



# Superintendent's Spotlight of the Week



## Future Ready Prep: Oxfam Hunger Banquet!

Teaching both students and the community about hunger, Future Ready Prep hosted an Oxfam Banquet on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. A team of students led their peers during the day. The student team also led their parents and the community during the evening. The purpose of the event, according to administrator Dr. Renee Richardson, is to educate the community on the dangers of poverty, as well as to inform people about how widespread the problem of hunger is. Future Ready Prep students focus on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals which aim to solve global issues. 6th grade students are working on Clean Water and Sanitation. The 7th grade students are working on the goal of Zero Hunger. "We no longer live in isolation, our students are learning to be global citizens and to tackle global problems. Oxfam was a natural fit for our students." stated Dr. Richardson.



Ms. Christina Elias, the teacher liaison for the project, said that the event was to "bring awareness about hunger and poverty to our community through an interactive and memorable event." Hunger Banquets give attendees the opportunity to make a difference, both locally and globally. They are volunteer-led interactive events that bring statistics about poverty to life. Guests randomly select tickets matching real people who are high, middle, or low income earners, demonstrating that where you end up is all in the luck of the draw. Oxfam is a global movement of people working to end injustice and poverty. Future Ready Prep is proud to be part of the movement. Please join us for upcoming events as we endeavor to make the world a better place for all citizens. Special thanks to Sodexo for donating the food for this event.



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## AAA School Safety Patrol!!

This week the Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Academy AAA Safety Patrol Team was sworn in for the 2019-2020 school year. The JCA Safety Patrol is in its second year of implementation under the co-advisors, Ms. Jaclyn Malloy and Mrs. Stefany Cook, second grade teachers. The school safety patrol program is sponsored by AAA Northeast and has been serving millions of students for the past 99 years. The AAA School Safety Patrol program promotes school safety and allows student leaders to work with both law enforcement and school officials to help ensure the safety of the school and school grounds, as well as, just over 200 students before and after school.



At the beginning of the school year, students in grades 4 and 5 had the opportunity to apply to become a school safety patrol officer. Interested students had to complete the Patroller Application, including writing a short essay about a time when they had acted responsibly and why they would be a good candidate for the patrol, as well as, obtain consent from their parents. Once submitted, all applications were reviewed by the co-advisors, and approved students began training. After completing two weeks of training, students were then assigned a specific post either in the morning or afternoon. The final step in the process was having the swearing in ceremony this week, where each student received their belt and badge after reciting the School Safety Pledge and the Safety Patrol Officers Oath in front of the entire student body, staff, family and friends of Johnnie Cochran Academy.

The JCA Safety Patrol Team works daily to ensure the safety of all students as they arrive at school in the morning and depart in the afternoon. With their assistance, JCA continues to maintain a safe, welcoming school environment for all.



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