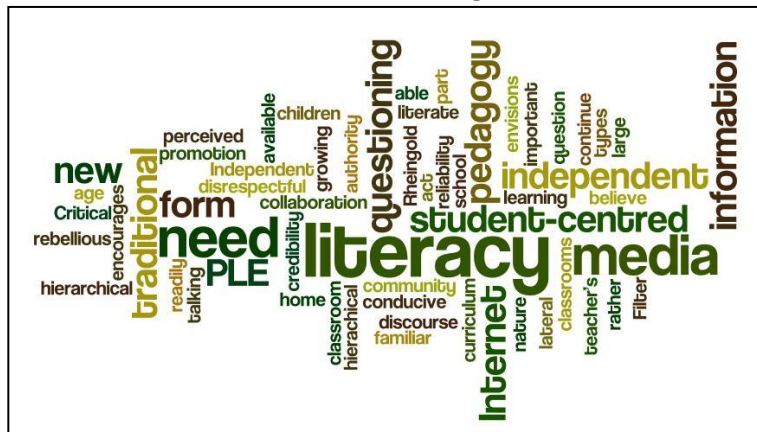




Professional Development

Last Monday (Martin Luther King Day) the entire faculty participated in Professional Development while school was in recess. During the first part of the session, Mr. Wacha provided required HIB training to everyone. The second and third sessions for English and social studies consisted of literacy training. Our own Kim Krafft conducted the second session. The third session was conducted by the Regional Training Center's secondary literary specialist Celeste Denman who focused on differentiation. She will be returning next week to work with individual English classes. Other departments worked on curriculum. In the afternoon session, teachers were provided an opportunity to complete mandated PARCC administration training.



End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period

Last Friday was the end of the second marking period. All grades have been processed and report cards are being distributed this Friday, January 23. Congratulations to all who worked hard for good grades



## Making A Difference

The Make A Difference Club is going to Habitat for Humanity in Paterson on January 31 for Hammering 4 Habitat. They will be taking with them 2X4s that have been donated by students, faculty, and staff who signed the donated 2x4s so that their names will be built into the homes are built using the 2X4s.



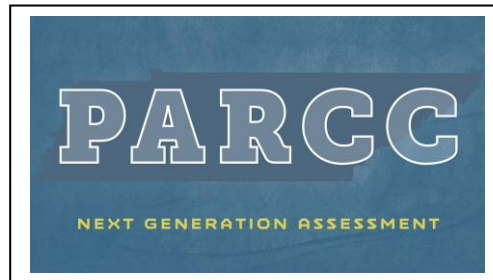
## SOSA

SOSA (Students Overcoming Substance Abuse) Leaders have been busy making video and print PSA's to "Shatter Drug Myths". Their PSA's will kick start our "Shatter the Myths Contest". Students will submit a video, digital, or print PSA addressing drug myths. The winners will be given a prize and will present their project at this year's Passaic County Teen Summit. More information coming soon!



### Rolling Out PARCC

Thanks to Ms. Brogan and Mr. Zinn, our PARCC registration as completed through NJSmart on time! Staff members received PARCC administration training during the teacher in-service on Monday (Martin Luther King Day). Thanks again to Ms. Brogan for a great job wading through the complexities of this next chapter of high stakes testing.



### Snowball Dance

Student Council continues to prepare for the first Snowball dance, which will take place on Friday, January 30th from 7-10 pm. This week, members of Student Council visited lunch periods to collect nominations for the Snowball Court, which will include a King and Queen of the senior class, and a Prince and Princess for the underclassmen. Any student in "good standing" is eligible to be nominated, and the winners will be crowned the night of the dance. A pre-sale of tickets (for \$5 each) will begin next week during lunch periods. Tickets will also be sold at the door for \$7 each or \$5 with a canned food donation. Questions? See Ms. Masci or Ms. Falzarano



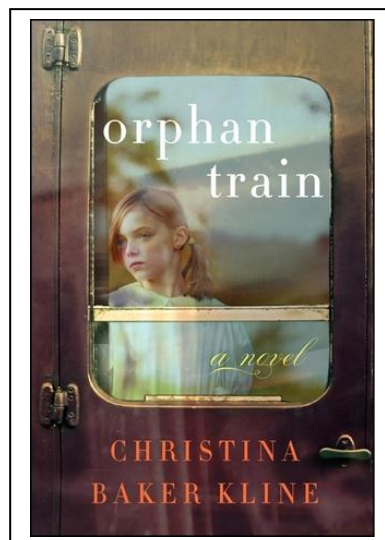
### [Feeding the Needy](#)

The Interact Club packs bags of food for 60 kids who rely on meals offered during the school day at Paterson School 28 at our weekly meeting. The food is donated by the Paterson Rotary Club. Each Friday the kids who applied for the snack pack program receive a bag of easy to prepare or already prepared nutritious foods to help cover the gap while they are not in school over the weekend.



### [Orphan Train Interviews](#)

In conjunction with their study of *Orphan Train*, Sage Hedges' English 4 students are conducting interviews with their friends, family, faculty & staff in an attempt to learn more about what drives the decisions we make and the effects of those decisions. Sage would like to thank those of you who have interviewed for your patience, help, and most importantly, your candor.





## Environmental Science

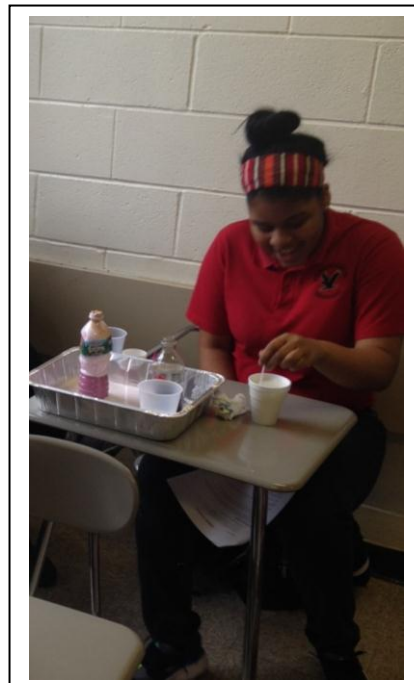
The Environmental Science students did a natural selection lab activity on that showed them how organisms that blend in to their habitat increase their rate of survival.



## 229 Science

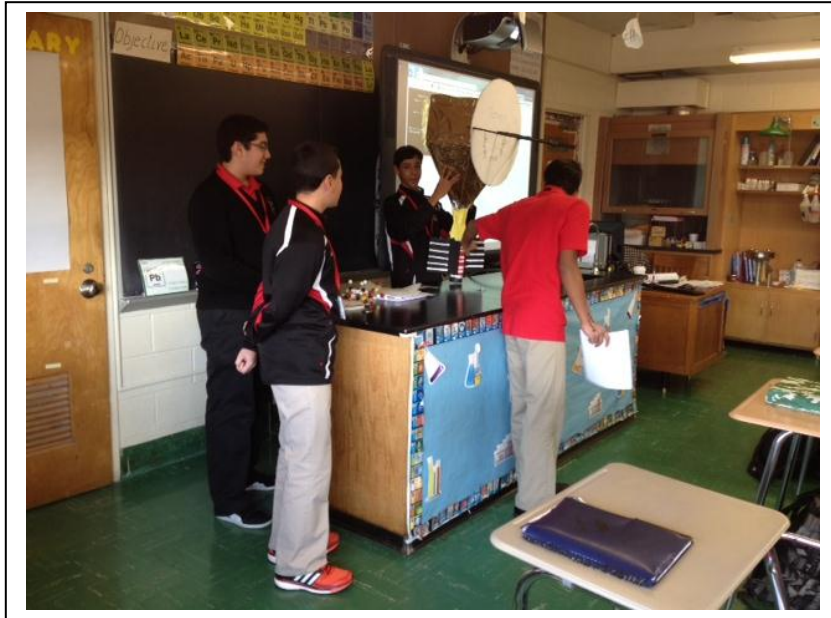
In 229, Ms. Beres' class combined warm milk with vinegar to make a start of "plastic milk." The reaction created a slimy substance that the students were able to mold into different shapes. The shapes will then harden into a plastic like substance after two days.

Samurai Hammonds is in the picture.



## Satellite Power

Do we know where the satellites get the power from? Well, our students do. After learning about nuclear energy they researched, investigated and tried to build one radioisotope thermoelectric generator (a modest one). One more time, our students demonstrated that it takes time, a dedicated team work to achieve one science project to succeed. (Provided by Ms. Shehu).



## Sports

Boys' varsity basketball is currently 8 and 2, girls' varsity basketball is 3 and 7, wrestling is 3 and 7, and bowling is 5 and 6. The county basketball tournament will begin next weekend and the seeding for the tournament was released this week. For Boys Basketball: They earned the 7th seed and got a first round bye. They will face the winner of Wayne Hills/Hawthorne Christian. The game will be HERE on Saturday Feb 7th at 1pm. For Girls Basketball: They earned the 12th seed. They will play HERE next Friday Jan. 30th vs. Eastern Christian at 4pm.