKerry is Jefferson's new full-time school resource officer. McKerry has had an impressive 26-year career in the Jersey City Police Department, including roles in the SWAT unit, gang unit, and as deputy chief.

A Lyndhurst resident since 1999, he's been an athletic coach for more than 16 years, guiding young athletes in T-ball, soccer, football, and softball.

History comes alive at Jefferson

THIRD-GRADERS at Jefferson presented a living wax museum where they portrayed famous Americans from past and present. It was the culminating event in a weeks-long research project, providing a way for students to show off their creativity and demonstrate just how much they had learned.

Dressed in costumes, the third-graders were living statues that came alive to recite short biographical profiles for parents, students, and staff. From Thomas Edison to Rosa Parks, Bruce Lee to Lucille Ball, the renowned Americans portrayed by the students included historical icons, entertainers, and innovators.





Flag ceremony honors 9/11 victims

In honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11 and those impacted in other ways, Roosevelt students participated in a solemn ceremony. They adorned the school fence with American flags as patriotic music played in the background.

“The vibrant display served as a powerful symbol of unity and resilience,” said Principal Peter Strumolo. “It reminded us all of the importance of coming together as a community to honor those affected by the tragic events of 9/11.”



Third-graders are reporters for a day

JEFFERSON School transformed into a bustling newsroom during Reporter Day. Third-graders stepped into the shoes of journalists to uncover the stories of two legendary inventors: Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell.

After completing their research, the students crafted compelling news articles highlighting the groundbreaking achievements of these iconic Americans. The project helps develop both their research skills and writing.



Presentations reinforce key Halloween safety tips

SERGEANT Steven Passamano, one of the district's school resource officers, visited third grade classrooms at Roosevelt to provide important Halloween safety tips.

Passamano underscored the importance of wearing highly visible costumes, using sidewalks, and choosing safe neighborhoods for trick-or-treating. He also emphasized the need to stay with an adult and to check all treats before eating.



Bergen Sheriff's Office visits with police dogs

Members of the K-9 unit of the Bergen County Sheriff's Office visited Roosevelt and demonstrated the ability of police dogs to sniff out drugs and explosives. The presentation emphasized the critical role that K-9 units play in keeping our communities safe. It also educated students about the dangers of drugs.

The demonstration was part of the school's recognition of national Red Ribbon Week, the largest drug-abuse prevention campaign in the United States.



Happy Holidays



Jefferson School

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
23 Schools Open Single Session	24	25	26	27
Schools Closed – Holiday Recess				
30	31	1	2	3
Schools Closed – Holiday Recess			Schools Re-open	



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