

Garfield East ECDC News

JANUARY 2024 EDITION

Principal's Message:

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." —Barack Obama

Welcome Back to a New Year Garfield East ECDC Families!

We hope that you enjoyed a restful week with families and friends. As we start the new year, we will continue to reflect on all our lessons from the past and learn how we can improve moving forward.

We look forward to continue nourishing and preparing our scholars for their next journey in life. I am grateful for the support that our community provides.

We are excited for more opportunities for teaching and learning with our young scholars.

-Mrs. Hipplewith

Important Reminders:

- Regular school days: 8:50 am-3:20 pm
- Half school days: 8:50 am- 1:20 pm
- Doors will open for students at 8:50 am. Parents must escort scholars into the building. After 9:00am, students will be marked late.
- Parents must show physical ID during dismissal.
- Parents, if there are any changes for dismissal or you will be late for, please notify your child's teacher or the main office.
- Please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes at school.
- Our school is A PEANUT FREE school!
- Weather is changing, please make sure your child is dressed accordingly. Please make sure your child wears a coat to school.

Upcoming Events:

- 1/1- New Year School Closed
- 1/15- MLK Day, School Closed
- 1/17- PTA Meeting at 6:00 PM
- 1/19- STEM Workshop from 5pm-6pm
- 1/24- PD Day, School Closed



JANUARY 2024						
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Lead Educator:

Welcome back, Garfield East ECDC students, families and teachers, to 2024! We hope you all were able to have wonderful celebrations with family and friends these past few months. As educators, we are thankful for all the great opportunities we have in order to impact the young lives of our students. We graciously look forward to having our students back in the classrooms and hallways, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning.

Attendance is crucial for optimum learning, and this is a critical time for students to attend every day possible in school. The mid-year NSGRA window begins on January 2nd. All kindergarten students will be assessed using Scholastic Literacy's NSGRA (Next Step Guided Reading Assessment). Kindergarten students will also take the i-Ready Diagnostic 2 Assessment which will occur during the week of January 2-12 for Reading and January 15-26 for Math.

Thank you, again, for the rich and inspiring support you bring to our school community. Our school could not be successful without your input and team effort. We are proud of our students, teachers, school programs, and community strength. Together we will continue to educate our youth and prosper in a new and promising New Year.

Mrs. Brown

Social Worker:

In December, we welcomed several new students to Garfield East! So, we read *All Are Welcome Here* and other first day of school stories. Each class has different lessons based on needs in the room. We painted pictures, discussed community helpers, went over handwashing and additional ways to stay well, and read stories about communicating our personal boundaries to classmates.

Please ensure that your child(ren) are up-to-date on their vaccines so we have a healthy start to 2024!

You may reach out at any time to discuss your child's needs. kmunar@wboe.net or by asking your child's teacher.

New year, new routine. Kindergarten students borrow a school library book each library class. Did you know everyone in town has access to even more free books at our Public Library? Make it your resolution to visit the Willingboro Public Library on the regular!

The Willingboro Public Library is located at 220 Willingboro Way, near Acme. Bring a valid ID with current address to sign up for a card for yourself and/or your child. More info and a calendar of (free) events can be found at <https://willingboro.org>.

Ms. Moore, Library Media Specialist

Librarian:

COMMUNITY PARENT INVOLVEMENT SPECIALIST- CPIS

Hello Garfield East Families! Happy New Year 2024! December was an engaging month in our school. Our Scholars participated in the Winter Concert, Laser Show, Spirit Week and other fun activities. We strive to make each child's educational experience the best possible. Thank you for your dedication and partnership with our school.

The Garfield East team is always eager to support all your needs and encourage you to fill out the Community Needs Assessment. You can find the QR code on the next page. Also, if you have any questions/concerns, please submit the Google Form (QR code on the next page) and a staff personnel will reach out within 24 hours. Together we can continue making the school year engaging!

-Ms. Bonilla

Community Needs Assessment

Please answer the Community Needs Assessment as your feedback will assist us in planning programs and workshops to meet your needs. This survey will remain anonymous. Please use the QR code below to complete the survey. Thank you!



Daily questions/ concerns

The staff is always willing to answer all your questions/ concerns. We ask you to please fill out the form and a staff personnel from Garfield East ECDC will get in contact with you to answer your question/s within 24 hours. This will help us keep track of all daily questions.



PTA:

The Garfield East PTA is a collaborative partnership between our school, our families, and our community which focuses on the children: the children in your home, the children in our school, and the children in our community. Garfield East ECDC PTA thanks you for your continued support. We have some upcoming events that we are excited for your participation!

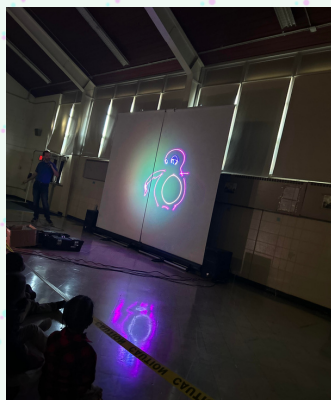
Thank you!



December Highlights:



- On Wednesday, December 13th our students enjoyed a laser show from the *Prismatic Magic Show*. Students enjoyed the different colors of the show and talked about it all day! It was a student favorite!



- On Wednesday, December 20th the Kindergarten Winter Concert took place. Our scholars wore their best attire as they sang holiday songs to their families. Mrs. Fabian did a wonderful job preparing our students for the concert. Thank you families for attending!



December Highlights: Students of the Month

PreK 3

- Room 16- Nevaeh Branch Tinsley
- Room 18- Alani Bryan
- Room 19- Rogelio Felton
- Room 20 - Ashley Melendez Rodriguez
- Room 21- Janiyah Johnson
- Room 22-Avery Florent

PreK 4

- Room 5- Lucas Faundez
- Room 6- Luan Souza
- Room 8 - David Oyewole
- Room 9- Kamrynn Ryan
- Room 10- Angelinah Wint
- Room 11- Ayaan Watt
- Room 12-Layla Cherry Dargan

Kindergarten

- Room 25- Mehkai Knight
- Room 26- Raquel Gomez Ochoa
- Room 27 - Marley Donaldson
- Room 28- Austyn Bernabela-Glover
- Room 30- Ky'Mani Burth
- Room 31- Eliyah Gaza
- Room 32- Sarah Pierre Toussaint
- Room 34- Zuri Eden

Staff



Ms. Melanie Post

Words from the staff:

- When anyone needs something Ms.Post always gives a helping hand.
- Ms. Post is a team player! She is always willing to support teachers and staff. Her students adore her. She displays positive energy!

December Highlights:

The Garfield East Team would like to congratulate the Governor's Teacher & Educational Support Professional of the Year at our school. Thank you for all your dedication to our Super Scholars and staff. You are appreciated!



Community Events

ART & COFFEE BREAK

GALLERY EXHIBIT,
MUSIC, ART ACTIVITY

Stop In, See,
Hear, Create

SECOND THURSDAYS

Aug 10 Squeegee Painting
Music by Radiant Life Perspective

Oct 12 Crankie Theater
Banjo Music by Donna Feldman

Jan 11 Expressive Drawing
Music by Oliver Dagum

ANNEX GALLERY

5:30 PM - 8 PM

HISTORIC SMITHVILLE PARK
803 SMITHVILLE ROAD
EASTAMPTON, NJ

WWW.CO.BURLINGTON.NJ.US/PARKS



Beat the Winter Blues With Pebbles, Penguins & Paint!



Join us at
The Library Company of Burlington
For Adult Craft Night!
January 17th 6:00-7:30pm
All materials will be provided

Registration is required for this event as space is limited. Please visit, call or email the library to register:
609-386-1273 or Burlington@bcls.lib.nj.us

Library Company of Burlington 23 W. Union Street Burlington, NJ

Willingboro School District

BUNDLE UP CLOTHING & FOOD DRIVE

JANUARY 2-12, 2024

As the temperature drops, let's unite as a community to warm the hearts of those in need. We are requesting donations of new clothing items and non-perishable food items to support the Willingboro School District's Day of Service on Monday, January 15, 2024. Be a part of making this winter season a little brighter for our community.

- ✔ We will be collecting new items in children and adult sizes.
- ✔ We are asking for donations of coats, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, and non-perishable food items.
- ✔ Collection Bins will be placed at your child's school starting January 2, 2024. All bins will be collected by January 12, 2024



FOOD BANK EVENT

Willingboro School District

In Service of the
**Willingboro
Community**

January 23, 2024
9 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

440 Beverly Rancocas Rd
Willingboro, N.J. 08046

willingboroschools.org

Please have a valid license or ID to prove Willingboro residence.

Limit one per family while supplies last.

Community Events



WILLINGBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE BELOVED PROJECT PRESENTS...




THE MOVING FORWARD MENTORING PROGRAM

OCTOBER 26TH - APRIL 4TH
Classes are held on Thursday evenings 6 PM - 8 PM

Teens are invited to join us for this six week revolving program aimed to provide guidance, support and positive role models while helping with important life skills, making informed decisions, and reaching their full potential!

- Open to ages 13-18
- Meals provided each week
- Biannual field trips for youth who complete all six weeks
- Community service opportunities available
- Impactful workshops
- Revolving program so youth can join anytime

ALL WORKSHOPS WILL BE HELD AT
 1105 Sunset Road, Suite E-F, Burlington, NJ 08016



Weekly workshops to include:

Week #1: What is Emotional Intelligence?
Week #2: Defining your Academic and Career Goals
Week #3: Financial Literacy
Week #4: Mental & Physical Maintenance
Week #5: What is the Importance of Self Care?
Week #6: How Do I Pay It Forward?


To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/BOROMOVINGFORWARD> or scan the QR code.



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
 Officer Landrum, Willingboro Police Department - 609-877-2200, ext. 1070 or slandrum@willingboropolice.com
 Claudine Archer, The Beloved Project - 609-699-6139 or contact@belovedproject.org


NEW TIME ALERT

6:30 PM to 8:00 PM



WILLINGBORO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

You are invited to attend our Willingboro Neighborhood Watch meetings.



Meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the Reva Foster Senior Center.



2024 CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION NOTICE

BEGINS JANUARY 16, 2024

- >Place trees at the curb for collection on your regular trash collection day
- > Remove ALL decorations, including tinsel
- >Trees will be chipped for disposal
- >Trees may also be dropped off at the DPW Yard, 25 Industrial Drive - Wednesday - Saturday; 7:15 am - 2:45 pm (Proof of Residency is Required.)

Questions or Concerns, call 609-877-2200, ext. 1051
 Department of Public Works



Need assistance?

Speak with our COMMUNITY RESOURCE NAVIGATOR

We can help you:

- Identify local job opportunities and aid programs for housing, finances and food.
- Connect with social service organizations and relief agencies.
- Locate online assistance forms or complete job applications.

Ask any library team member for more information about this service

NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED. Drop in!
 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm
 Mondays

bcls.lib.nj.us
 Burlington County Library System

Burlington County Library
 5 Pioneer Boulevard
 Westampton, NJ 08060

Community Resource Navigators cannot provide personal counsel or casework services.