



Pemberton Township Schools



Pemberton Pride Newsletter

December, 2017

Pursuing Excellence, One Child at a Time



Rider Graduate Students Mentor Middle School Writers

Over 50 Helen Fort students traveled to Rider University to meet their writing mentors for the first time this December, marking the completion of a semester-long project. Coordinated by English teacher Mrs. Schott, students worked through Google Docs with Rider graduate students on four different writing projects focusing on the character trait *Resiliency*. "Students really blossom through this project," said Schott. "It's an outlet for another adult to listen to them and encourage them, and it can be very empowering."

Above, eighth grader Morgan Knight chats with her mentor Wura Koalwoe as they review her published writing.

**Fort Dix Students "Rock Kindness"
And Fill Buckets for Character Ed**

**Middle School Students Serve up
Good Will and Delicious Lunch**



Fort Dix students participated in a Character Education Day by creating special projects surrounding two themes. Pre-k through 1st graders read the book “Have you Filled a Bucket Today?” and made paper buckets to fill with good deeds on paper hearts. Second through fifth graders learned about the Kindness Rocks project, and painted rocks with inspirational words and pictures. *Above, Duncan McDonald and Ryan Card examine the message on a Kindness Rock.*

Staff members at Helen Fort were treated to a delicious holiday lunch, courtesy of students in Mrs. Seely and Mrs. Theinert classes. The fundraising lunch featured a holiday menu along with holiday music and décor. Students took their jobs as host, cashier and waiter very seriously, practicing skills learned in class, and received tips in the currency of Buzz Bucks to purchase items at the school store. *Above, Damien Fallon and Na’jir Jones serve teacher Jennifer Jedrzejewski.*

[Click to view Character Ed and Luncheon Photo Galleries!](#)

Pemberton Glows With Holiday Giving



The Pemberton Township Schools family is incredibly generous—especially when it comes to the holiday season. As in years past, numerous endeavors took place at individual schools and district-wide, providing local Pemberton families with overflowing food baskets, toys, cookies, decorations and gift cards. Selfless staff, students and families also donated

to military drives, animal shelters, hospitals and other causes to spread holiday cheer well beyond the Pemberton community.

Above top: Denbo 4th grade students in Mrs. McCuen/Harder/Najera's class packed up 20 boxes of goodies for military personnel overseas, as part of Operation Yellow Ribbon.

Above left: Students in the "Spirit of 21" class of the 21st Century after school program created pet toys for the Burlington County Animal Shelter and also collected puzzle books for patients undergoing chemotherapy.

Above right: Students in the Habitat for Humanity club at PTHS display the wreaths, centerpieces and fruit baskets they made for local organizations, as well as the toys they collected for Pemberton children.

Second Quarter Co-op and Student Intern Winners at PTHS

The PTHS School-to-Career Advisory Board presents awards to outstanding co-op students and students interns every quarter.

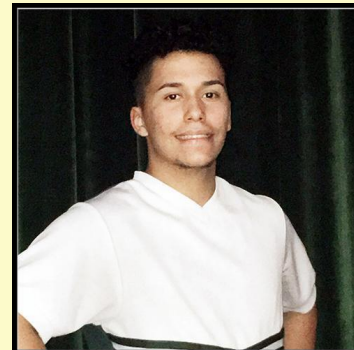
Congratulations to this quarter's recipients **Amy Adickes, Kailey Stinehart, Sarah Miller, Cheyenne Mitchell and Deja Spedden.**



Students Sing and Cheer Their Way to the Top



Congratulations to Helen Fort 8th grader **Ayana Diaz**, on being accepted into the All South Jersey Junior High School Chorus. This elite ensemble accepts very few students—only 25 out of 111 sopranos were accepted into the group and Ayana will proudly represent Pemberton! The group holds Saturday rehearsals and trains for a final performance to be given in the spring.



PTHS senior **Eduardo Rivera-Cruz** became the first cheerleader from Pemberton to make the NJCDCA All-State Team. His excellent co-ed stunting, tumbling, and jump skills earned him the opportunity to be recognized in Princeton recently, along with 24 other cheerleaders from around the state. He will be honored again at the state competition in March.

**Old and Young Share
Holiday Spirit Together**

**Tune in to Channel 19 to
Watch Winter Concerts!**



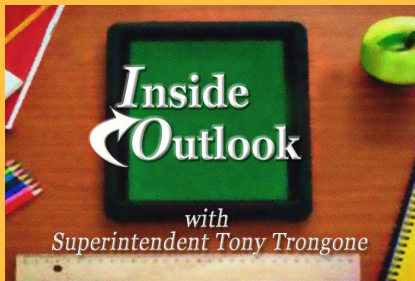
Warm and fuzzy hats combined with warm and fuzzy feelings to create a wonderful time at PECEC in December. Members of the Mt. Laurel Blanketeers donated over 150 handmade scarfs and hats to PECEC, then visited the school to read, give mini-crocheting lessons, and help students choose their favorite hats! It was a great inter-generational event for all.

Above, PECEC student Melody Afrifa learns the basics of crocheting from Gert Collins of the Mt. Laurel Blanketeers.



[Concert viewing schedule](#)

[Concert Photo Galleries](#)



Be sure to watch **Superintendent Tony Trongone** as he brings you the latest information on school programs and initiatives on his video blog **Inside Outlook**.

Click here to watch the most recent episode, and catch up on ones you may have missed!

Early Dismissal:
Friday, December 22nd

Schools Closed:
December 25th - January 1st

School Resumes
Tuesday, January 2nd

Happy Holidays!



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