

The Phoenix News

SPEEDWAY ACADEMIES
TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018



THE SECOND HALF OF THE YEAR

We hope that you and yours have been keeping safe and warm in this cold winter season. Quarter 2 has ended and we are well into the second half of the school year, with Quarter 3 progress reports issued yesterday, Monday, March 5, 2018. We are so proud of all of the hard work that our students have put in this school year. From Debate to the Spelling Bee to the Math Bowl to our huge SRI Carnival to the upcoming Q2 Honor Roll Assembly, we are celebrating hundreds of our students and their academic proficiency and progress.

We are reminded of a quote often repeated “The only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.” There are six more very hard weeks for our Grade 3-8 students until their state testing begins. ***There are 9 days until the Q3 Interim; there are 30 days until PARCC. Are you ready?***

ANNUAL “TASTE OF SPEEDWAY”

Our Kindergarten to Grade 2 students took a tour of the cultures represented at Speedway Academies on Thursday, February 22, 2018. For two months, Speedway Academies’ K-2 students have been studying various cultures around the world. During the Taste of Speedway, our students took a tour of the Student Gallery, made cultural crafts and learned various dances. Speedway Academies students listened to



traditional music and learned dances from Israel, Madagascar, India (Bollywood), Turkey (Belly Dance), and South Africa.



Finally, it was time to eat! Our students had different types of rice, meat, vegetables, and desserts from around the world. We cannot wait to see you at next year’s celebration!



CELEBRITY READS

Thanks to My Very Own Library and the United Way, Speedway Academies was lucky enough to welcome representatives from the United Way, the National Pan-Hellenic Council of Essex County, and the Newark Fire Department to read to our students and expose to them to the wide array of careers & opportunities available.



GRADE 7/8 PRESENTS “BLACK HISTORY MONTH”

Our Grade 7/8 students presented their Black History Month assembly in February 2018. In the play, our students not only shed light on current race relations, but on those that came before. Our students helped to write the script, make their costumes, and direct the stage/lighting. Check out our YouTube to see the video!

“SUMMERTIME WITH LIZZIE B. HAYES” COMES TO SPEEDWAY

In honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the events of the Summer of 1967, over the past two months, our Grade 6/7 students have been reading “Summertime with Lizzie B. Hayes” by KP Carter. Carter is a lifelong educator, native, and resident of Newark/Essex County. On February 23, 2018, our students had the opportunity to meet and learn from KP Carter during their classes. Our students got to write their own stories of their modern struggles and experiences as young people of Newark.



UPCOMING EVENTS

3/12	Q2 Honor Roll Assembly
3/14	Pi Day and 2nd Quarterly Mathematics Bowl
3/15	Q3 Mathematics Interim (Grades 3-8 Only)
3/15-3/16	STEM Fair
3/20-3/21	March Madness Competition
3/21	Early Dismissal (1 PM)
3/23	Inclusion Fun Day
3/24-4/1	Spring Break
4/5	Kindergarten presents “Nursery Rhymes”
4/23	PARCC Testing

SRI CARNIVAL

Our school celebrated our students amazing progress on the Reading Inventory (SRI) test with our first ever SRI Carnival. Our students enjoyed Carnival treats, giant games, and free gym. Over 200 students were celebrated in 3rd to 8th grade for making significant growth or remained in the “Advanced” category. We hope to see even more of our students at our next Celebration!



MY VERY OWN LIBRARY RETURNS TO SPEEDWAY

Once again, Speedway Academies welcomed **My Very Own Library** to Speedway Academies, ensuring that all of our students walked away with 3 new books for their home libraries. Please keep reading with your students and help to build their love of reading!



2ND QUARTERLY SPELLING BEE

In January 2018, we held our 2nd Quarterly Spelling Bee. Students from each homeroom battled one another in a Scripps-style Spelling Bee with words pulled from WordlyWise.

After battling against one another for hours, word after word, the following students won!

Congratulations to our Winners!

- **Grade 3: Samiyah Hall-Daniels**
- **Grade 4: Gabriel Fuks**
- **Grade 5: Rhythm Bearfield**
- **Grade 6: Al-Zakhir Alqadir**
- **Grade 7: Mercedes Eaves**
- **Grade 8: Muftaw Ajayi**

We are so proud of all of our students and participants! We hope to see you at our next spelling bee in April.



SUCCESS ACADEMY GOES BOWLING



Over the past three months, every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, over 60 students spent an extra hour at Speedway Academies with their homeroom teachers, getting tutoring, one-on-one help, and pushing their learning even further. In honor of all of their hard work, Speedway Academies took these students and their teachers on a fun bowling trip and pizza party at Hy-Way Bowl in Union, NJ. We will be going to Rebounderz Sky Jump at the end of this quarter to celebrate next. The current round of Success Academy has just started; ask your homeroom teacher about joining!

Vision Statement

To cultivate a school community that honors the talent and differences of each student, culminating in lifelong learners and productive citizens, competitive in global economy.



Mission Statement

Speedway Academies will collaborate with our parents, community members, staff, and students to create a safe, supportive, and diverse environment, promoting high expectations and standards through professional development, workshops and rigorous tasks, ensuring that all students meet their potential.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School begins at **8:05 AM**. Students who arrive after **8:15** will be marked tardy. Students who are excessively tardy or absent are more likely to struggle in school than students who are in school daily. We need our students present in order for them to learn.

JUMP FOR HEART



Thanks to the hard work of all of our faculty and staff, but especially Maral Ingui, Kamille King, Doroteia Marino,

Juana Rodriguez, and Angelo Sanchez, Speedway Academies was able to raise over \$800 in support of this year's Jump for Heart! Our students jumped rope and enjoyed a fun day of competition. Above and below are some highlight pictures.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE ROLLS ON

Speedway Academies celebrated our students with Q2 perfect attendance and the top three homerooms with a trip to the Branch Brook Skating Rink. We hope that this list is even longer for our final attendance trip at the end of Q3!

Top Homerooms

Grade K-2: Ms. S. Heyward (Grade 2)

Grade 3-5: Ms. L. Williams (Grade 5)

Grade 6-8: Mr. S. Emeghara (Grade 8)

Q2 Perfect Attendance

Adeola, John
Adesetan, Temilayo
Adesetan, Temiloluwa
Adesetan, Temitola
Ajayi, Muftaw
Akinlade, Oluwadarasimi
Andrews, Madysn
Andrews, Masr
Aponte, Felipe
Banks, Eric
Barnhill, Aniz'jah
Barr, Azzani
Bartholomew, Logan
Bensmat, Aida
Bensmat, Khalid
Bernard, Malique
Bey, Qamar
Blakeney, Shamika
Bonaparte, Zyshawn
Bowe, Aazori
Briller, Al'Jaquan
Brinson, Quinzellah
Brinson, Wykille
Broderick, Sameika
Brown, Samyia
Bussey, Ibn
Collins, Samaj

Crawford, Shearnise
Daniel, David
DeLane-Watson, She'Nae
Dowdell, Ja'cier
Dupye, Kalib
Earving, Jalil
Edwards, Jeremiah
Edwards, Josiah
Elliott, Iyannah
Foster, Ibn
Foster, Robert
Frazier Usher, Frazier, Tamira
Fuks, Michael
Gamble, Crishawn
Gamble, Kevin
Garrett, Nehemiah
Gassama, Abubakar
Gassama, Maimuna
Gilmer, Sincere
Gordon, Marquasha
Green, Justice
Gregory, Tamia
Griffin, Marcus
Herrill, Tariq
Holloway, Latiya
Ivy, Jelani
Jackson, Cailee
Jackson, Raven
Jeter, Tanaisha
Jones, Ya'mir
Jones, Ya'Naja
Joshua-Makun, Ayodeji
Joshua-Makun, Darasimi
Joshua-Makun, Oluwaferanmi
Khweye, Jason
King, Jadayne
LaRue, Taylor
LeBron, Tylea

Lopez, Nainalee
Loyal, Serenity
Madison, Skyla
Manning, Zakhi
Manning, Zakur
McCalmon, Avesia
McCalmon, Tanaka
Mendez, Alexandra
Mentor, Marvin
Muhammad, Saniyah
Nanjero, Imani
Neto, Bruno
Patterson, Ityania
Perry, Idris
Perry, King
Purnell, Kquiana
Rankine, Jamarr
Richardson, Adorah
Sangoyoyin, Akorede
Sangoyoyin, Oluwabusayomi
Serrano, Javier
Sharif, Jahsaan
Shells, Synsir
Shogunle, Erinayo
Simmons, Ta-shae
Sow, Matar
St Louis, Stubbs, Avion
Taylor, Al-Jamar
Torres, Roberto
Trotter, Yolanda
Tyson, Mi'kayla
Walker, Ameen
Walker, Mikiyale
Wallace, Malachi
Williams, Haniyyah
Williams, Ky'Mirah
Williams, Nazire
Williams, Zamir
Wimberly, Destiny
Winn, Jaily

