



[Jorge Dyksen Receives Honor](#)

Jorge Dyksen is being honored today Friday October 24th at Bergen County Community College. Jorge is receiving an award at the 16th Annual Salute of Champions Breakfast. This annual event, in observation of national Disability Awareness Month, honors individuals/projects that demonstrate a commitment to inclusion and changing attitudes.



[Students of the Month to Return](#)

Next week, teachers will vote for their choices of Students of the Month for October 2014. The popular program was inadvertently suspended last February. However, after meeting with the PTSA, it was determined to reinstate it this year. Teachers vote on one student from each grade level based upon citizenship, character, completing assignments, and behavior. Grades do not enter into this award. The PTSA provides a certificate. The school will renew this program beginning the end of October.

[Interact Club to take on Food Challenge](#)

The Interact Club is conducting a Food Drive in conjunction with the Federation of New Jersey Food Banks from now through November 21. It is being run as contest between the different grade levels. Donated food will be weighed at the end of the drive, and the class with the most weight of food wins. All collected food will be donated to the local Food Bank.



[Honors Students Compete](#)

Honors students participated in the first of six monthly NJ Math League contests on October 14. Each test consists of 6 challenging questions, which could require basic math or more complex skills such as Pre-calculus. The top scorers this month were Gabriela Jedryczka with 5 correct, and Leslie Valladares, Nicholas Zeitlinger, Sauda Meah, and Matthew Lane each with 3 correct.

Trusting What You Can't See

Mrs. Hedges' senior English class took each other on "Trust Walks" last Friday in an effort to put them in the shoes of the characters in the novel, *Blindness*. They came away with a greater appreciation for the difficulties faced by those with impaired senses, and they considered how their ability to see things can be detrimental.

Yesterday, they identified which skills are most important when working as a team... with a catch: They were all blindfolded! Activities ranged from "Put themselves in height order" to "get themselves to a certain classroom and back." Video was taken so they could watch themselves later and analyze their behavior. Each class has one "secretly- sighted" person (just like in the novel): one person was only pretending to be blind to the others (who were).



Khalid Kasib and Josibel Hidalgo



Khalid Kasib, Ahsalae Mitchell, Delvin Poppone, Alex Vergara



Technology Applies for Contests

Our technology department is currently putting together applications for several APP and STEM contests including:

An innovative APP contest with a \$20,000 prize;

A Verizon sponsored “create a mobile app for your school” contest.

A “Solve a community problem with STEM” contest – the department is looking at geese control, and

“Talk to the Astronauts on the ISS” contest



Socializing Over Brownies

Mrs. Mahan and Ms. Masci have been working together on a socialization project with a weekly group in Ms. Masci’s first and second period English classes. Below are pictures of them working together to make brownies. Students were expected to sequence the directions silently to better understand how to use non-verbal communication skills, and then follow the directions to make and then bake the brownies.



Joseph Devita and Shiheem Johnson

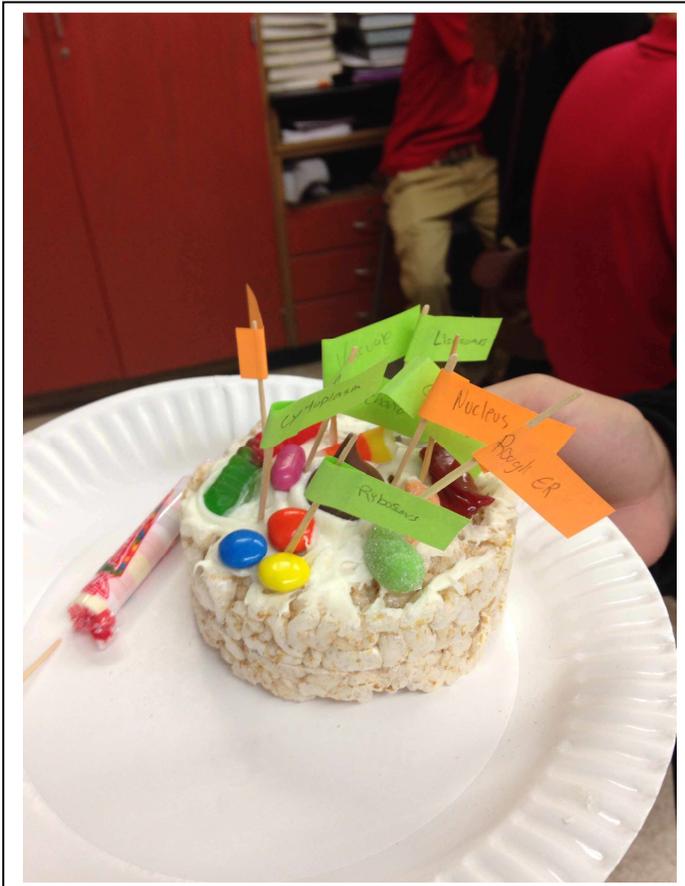
Brogan Does Marathon and Half for Breast Cancer

October is Breast Cancer Month. Ms. Brogan has a team that walked in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer October 18th and 19th. Her team, Breast Wishes walked a marathon and a half trek all around the five boroughs (39.3 miles!) in an effort to raise \$11,000 this year. Manchester staff and students supported the effort by paying \$5.00 for the privilege to wear jeans on Friday, October 10th.



Ms. Cochran, Madison Galluccio, Natalie Fernandez and Brad Gaffney

Eating the Perfect Cell



Ms. Beres' biology class used rice cakes and different candies to identify the different parts of an animal cell. Not only did they learn about animal cells, but they got to eat their work.

[Another Jeans Day for Breast Cancer](#)

In recognition of Breast Cancer Month, staff who donated \$5.00 got the privilege to wear jeans today, and they were encouraged to wear a pink shirt. The funds raised will go to Breast Cancer research. Ms. Miller coordinated the effort, and below, Ms. Sager dons her jeans and pink top.



[Crafts Fair](#)

The Class of 2015 will be running a Crafts Fair in the cafeteria Saturday, October 25, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Outside vendors will provide crafts, and the Class of 2015 will provide the venue as a fund raiser.

[College Fair](#)

Guidance is conducting its annual College Fair on Monday October 27, from 6:00 to 8:00 in the cafeteria with over 60 colleges and universities represented.

[This Week in Sports](#)

On Saturday, the boys' varsity football team is hosting Waldwick at 1:00 p.m. Boys' soccer is home against Glen Rock on October 27, at 4:00 p.m. Girls' soccer home against Glen Rock October 28 at 4:00 p.m. Volleyball is hosting Mary Help of Christians October 28, at 4:00 p.m.