

Superintendent's Spotlight of the Week



#EOClimateStrike!

The 2nd Annual East Orange School Community Book Club launched this year's theme on Friday, December 6, 2019, along with an estimated seven million youth and adults by participating in demonstrations all across the United States to demand that transformative action be taken to address the climate crisis. Our climate-conscious book club students gathered at the East Orange Campus High School Quad to create a Human Banner that symbolized the importance of preserving our Earth and its resources.

Participating book club students at EO Campus High School, STEM Academy, Tyson Middle/High School, Whitney Houston Academy, and Hart Complex joined the School Community Book Club with a collective belief that climate change must be an urgent priority across the East Orange community and our country. "With the increasing number of natural disasters, like Hurricane Dorian that recently slammed the Bahamas and wreaked havoc on parts of the Carolinas, this strike is our chance to send a message to Washington that to earn votes in 2020, climate change must be at the forefront of their campaigns and initiatives," said Ms. Yukima Vannoy, Supervisor of

Secondary Literacy. This amazing club was spearheaded by Ms. Vannoy in 2018 focusing on gun violence and control.

This demonstration was our method of educating others and advocating for climate change. The group is encouraging others to take part in the next demonstration on Earth Day - #EarthDayStrike on April 22, 2020, where the EO School Community Book Club students will protest in solidarity to combat climate change.

For more information or to find out how you can get involved, contact Ms. Yukima Vannoy or Mr. Akeem Adisa in Curriculum Services.



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New Jersey Thespians Festival!

On Saturday, December 7, 2019 the Cicely L. Tyson Middle/High School of Performing and Fine Arts, Theater Arts Department (Thespians Society Troupe 7203) competed at Robbinsville High School in the New Jersey State Thespians Festival. Under the direction of Mr. Lemon, Ms. Rae-Dudley and Ms. Gorgone these students were able to win several categories and receive a Governor Award Nominee. They were also invited to compete at the International Thespians Convention in Bloomington, Indiana in the summer of 2020.

Congratulations to you all.. Keep striving towards Excellence! Kudos Team Tyson Middle/High School!



Congratulations!

TO THE CICELY L. TYSON SCHOOL THEATER ARTS DEPARTMENT
& THESPIAN SOCIETY TROUPE 7203
THESPY AWARD WINNERS AT THE 2019 NEW JERSEY STATE
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WINNERS

ACTING DUO

Zulaikah Al-Mutazzim & Kelvin Langevine - Scene from "Fences"
Mekhi Irving & Sincere Silvera - Scene from "Waiting for Godot"

MUSICAL SOLO

Kimberly Val - Raven from the musical "Brooklyn"

MUSICAL GROUP & GOVERNOR AWARD NOMINEE

Janae Owens - Soloist
Kimberly Val
Nimat Saleem
Trevor Lavine
Nicholas Stewart
Ashley Taitt
Amber Ruffin
Kaya Walcott

Bring A Family Member to Preschool Day...

On December 10, 2019, forty students from the Hart Middle Complex (Truth, Healy, Costley) and Fresh Start Middle/High School joined Future Ready Prep in recognizing International Human Rights Day. The goal of the forum was to demonstrate to the students that it is not difficult to support human rights through responsible action and advocacy. The forum's theme, "When Injustice is Ignored," was chosen by students to articulate the importance of protecting human rights. Human Rights are inherent and entitle all people the right to satisfy basic needs which include food, housing and education so they can take advantage of opportunities. By protecting life, liberty, equality and security, human rights shield people against abuse from those who hold more power. Human Rights should be enjoyed by all global citizens, regardless of race, sex, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status.

The forum was designed and facilitated by the students of Future Ready Prep. The day began with an interactive panel discussion. The panel included Future Ready Prep students, Kiona Watkins and Ja'Niyah Stoddart. Councilman Mustafa Brent, Councilman Bergson Leneus and East Orange Campus High School ELA Department Chair, Christina Jaquez, were also panel participants. Future Ready Prep student, Zariah Lawson, served as the moderator. Panelists answered questions which addressed, but were not limited to the following topics: gender, age, LGBTQ, race, social class, and religion. Superintendent Dr. West joined participants after lunch for student-created and student-facilitated workshops. Workshop offerings were as follows: **Social Class, LGBTQ, Gender, Altruism, Race and Religion**. The students of Future Ready Prep are working to improve the lives of all global citizens. Kudos Team Future Ready Prep!!!



From:

*Dr. Kevin West and
the East Orange Board of
Education*