Schools throughout the district took time during classroom lessons and in special programs to commemorate and celebrate Black History Month during the month of February. Linden High School students presented “Tributes to Black History,” which included a moving tribute to jazz legend Ella Fitzgerald. Black History Night at School No. 5 featured music, information about successful African-Americans, and a “funky good time” tribute to the TV show “Soul Train.”

School No. 4 hosted a Valentine’s-themed breakfast on Feb. 13 for residents of the senior citizen apartments across the street from the school. The 11th annual “Heart Tea Breakfast” was presented by the school’s K-Kids, a student service organization sponsored by the Linden Kiwanis Club. The students read poetry and sang, then helped serve and joined about 50 residents of the Ann Ferguson Towers for a breakfast of French toast, eggs, bacon, sausage and hash browns, as well as coffee and juice.
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Giving voice to student concerns

The Linden High School Student Ambassadors act as liaisons to allow students to voice their ideas and concerns, and allow the administration to stay in tune with the needs of the student body. The group holds working meetings to brainstorm and develop their ideas for improvements in the school, then meets once a month with Superintendent Danny A. Robertozzi, Principal Yelena Horre, and Director of Human Resources Michele Dorney to go over an agenda developed by the students. Click here to read more.

McManus transforms into Rydell High for ‘Grease’

McManus Middle School students put on a wonderful presentation of the musical “Grease” with Hagar Elweshahy and Cristian Medeiro starring as Sandy and Danny. The production was led by vocal music teacher Courtney Serpone. Click here to see more photos.

Up Next

March 1: Read Across America Day.

March 7: Soehl Middle School presents its annual talent show at 7 p.m.

March 8: Leadership Day at School No. 6 at 8:30 a.m.

March 8: Soehl Middle School takes a tour through Black History at 1 p.m.

March 12: Representatives of Apple will visit School No. 6 and School No. 8, which were named as Apple Distinguished Schools.

Next Board of Education meeting: March 28, 7 p.m., at Linden High School’s Susan L. Hudak Auditorium.

The Cat in the Hat visited Schools No. 1, 4 and 6 during February as a lead-up to Read Across America Day on March 1. Click here to see more photos.
Eliana Peñaranda, a Spanish teacher at Soehl Middle School, was named as one of the “Teachers Who Make Magic” by the radio station Magic 98.3 and the New Jersey Education Association. Peñaranda is adviser to the school’s Diversity Club and Spanish Club, and helps to teach conversational Spanish to staff members from around the district. She is an advocate for inclusiveness and holding students to a high standard. Click here to read more.

‘Slamming’ modern-day slavery

Students in Derrick Potts’ world history classes at Linden High School went around the school on Jan. 25 putting magnets on lockers with messages from the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking. The goal of the “Locker Slam” was to raise awareness of a problem that is often hidden and that many students don’t know exists. The students took photos of the magnets and shared them on social media with the hashtag #NJStudentsForFreedom. Click here for story and more photos.

School to school, LHS caravan spreads joy for Chinese New Year

Linden High School students traveled to other schools around the district on Wednesday to help students celebrate the Chinese Lunar New Year. The Linden High School NJROTC showed off its giant dragons, musicians demonstrated taigu drumming, and the Dance Company performed traditional Chinese movements, all to the delight of middle school and elementary school students. Click here to watch video.

McManus pumps up the spirit

McManus Middle School students packed the gym Feb. 1 for a pep rally to celebrate their winter sports, dance team, cheerleaders, robotics, school play and more. They also got a sneak peek at “Grease” days before it hit the stage.

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Drummer brings beat to 21st Century students

Josh Robinson, an artist with Young Audiences, visited the 21st Century Community Learning Center after-school program at Soehl Middle School on Feb. 19 to lead students in a workshop on Afro-Cuban drumming. He taught them about the cultural heritage of drumming and took them through hands-on exercises with a number of percussion instruments. Click here to see video.

4-legged visitor delights School No. 9

School No. 9 had a special visitor on Thursday, Feb. 21, when math coach Walter Schweikardt brought in his dog, Buster, who is a retired therapy dog. Third-graders at the school are learning about different kinds of service dogs, so Schweikardt thought it would be a good time for them to meet Buster, who is 15 years old. Schweikardt also told the story of how he found Buster on the playground when he was a teacher at School No. 2 about 15 years ago and adopted him. Click here for story, more photos and video.

School No. 1 spices things up with chili cookoff

Congratulations to the winners and all the competitors of the third annual School No. 1 Chili Cookoff on Thursday night! The grand prize winner for the third straight year was Sonia Armstead, mother of third-grader Kendall Pittman. Visitors got to sample homemade chili from 15 competitors, then vote for which one they liked the best. Children who weren't interested in tasting chili were kept busy with games, activities and music set up in the gym. Click here to see more photos.