

## HILLSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

*"Aspire to Inspire!"*

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### **A.P. Morris:**

#### **A.P. Morris Celebrated - Read Across America Week**

Each day was a different theme:

Monday – “Hats off to Reading” – Scholars wore a hat of their choice

Tuesday – “Crazy Hair Day”

Wednesday – “Wacky Wednesday” – Scholars wore mismatched clothing

Thursday – “Snazzy Shirt Thursday” – Scholars wore a fancy shirt

Friday – “Color Day” – Reading Rally with Hillside High School Cheerleaders

Also, throughout the week various readers from the community came to read to our Scholars. Police officers, Firefighters and **Mayor Dahlia Vertreese** all read to several classrooms.



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## WOK Middle School:

This week for Read Across America WOK hosted an author visit with Tami Charles ([www.tamiwrites.com](http://www.tamiwrites.com)). Students in the Book Club (advised by Ms. Grimes) and the Newspaper Club (advised by Mrs. Awad), as well as 1 ESL class (Mrs. Giro) and 3 Language Arts classes (Mrs. Goins-Morris, Mrs. Scott-Jackson, and Ms. Cheung) heard a 20-minute presentation by this local author on her life and her writing career. Students then spent 20 minutes asking the author questions, followed by 20 minutes of book signing. Our Book Club students have already read *Vanessa*, Ms. Charles' first novel, and most of the other students present were given free copies of this book.



## **Hillside High School:**

Drama II students were led by Ms. Filomeno to see Kean University's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Kean students put on a modernized version of this Shakespearean show. Many of the students felt that seeing this production helped them to understand Shakespearean language in a way they have never experienced before this time. They truly enjoyed seeing "A Midsummer Night's Dream," grabbing lunch in their student center, and being a college freshman for the day.

## ***Cathy Francis, 2019 Union County School Counselor of the Year.***

***Each year the Union County School Counselors Association selects a Counselor of the County. This year, Cathy Francis has been chosen as the Union County School Counselor of the Year. Cathy has been responsible for innovations in guidance and counseling and has demonstrated leadership and service to the school and its community. On March 22, 2019 she will be honored along with the other 18 county recipients.***

## ***Congratulations Cathy!***



## Hurden Looker:

Grade 4 students were presented with a NED assembly called Kindness Adventure. The students learned some interesting facts about students in Kenya and some of the things they have to deal with every day. It also showcased how to be kind.



## Girls Rock Science Club

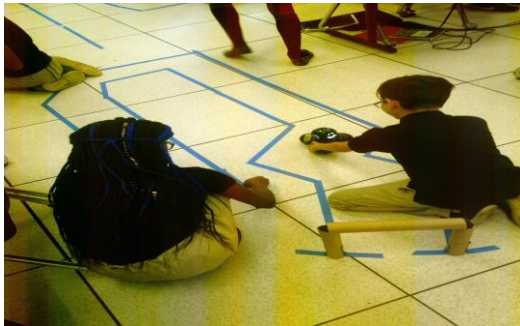
This is one of the activities the teachers were trained on at the Liberty Science Center workshop. The girls were given 100 index cards and 1 foot of scotch tape. They had to make the tallest and sturdiest structure. Teachers went around and tested out the structures by tapping on the desk or the structure.



## George Washington:

### George Washington Students Dabble in Computer Programming

George Washington School sixth grade students have had the opportunity to improve their programming skills through the use of [Code.org](http://Code.org) and Scratch. Students designed an obstacle course using household items and programmed their Cue robots to travel successfully through their course. Student also designed a maze using Scratch.org and then used Makey Makeys to make controllers for their games. The students of George Washington School are also excited to begin learning how to program our new humanoid robot, NAO! Standing at 58 cm, it has touch sensors, microphones and speakers, speech recognition, 2D cameras, and so much more!!! This high-performing robot is a great tool for our students to sharpen their programming skills!



### Matthew Emmanuel of George Washington School is a true Renaissance Student!

Matthew Emmanuel is in Ms. Hillock's homeroom and has been playing the violin in our George Washington string ensemble for the past two years. Matthew is also a multi-instrumentalist! In addition to the violin, Matthew plays the electric bass! He will be showcasing his talent playing the electric bass during the upcoming spring concert. Not only is Matthew a member of George Washington School's National Elementary Honor Society, he is a budding musician. He is an excellent student who is kind, courteous, and works well with his peers. Matthew Emmanuel exemplifies the qualities of a George Washington School student!



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## Calvin Coolidge:

Calvin Coolidge students are participating in the Kindness Adventure Assembly. The assembly was based around character education and respecting the differences between cultures. Throughout the week, we conducted a sale to buy Kenya jewelry. Some of the proceeds will go towards getting clean water in Kenya and paying for the next school to receive the Kindness Adventure assembly.

