



NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Great things are happening at New Haven Public Schools

November 28, 2019 – December 13, 2019

We believe that all kids can learn, achieve, and rise to a bright future. Our purpose is to provide an outstanding education that extends beyond graduation and prepares our students to be the next generation of leaders, innovators and problem-solver.

- Fair Haven Saturday Academy Includes Community Integration Mentoring Program
- Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School Presents **“WINTERFEST 2019”**
- Barnard’s Kindergarten Students Learn to be Meteorologists
- Jessica Haxhi of New Haven Public Schools Elected to National Association of Language Board
- Davis Street Student Ethan Deleon Wins ARTE INC. Second Annual Christmas Card Contest
- Ross-Woodward Book Drive to help Read To Grow
- Dr. Whyte and Members of His Fraternity Provided Thanksgiving Basket
- Bishop Woods School Giving Back
- East Rock Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month
- James Hillhouse High School Opens *“Hillhouse Harvest Food Pantry”*
- Congratulations, New Haven Public Schools Teacher of the Year!
- Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School **“WINTER CONCERT”**



Fair Haven Saturday Academy Includes Community Integration Mentoring Program

Through a nurturing peer environment, the Community Integration Mentoring Program (CIMP) provides young New Haven English Language Learners (ELL), the opportunity to develop their English communication skills with the help of students from neighboring school communities such as Guilford. As a result, English Language Learners will be able to integrate into their community quicker and become active members of our society. CIMP

The Program also promotes integration among communities, by creating a symbiotic relationship and cultural learning experience between the communities involved. Additionally, mentors participating in this program become role models for the ELL students and leaders in our society. As a byproduct, this program also has the ability to build multicultural bridges and close gaps between communities. Both communities are enriched by the exchange.

Betsy Ross Arts Magnet School

Presents

WINTERFEST

2019

**AN EVENING
OF ORIGINAL
THEATRE AND DANCE**

Thursday, December 12, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Adults \$3 | Children \$1

**BRAMS AUDITORIUM
150 Kimberly Avenue**

LIMITED SEATING

Barnard's Kindergarten Students Learn to be Meteorologists!



Students in Ms. Freeman, Ms. Heinig and Mrs. Guist's kindergarten classes pose with Sam Kantrow.

WTNH Meteorologist, Sam Kantrow, visited Barnard's kindergarten students on a chilly day in November. Although it was one of the coldest days of the season, teachers and students truly appreciated the time working together outdoors, learning about the weather!

Students especially loved touring the Storm Tracker vehicle and learning about all the tools used to track storms. There may be a few budding meteorologists in this group!

Congratulations to Jessica Haxhi of New Haven Public Schools Elected to National Association of Language Board

ACTFL ANNOUNCES ELECTION OF THREE NEW BOARD MEMBERS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: SHERRI HALLORAN
(703) 894-2900 X119

ALEXANDRIA, VA (November 11, 2019) — The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) is pleased to announce three newly elected members of its Board of Directors. Jessica Haxhi of New Haven Public Schools, Ying Jin of Fremont Union High School District, and L.J. Randolph Jr. of the University of North Carolina Wilmington will each begin their terms on January 1, 2020.

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Jessica Haxhi – After more than 20 years as a language educator, Jessica Haxhi now serves as Supervisor of World Languages for New Haven Public Schools in New Haven, CT, where she’s been since 2013. There, she focuses on standards-based curriculum development, teacher collaboration within and across languages, and professional learning around engaging, proficiency-based instruction. Most recently, Haxhi worked with CTCOLT to advocate for Seal of Biliteracy legislation and served on the *NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements* Revision Committee. She is currently on ACTFL’s Professional Learning Committee. Haxhi will serve as ACTFL President in 2021.

AT-LARGE (K-12)

Ying Jin – Ying Jin has more than 20 years of Chinese language and culture teaching experience in diverse communities and settings, including middle schools, high schools, and colleges in both the United States and China. She currently teaches Mandarin Chinese in the Fremont Union High School District in Cupertino, California. Jin is a nationally recognized language educator and was named the 2018 ACTFL Teacher of the Year. She has also been awarded the 2017 Teacher of the Year from SWCOLT (The Southwest Conference on Language Teaching), 2016 Teacher of the Year from CLTA (California Language Teachers Association), 2015 Outstanding Teacher Award from CLTA (California Language Teachers Association) and 50th Annual Murphy Educator of the Year Award in 2014.

AT-LARGE (HIGHER EDUCATION)

L.J. Randolph Jr. – L.J. Randolph Jr. is an associate professor of Spanish and Education at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington. He is also the associate chair of the Department of World Languages and Cultures and coordinator of the Foreign Language Teacher Education Program. Randolph’s research and publications have focused on a variety of critical issues in language education, including the teaching of Spanish to heritage and native speakers and the incorporation of social justice-oriented pedagogies in the language classroom. He has a decade of experience teaching Spanish and ESOL at the secondary level. At the university level, he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Spanish language, contemporary Latina/o/x cultures, and second language teaching methods.

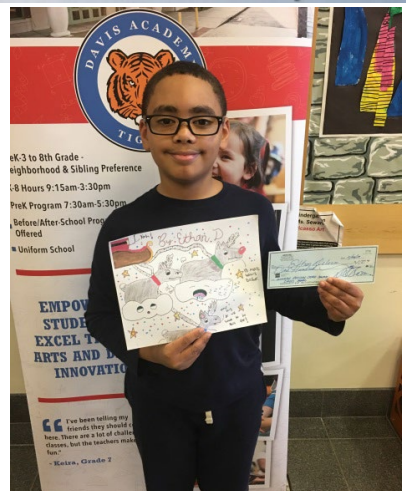
“I am very excited to welcome Jessica Haxhi, Ying Jin, and L.J. Randolph to the ACTFL Board of Directors”, said Howie Berman, ACTFL Executive Director. “Their unique backgrounds, experience, and skill sets will be huge assets to ACTFL and the language education profession. I look forward to working with them in the coming years as we seek to ensure language access for all students in the U.S.”

Those Board Members whose terms conclude at the end of 2019 are Aleidine Moeller (Past President), University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Michael Bacon (Treasurer), Portland Public Schools, Susan Hildebrandt, Illinois State University, Jill Woerner, AFS-USA, and Sandra Garcia, Pacific University.

“It has been an honor and pleasure to work with these board members who have given generously of their time and talents”, added Lisa Ritter, ACTFL President. “We will miss them, but I know they’ll continue to make contributions to the profession after their service on the ACTFL Board has ended.”

Davis Street Student Ethan Deleon Wins ARTE INC. Second Annual Christmas Card Contest

Davis Street School student Ethan Deleon wins ARTE INC. Second Annual Christmas Card Contest. Ms. Artz, Ethan Deleon, Principal Coleman, Mr. Conaway and Ethans's Mom met David Greco from ARTE Inc. at Davis school, where Mr. Greco presented him with a check.



Dr. Whyte and Members of His Fraternity Provided Thanksgiving Basket to New Haven Public Schools Families



Ross-Woodward Book Drive to help Read To Grow



Ross Woodward Classical Studies Magnet School has been learning about citizenship in Third Grade as part of their Magnet Unit. As part of being good citizens they created a Book Drive to help Read To Grow, an organization that makes it their mission to put a book in every child's hand starting at birth. Read To Grow has always been so gracious to us in the past donating numerous books to our students.

We found out that they had a shortage of books being donated to them, so Third Grade decided to help them out and give back.

We are proud to say that our school collected 1,151 books which we donated to them!



**Ross Woodward
Classical Studies:**

A New Haven
Public Schools
Interdistrict Magnet

Bishop Woods School Giving Back



The students on the Community Service Committee of the Bishop Woods Student Council arranged for a school wide collection of non-perishable food items and donations of turkeys to assist families in need. Students filled 15 boxes with everything needed for a Thanksgiving feast.



Our kindergarten students provided the festive decorations for the boxes. The collaborative effort among staff, families, and students resulted in a true understanding of the power of giving.



East Rock Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month



James Hillhouse High School Opens “*Hillhouse Harvest Food Pantry*”



After identifying a number of students in need, with full support from Principal Glen Worthy, James Hillhouse High School opened the Hillhouse Harvest Food Pantry on November 1, 2019.

Our school pantry is open every Wednesday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Some of our students fill their bags before they leave school, while other families are able to come in after school to visit the pantry.

The students from our carpentry program were able to build shelving units, which has furnished our pantry. We also have a list of students who volunteer weekly, supporting with the stocking and sorting of incoming produce. Pantry board members include: Khalilah Adulrahim -Social Worker, Melissa Redding -Parent Liaison, Yahira Owens -Social Worker and Esther Duncan -School Clinic Psychiatrist.

In our first month, over 100 Hillhouse students and families signed up for our pantry. Each participant is supported by a board member during their weekly visits, which enables our students and families to select their desired items, thereby decreasing the waste of food.

The Hillhouse Harvest Food Pantry gently encourages each participant to try new items. We are also working on a small variety of recipe cards to help our students and families cook meals with our pantry items that are delicious and nutritious, which may also reduce their reliance on prepackaged and fast food items. We are currently in need of two large deep freezers, which would extend our capacity to receive and store more fresh and frozen produce.

Personal Quotes

"Thank you so much! Our electric and hot water was turned off for weeks. Its back on now but we don't have any food at home. This food is a true blessing from God."
-Hillhouse Student

"The Hillhouse Pantry has so many great things to chose from! I have a lot of food allergies but I was able to find vegetable stock and almond flour here. I'm happy that I can find healthy food for my family for free! "
-Hillhouse Student





"I had no money for groceries this week. This is amazing! What a blessing right here at my son's school!"
-Hillhouse Parent

"I am so pleased with the progress of our food pantry and how this resource has supported our diverse student population."
-Hillhouse Principal, Glen Worthy

"The food pantry is an intricate component in meeting our students practical and social-emotional needs."
-Hillhouse Social Worker, Khalilah Abdulrahim, LMSW

"Our pantry has increased our parent involvement and peaked the participation at our monthly workshops which provide additional fundamental resources for our families."
-Hillhouse Parent Liaison, Melissa Redding

CONGRATULATIONS TO MS. ROSE MURPHY, 2020 NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHER OF THE YEAR!



Rose Murphy, English Teacher at Hill Regional Career High School, was recently honored by the Connecticut State Department of Education and the New Haven Public Schools Board of Education as the 2020 NHPS Teacher of the Year!

For Rose, teaching high school in New Haven has always been her goal. She began teaching at Career High School in 2014 after graduating from the University of Connecticut. She teaches English and Journalism, as well as running many programs outside of the classroom. She leads the National History Day program, which gives students the opportunity to tell the untold stories of history through creating exhibits, documentaries, and performances.

She also developed the journalism program and Career's school newspaper, which empowers students to amplify the

voices of their school and their community. Rose is passionate about broadening the opportunities available to her students while bringing joy and creativity into the classroom.

She is honored to be New Haven's teacher of the year. She is especially humbled and gratified to receive this honor from the school and district that helped her begin her career, teaching her everything she knows. **Congratulations Rose Murphy!**

BETSY ROSS ARTS MAGNET SCHOOL

WINTER CONCERT

featuring the
BAND, CHORUS, & STRING ENSEMBLE



WEDNESDAY  DECEMBER 18TH
5:00

2019

BRAMS AUDITORIUM  FREE ADMISSION
150 KIMBERLY AVE., NEW HAVEN