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2020-21 Parent Newsletter #3

Election Day was this past Tuesday, November 3rd.

Why Is Election Day a Tuesday in November?
The answer lies with America's 19th-century farmers.

History Chanel, EVAN ANDREWS

Americans first began the custom of weekday voting in 1845, when Congress passed a federal law designating the first Tuesday following the first Monday in November as Election Day.

Before then, states were allowed to hold elections any time they pleased within a 34-day period before the first Wednesday in

December, but this system had a few crucial flaws. Knowing the early voting results could affect turnout and sway opinion in states that held late elections, and those same last-minute voters could potentially decide the outcome of the entire election. Faced with these issues, Congress created the current Election Day in the hope of streamlining the voting process.

But why a Tuesday in November? The answer stems from the agrarian makeup of 19th-century America. In the 1800s, most citizens worked as farmers and lived far from their polling place. Since people often traveled at least a day to vote, lawmakers needed to allow a two-day window for Election Day. Weekends were



impractical, since most people spent Sundays in church, and Wednesday was market day for farmers.

With this in mind, Tuesday was selected as the first and most convenient day of the week to hold elections. Farm culture also explains why Election Day always falls in November. Spring and early summer elections were thought to interfere with the planting season, and late summer and early fall elections overlapped with the harvest. That left the late fall month of November—after the harvest was complete, but before the arrival of harsh winter weather—as the best choice.

Election Day is now a civic holiday in states including Delaware, Hawaii, New York, New Jersey and the territory of Puerto Rico. Many activists have called for Election Day to become a federal holiday, so people can take time to vote without missing work. Other proposals to boost voter turnout include having elections take place over several days or allowing voting to take place by mail or computers.



PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the
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Announcements

- Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 12th (5:00 pm to 7:30 pm) and on Friday, November 13th (1:00 pm to 3:30 pm). Students will be dismissed at 11 am on Friday, November 13th; half day and lunch will be available. The conferences will take place remotely via any of the DOE web based platforms. Parents were asked to register via a Google Forms survey. Please reach out to Ms. Bernabel if you still need to register.
- Report cards were mailed out. Please be on the lookout for them in your mail.
- We will conduct virtual grade level assemblies later this month. Among other things students who achieved honor roll status during the first marking period will be given awards. Stay tuned...
- There is no school on Wednesday, November 11th, in observance of Veteran's Day.
- **Congratulations** on the recent PTA elections! We are both honored and excited to work by their collective side in ensuring that JKO reaches its full potential in meeting the needs of our students.



The results were as follows:

PTA President: Ms. Conte

Secretary: Ms. Arzu,

Treasurer: Ms. Rashad

- Our next PTA meeting will take place virtually at 5 pm on Monday, November 9th. We will email a Zoom invite to parents by the end of this week. Stay tuned!
- The 2nd marking period ends on December 4th. Please check your child's progress on Pupilpath.
- If your child received an NX as a grade during the spring or summer semesters she/he has until January to make up the work in order to receive the credit. It is imperative that all students with a previous NX grade make up the work as soon as possible. The opportunity to make up the work will not exist after January and the class may be required for any waived state exams the state may offer in the future.
- Opt-In window for blended learning message from the DOE:

Families have an opportunity to opt into blended/in-person learning in November. The process outlined below will be the **only opt-in** window for families this school year,

through the last day of the 2020-2021 school year. The process for blended learning opt-in is as follows:

Monday, November 2 – Sunday, November 15: Blended Learning Opt-In Window for Families

- Families requesting to change from 100% remote to blended learning should complete and submit the [Learning Preference survey](#) during this window.
- We encourage that any student with an IEP who is currently 100% remote change to blended in person learning.
- Below please find the fall semester tutoring schedule. We encourage all students to take advantage of all tutoring being offered.

TEACHER	DAY	TIME	LINK
Alcorn	Thursdays	7-8pm	https://meet.google.com/wrp-vvrk-myd
Colon	Tuedays	6-7pm	Zoom: Meeting ID: 890 6233 1654 Passcode: 658207
Cumberbatch	Tuesdays	7-8pm	Zoom: Meeting ID: 755 9553 1291 Passcode: 6y6p03
Denisi	Thursdays	5-6pm	meet.google.com/muu-kpac-fyj
Kadison	Wednesdays	6-7pm	Meeting ID: 211 909 0819. Passcode: 5PaVka
McMahon	Wedsnesdays	6:15-7:15pm	https://meet.google.com/cfg-fyym-nnt?authuser=0
Nicoletta	Thursday	6-7pm	Zoom ID: 576 018 3154
Okwabi	Wednesdays	5:30-6:30	Zoom: Meeting ID: 872 6965 4292. Passcode: 605890
Rafaniello	Mondays	6-7pm	meet.google.com/wgh-krop-aib
Schwarz	Tuesdays	6-7pm	Zoom: Meeting ID: 845 9590 6068. Passcode: 950314
Vincent	Tuesdays	7:30-8:30pm	Zoom Meeting ID: 869 0119 6147. Passcode: 204780
Wicks	Thursdays	6-7pm	ID: 876 7148 2589 PW: 064452
Williams	Wednesdays	7-8pm	http://meet.google.com/ysm-zdzn-xzi



SCHOOL COUNSELOR



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ❖ Please have your child schedule a one on one academic meeting with me. This meeting is important to ensure they are on track academically with their progress towards graduation. The meeting may take place over the phone or via zoom.
- ❖ Make sure to keep track of your child's progress in their classes by logging on to <https://pupilpath.skedula.com/> . If you do not have an account you may contact me or Ms. Bernabel, the Parent Coordinator, to receive your registration code.
- ❖ Students who received an NX code in any course during the Spring or Summer 2020 semesters, should be completing their course requirements in order to receive a passing grade on their transcript. Students have until January 2021 to complete the course for credit. Failure to complete the course will result in a failing grade. Please contact me for more information.
- ❖ Freshman and Sophomores should begin to research colleges/universities they would like to attend after high school.
Juniors should continue their college search and create their lists for next school year to apply.
Seniors should be beginning/finishing their FAFSA, NYS TAP, and College applications.
- ❖ Please check PupilPath daily for important announcements and emails pertaining to your child!

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions, concerns, or if you need assistance: Nicole Vega-Beltran 212-391-0041 Ext. 5091
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In the  Spotlight

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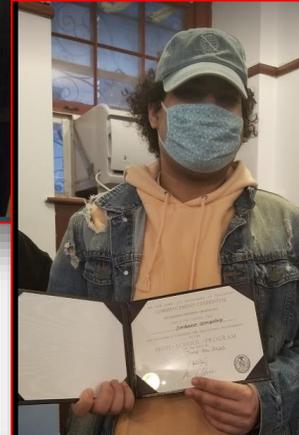
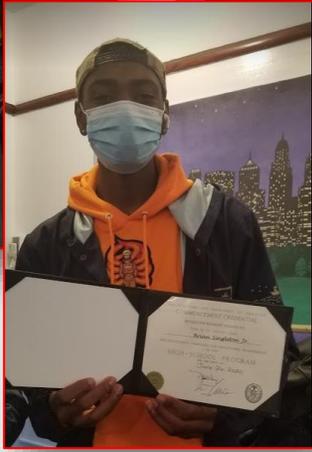
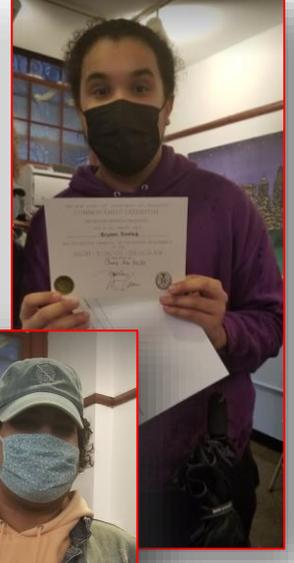
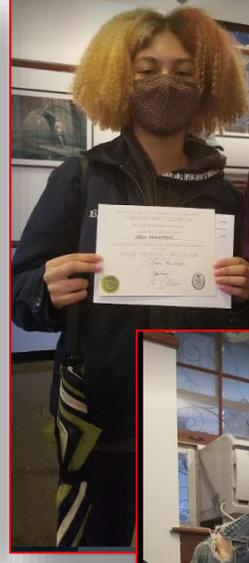
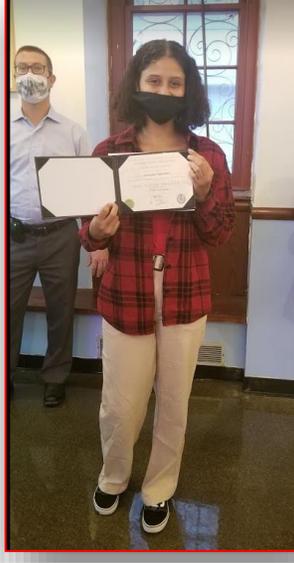
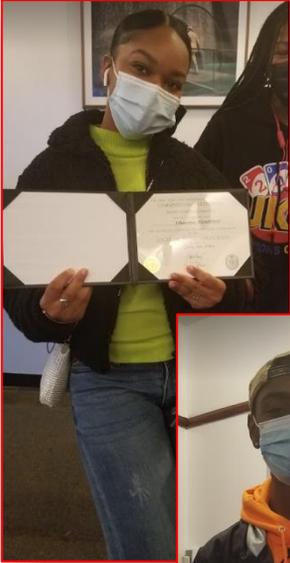
A big **THANK YOU** to Vanessa and Jeremy who have started the school year setting an example worth following. Both of these **National Honor Society** students will represent our student body at our monthly School Leadership Team meetings. They will spearhead student activities during the year, especially senior activities. Jeremy will lead the **equity work** and recruit students in joining the **Equity Team**. We will continue to recruit students for leadership positions especially during this time of extreme challenges of Covid 19.



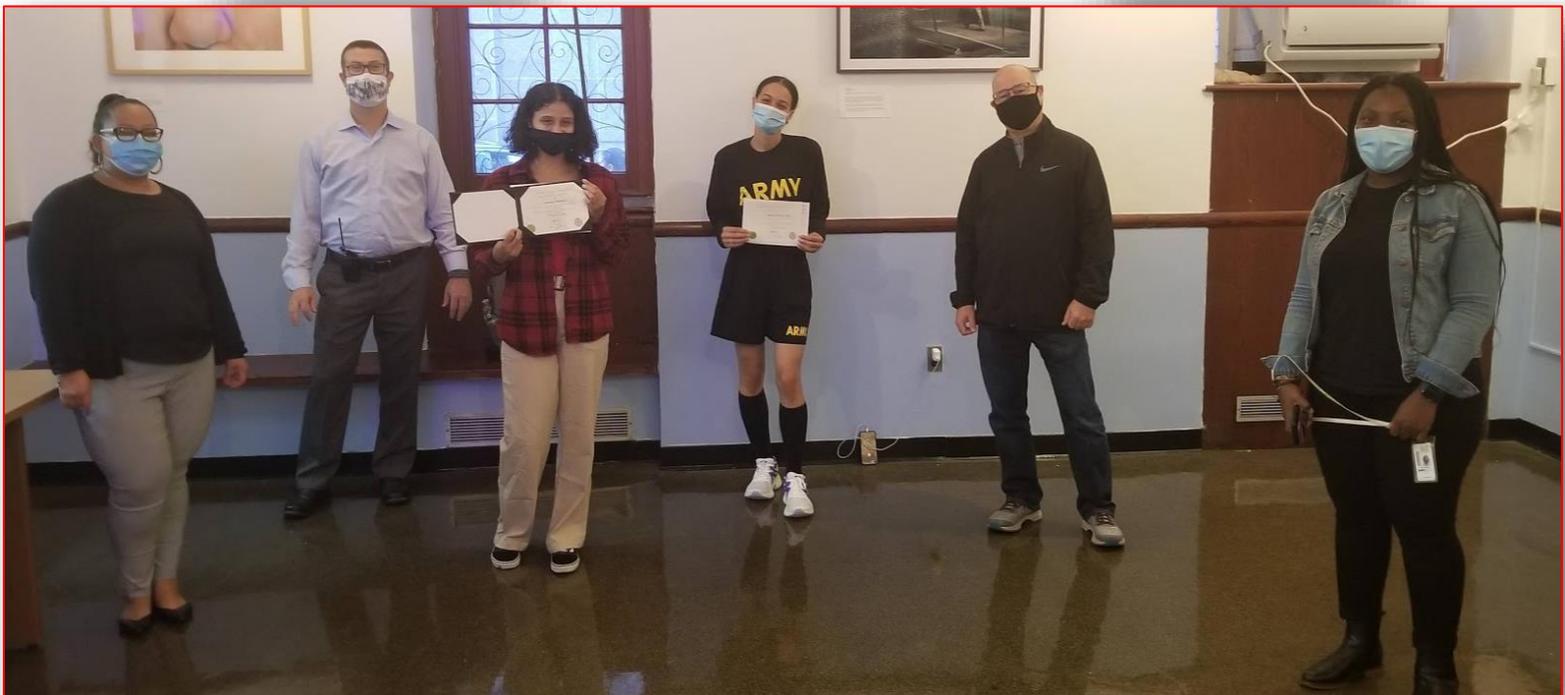

In the **JKO**
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Congratulations to our 2020 graduates who **FINALLY** received their diplomas on Thursday, October 15th, and Friday, October 16th.



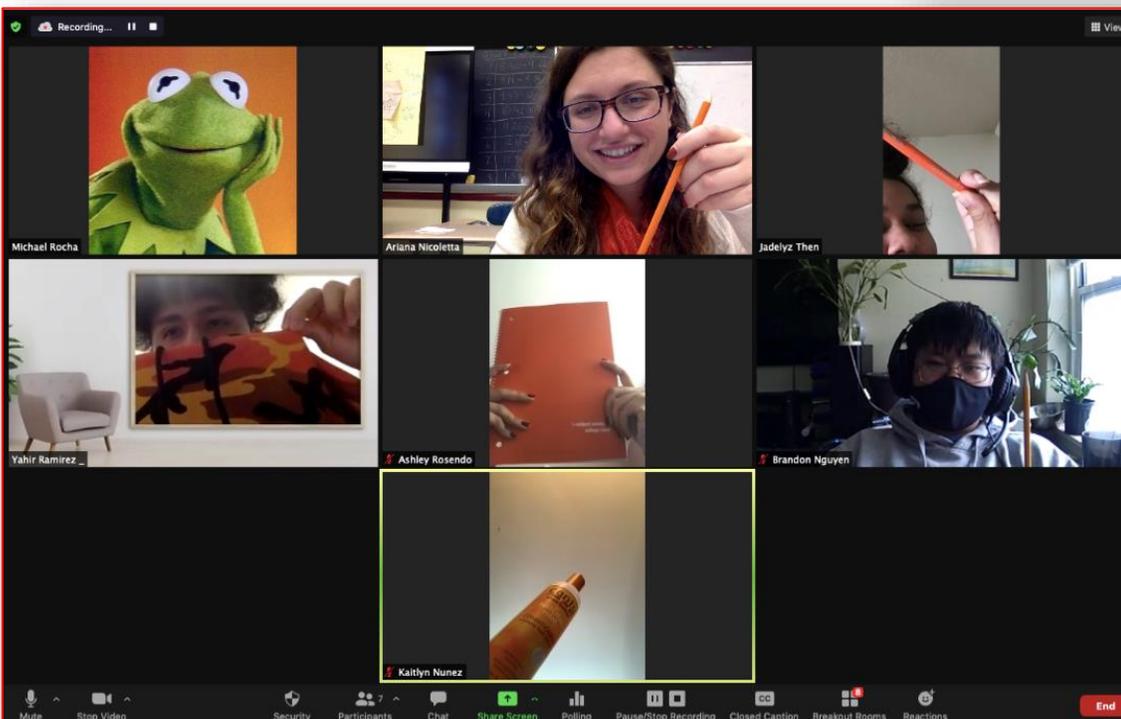
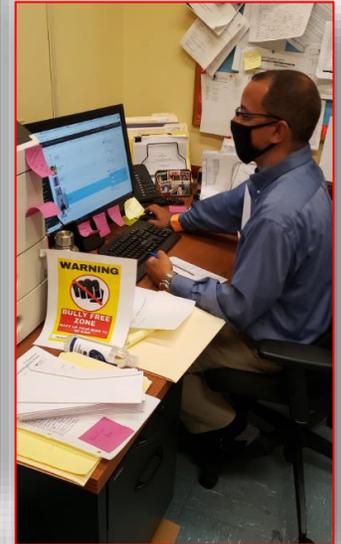
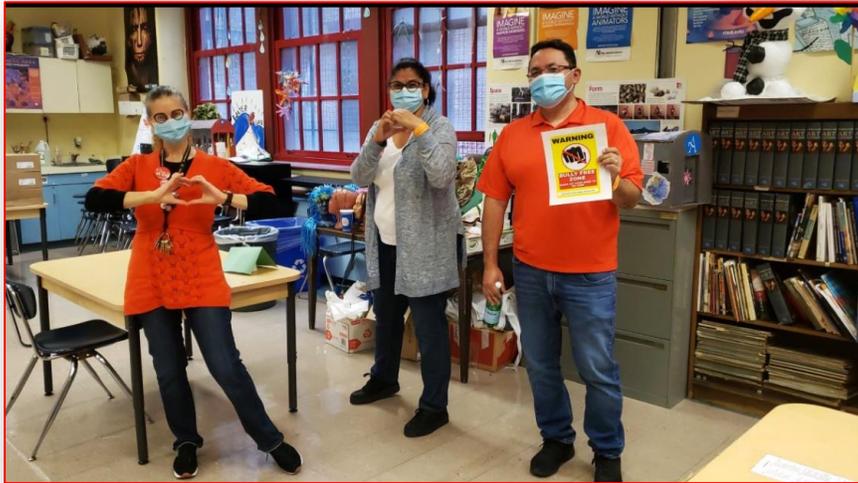
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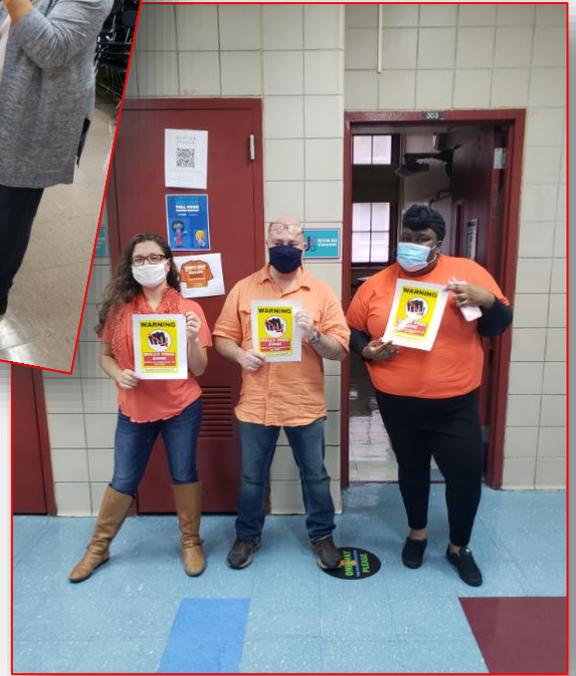




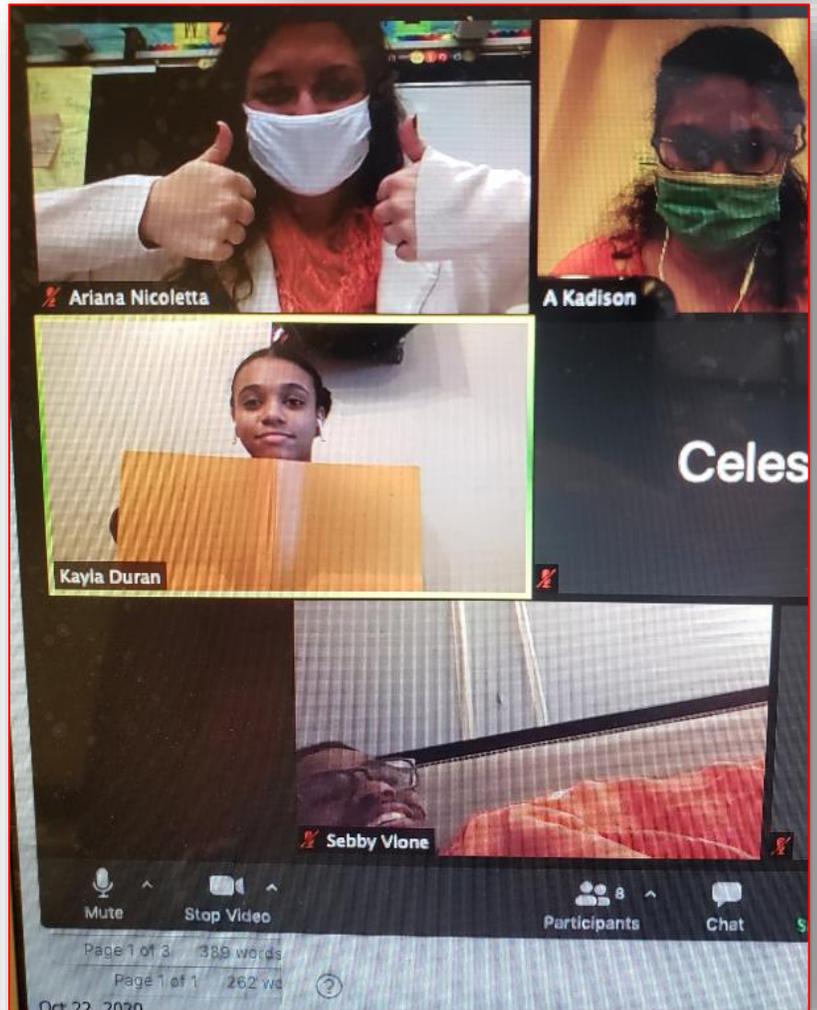
In the Spotlight

On Friday, October 23, JKO conducted its annual Unity Day celebration in support of bully prevention. A BIG thank you to Ms. Okwabi and Ms. Kadison for spearheading this event. See pictures below:





UNITY DAY
WEAR AND SHARE
ORANGE
TO PREVENT BULLYING





In the Spotlight

On Friday, October 30th, JKO held several Halloween themed activities. A BIG thank you to Ms. Kadison for applying and winning a grant specifically designed for Halloween. Here is an excerpt of her award email:



Congratulations! Out of more than 330 applicants from 46 states, Helping Hands Society at Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis HS is one of 50 organizations that is being awarded a Youth Save Halloween Party Pack. You will receive two 25-pound cases of Hershey candy and \$60 in Party City gift cards. Both are being shipped to the address you provided on your application. We were impressed with your plans to do good and help others while keeping Halloween fun in this crazy year!

Ms. Kadison...you are AWESOME!!! Also, Ms. Kadison spearheaded the following for that day: Upon entering school, students present will received a Halloween mask and a raffle ticket. The raffle ticket was for students to enter our "Boo Room" in the lab (The lab will be decorated as a haunted house). In the lab, we allowed students to come during their lunchtime and play socially distanced games, participate in a scavenger hunt, watch Mrs. De Gregorio's haunted house video, listen to scary stories, etc. Students online tuned in to a Zoom link during their lunch and play online games. Teachers also were given themed questions to ask students. Those who got the correct response were assigned a raffle ticket. At the end of the day, we placed 5 names/ tickets to win a bigger prize. e will communicate with the student if they are remote as to how they can get their prize.



A HALLOWEEN HORROR OF FUN & PRIZES

JKO HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR

VISIT THE BOO ROOM
PLAY GAMES
VISIT SMASH ARTS PRODUCTIONS VIRTUAL HAUNTED HOUSE
COSTUME CONTEST

OCTOBER 30 DURING LUNCH

SEND US YOUR COSTUME PHOTOS OR SPOOKY TIK TOK VIDEOS TO JKOHHS@GMAIL.COM
TAG@HELPINGHANDSSOCIETYJKO ON INSTAGRAM

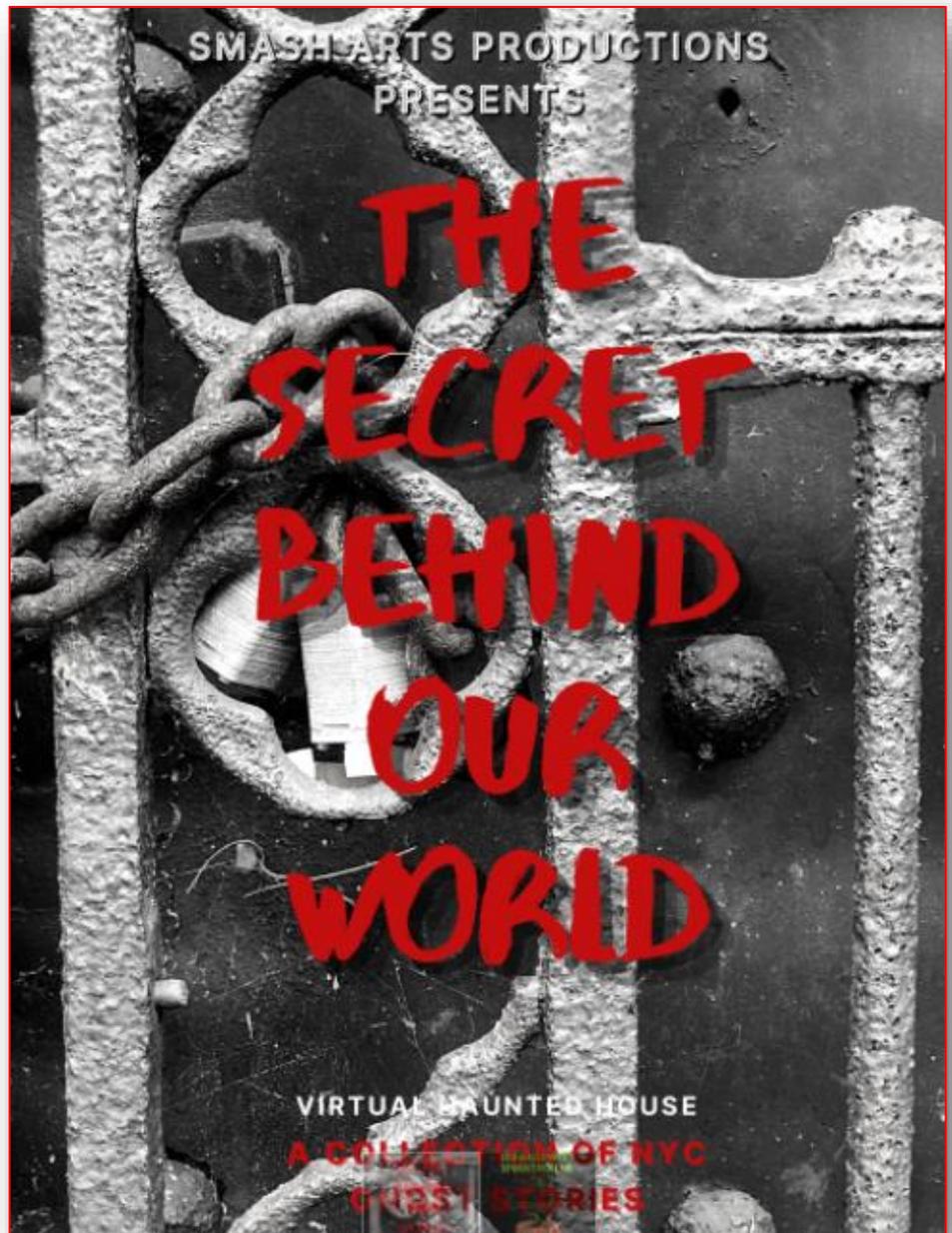







Also contributing to the Halloween festivities were Ms. DeGregorio and Ms. Nicoletta. Their students put together wonderful short videos about haunted houses. Ms. Nicoletta edited them and pieced them together into one film. Thank you both!!! Below is the link to the film that was previously sent to all staff and students:

<https://youtu.be/5Nf7rP4ftdl>



In the Spotlight



A big thank you to Ms. DeGregorio for the outstanding transformation in the lobby. See pics below:

