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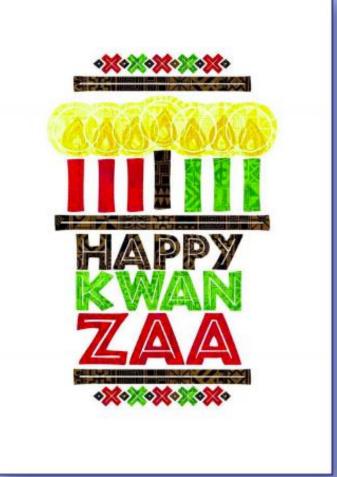
### 2019-20 Parent Newsletter #3



Happy holidays from the JKO staff!!!
Peace and joy to you and your family
this holiday season.







## PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the
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### **Announcements**

- There will be no school on December 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 1st because of Winter Recess.
- Report cards for the second marking period were mailed out on the last week
  of November. Please contact Ms. Bernabel (Parent Coordinator) if you have not
  received it.
- We will have our next monthly School Leadership Team (SLT) (4:30 pm) and Parent Association (PA) (5:30 pm) meeting on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing you there. The following are the future dates for SLT and PTA meetings: 2/3, 3/2, 4/6, 5/4, and 6/1.
- Reminder: We have parental engagement time on Tuesday after school. This
  mean that the school has set aside time after school for parents to meet with
  teachers to discuss the academic progress of the child. Simply email or call the
  Parent Coordinator or the guidance counselor in order to schedule a meeting.
- January Regents Exam schedules will be distributed to students, scheduled to take a Regents, during the week of 6<sup>th</sup>. We highly recommend tutoring for those students.
- On Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, and on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, the English department will conduct ELA benchmark assessments (Gates MacGinitie) in all grades. The purpose of these exams is to establish individual student reading comprehension proficiency levels to be used for purposes of planning individualized instructional supports for students.
- Below is the January Regents Schedule. Please ensure that students arrive to school at least half an hour earlier than the start time for the exam.

JANUARY 21 TUESDAY	JANUARY 22 WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 23 THURSDAY	JANUARY 24 FRIDAY
9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	9:15 a.m.
English Language Arts	U.S. History & Government Geometry	Transition Exam in Global History & Geography Global History & Geography II (Framework)	Physical Setting/Earth Science Physical Setting/Chemistry
1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	1:15 p.m.	Uniform Admission Deadlines
Living Environment	Algebra I  Physical Setting/Physics*	Algebra II	Morning Examinations – 10:00 a.m.  Afternoon Examinations – 2:00 p.m.



On Thursday, November 7th, JKO conducted its annual college fair. A BIG thank you to Ms. Vega for spearheading this event. See pictures below:





A message from Ms. McMahon:

VEI offers many ways for students to develop and apply the full range of key Career Readiness competencies while interacting with other VE students, educational leaders, community representatives, and real-world professionals.

On Monday, November 4th, our VEI employees from both GuardianEye Insurance and N'idea Event Planning Curator firms attended their first trade show exhibition and networking event. Held in Long Island City students were able sell their services and products while creating strategic alliances for future growth in the VEI network.









Recently many of our seniors attended a college trip to St. Josephs College. Next step...COLLEGE!!!





**Congratulations** to all the students below who earned a spot in top honors on the Honor Roll for the 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period!!!

ABRAHIM, AMIRA AGAMIRZAEVA, ELINA ALCANTARA, JOHANNA ALCORDO, VANESSA JOAN ALVARADO, MELODY ANDRANGO, JOSEPH AUSTIN, PHILIP BAUTISTA, DONNA BAUTISTA, JOANNA CAJILIMA, KINVERLIN CAPELLAN, DAVID CESAR, SAMANTHA COBB, ANNA CONTE-MARRERO, CATHLEEN CRUZ, ARIANNA DOUGLAS, ZYNAIR FLORES, IRVING GARCIA, CRISTAL HACHICHA, JANISIA HERNANDEZ, CYRUS HERNANDEZ, JUAN HERRERA, LAUREN

HERRERA, MARYCARMEN



HOLGUIN, WINDER HOWELL, KAMARI JESUS, CATHERINE KEARSE, SAKENA LUNA, MICHELLE MADERA, DALMA MANTILLA, LUIS MARE, ADAMA MCKINNON, JORDAN MCLAUGHLIN, JAHZAN MILLS, JADA MITCHELL, MYRON MOON, MIDAS NIOLA, DENISSE ORTEGA, ROSY PAIGE, DONELL RAMPELOTTO, MATEUS RASHAD RAMIREZ, ADAM SUQUINAGUA, NADIA TEJERA, SABRINA VARGAS, MAGALY VASQUEZ, ANA VELAZQUEZ, ANDREW ZHENG, GORDON ZHENG, WINNI



### On the Road to VE Top 50

### N'Idea and GuardianEye Insurance made the VE Top 200!

Congratulations! This letter is to proudly recognize your VE students, their facilitator, and their VE company N'Idea and GuardianEye Insurance for performing as one of the top VE companies for the period ending October 31, 2019.

The VE Top 50 is a composite method to identify the top companies in the VE program by measuring engagement and achievement of targeted initiatives throughout the year. For this period, companies were measured on a weighted average of the following activities:

Completed annual Business Registration Form

Loan Application and/or Angel Investors and/or Bank Balance of \$150,000 or more Processed at least one Payroll

Processed at least one Rent Payment

Participated in the National Online Elevator Pitch Competition

Participated in the National Online Branding Competition

This achievement is a testament to the quality of the program implemented at your school, the hard work and talents of your staff and students, and the critical support you and others provide to make this the best experience possible. VE's mission is to prepare all students for fulfilling, financially secure futures and you can rest assured knowing your students are on the right path towards successful futures because of this achievement.

Take this moment to congratulate this class and proudly share their achievement with the school community that helped make it possible.

Sincerely,

Nick Chapman
President
Virtual Enterprises International, Inc.



# Spotlight









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# Spirit Week Pictures...







A message from Ms. Kadison:

On Wednesday, December 4th and Thursday, December 5th, The Helping Hands Society volunteered at Bideawee animal shelter. Our team helped tidy up parts of the building where animals walk around and then engaged in a socialization sessions with cats and puppies up for adoption. We had a great time and it took a lot of restraint not to take each and every animal home.

















### A message from Ms. DeGregorio:

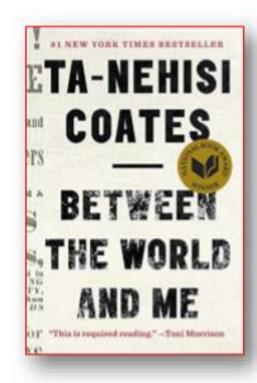
Dear JKO Community,

On Friday December 13 Smash Arts Productions will present "The Burning of Flowers; Stories of America's

Wrongs." The student written play is modeled after Ta-Nehisi Coates' book "Between the World and Me" and the production of it we saw at The Apollo Theater where he writes a letter to his son explaining what it means to be a black man living in America. The play is a collection of meditations from the students written as letters addressing issues that they see in America today centered around discrimination in various forms and groups: women, Latinos, LGBTQ, racial profiling and police brutality. Our mission in Smash Arts is to use the arts as a catalyst to raise awareness, educate, engage in dialogue and cultivate solutions.

Our performance will include a post-show discussion, a Community Conversation, with the student performers, writers, our Parent Coordinator Ms. Bernabel, the president of LUCHA, Latinos Unidos con Honor y Amistad, and led by Building Equity Action Team (BEAT) Student Equity Leaders. We are hoping that you join us as we examine the problems the students found to be most prevalent; what is between the world and them. As a community, we hope to create a pathway, whereby the beauty in our diversity is celebrated and assumptions shattered. We do that together. We hope you will join us and add your voice to the conversation.

Accompanying the production is a gallery by Studio Art students "City as Canvas; Art with a Message" a collection of mixed media subway sculptures communicating a message about issues these young artists see in the world today.



Gallery 6:30 PM

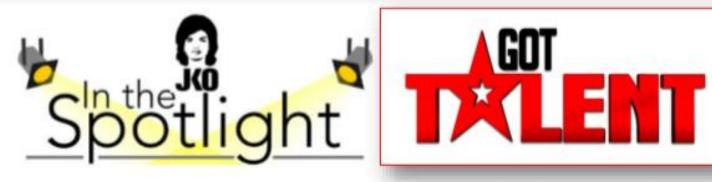
Performance 7:00 PM

Tickets \$5 (children under 12 are free)

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to our Parent Coordinator Ms. Bernabel at (212) 391-0041 Ext. 1012

Thank you Ms. DeGregorio!!!





JKO has got talent!!! Below see some artwork from one of our very own, self-taught, freshmen; Elina Agamirzaeva. Simply AMAZING!!!













