

2026-27 Parent Newsletter #2

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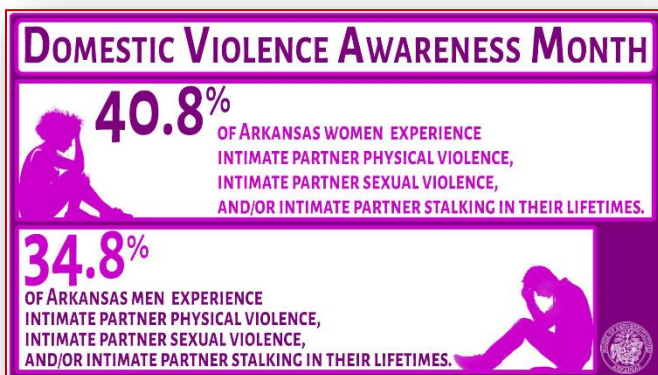
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). During DVAM, victim advocates, allied professionals, survivors of abuse, their loved ones, and the surrounding community come together to mourn the lives lost to domestic violence, celebrate the progress that has been made to end this epidemic, and connect with others working to create change. This tip sheet provides suggestions on what individuals and organizations can do to help raise awareness of domestic violence using the hashtag #1Thing to demonstrate that everyone can play a role in bringing about change.



Events to raise awareness of domestic violence and its impact on individuals, families, and communities take place throughout the year. During Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), victim advocates, allied professionals, survivors of abuse, their loved ones, and the surrounding community come together to mourn the lives lost to domestic violence,

celebrate the progress that has been made to end this epidemic, and connect with others working to create change. This year's #1Thing DVAM Campaign is being funded by the Administration for Children and Families. Think of #1Thing you can do to get involved, take action and make a difference for those affected by domestic violence. Access free tools and materials at <https://nrcdv.org/dvam>.



PARENT COORDINATOR CONNECTIONS

From the Desk of the
Parent Coordinator
Ms. Reaves
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Announcements

- SAT prep session 1 will begin Oct 17. It will run until 12/19
- SAT prep session 2 will run starting February
- Indigenous people's day — School closed — Oct 12
- MP 1 ends 10/27. Report cards will be mailed out on November 4th.
- Haunted House is 10/30. Tentatively starting at 5:30
- Veterans Day — Nov 11—No school
- Parent Teacher Conferences will take place on Nov 19 (5 pm to 8 pm) and November 20th (12 pm to 3 pm). These conferences will take place remotely. Teachers and counselors will schedule meetings with parents. If you would like to schedule a specific meeting with a teacher, please reach out to Ms. Reaves at the number listed above.

Parent Teacher Conferences Tips for Parents

During the Conference

Listen carefully. It is perfectly acceptable to take notes. This is particularly helpful if one parent or other involved relative cannot attend. It can also help you remember details so that you can ask questions later.

Offer your perspective. Many times teachers will ask you about your child's activities at home and your views of your child's strengths and areas where help might be needed. Even if the teacher does not ask, speak up and provide your observations and any concerns.

You want to hear good news about your child. If the teacher does not offer any positive comments, ask directly, "What does my child do well?" And remember that teachers often hear only negative comments, too. Be sure to try to offer a compliment, a thank you to let the teacher know you appreciate what they are trying to do to help your child—even when what the teacher is trying to do may not be working.

Do not be afraid to ask questions. If you do not understand something or feel your concerns are not being addressed, then ask the teacher. Teachers and other educators easily slip into jargon and forget that many parents are not familiar with the terms they use every day. Ask what test scores mean and what the results mean for your child. Stop and ask for explanation of unfamiliar terms or programs. Not understanding can quickly lead to misunderstanding.

The NASP website (NASPonline.org) offers a host of other resources on success in school, including a thoughtful piece on how parents can motivate children to learn.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES



On Monday, September 14th,
OneMain staff handed out free
backpacks and school supplies to
students that were donated by NY
Cares. A BIG thank you to them
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CLUB FAIR

JOIN US!



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026



LOCATION: GYM



TIME: 2:50 PM to 3:30 PM

#EXPLORE #ENGAGE #GETINVOLVED



JKOHS CLUBS

(A) Represent
Alternating Day

Student Government (402)
Wednesday- 3pm
(Ms. O)

Gaming Club
Wednesday- 2:41pm
(Mr. Chen)

Scholarship Club (404)
Thursday- 3:45pm
(Ms. Pelletier)

Helping Hands Society (405)
(A)
Thursday- 3pm
(Ms. Kadison)

Basketball/Fitness Club
Friday- 2:41pm
(Mr. Chen)

Espanol Club (302)
Friday- 2:45pm
(Ms. Alcorn)

Yearbook Club (405)
(A)
Thursday- 3pm
(Ms. Kadison)

VolleyBall Club
Tuesday- 3:20pm (Ms. Rushforth)

SmashArts (201)
Friday- 2:45pm
(Ms. De Gregorio)

ModelUn (306)
Friday- 2:45pm
(Ms. Gordon & Mr. Van)

Senior Council (402)
(A)
Wednesday- 2:45pm
(Ms. O)

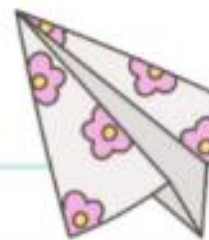
NHS (201)
Wednesday-
2:45pm
(Ms. De Gregorio)

PE Club (Gym)
Wednesday-
2:45pm
(Mr. Padgett)





JRO HS Tutoring Schedule



Math

Mr. Chen (308) 7:19 am - 8:19 am (Tues & Wed)
Mr. Hasan (406) 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm (Wed & Fri)
Mr. Falah (308) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm (Wed & Thurs)

English

Ms. Voelker (402) 7:19 am - 8:19 am (Tues) English 10
Ms. Pelletier (404) 2:41 pm - 3:41 pm (Wed & Thurs)
Ms. Kadison (405) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm (Wed)

Science

Ms. Voelker (402) 7:19 am - 8:19 am (Tues) Chem
Ms. Okwabi (402) 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm (Tues & Thurs)
Ms. Cumberbatch (303) 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm (Wed) Chem
Ms. Cumberbatch (303) 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm (Thurs) Bio

History

Ms. Voelker (402) 7:19 am - 8:19 am (Tues) AP World History
Ms. Marshall (309) 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm (Thurs)
Ms. Gordon (306) 2:45 pm - 4:00 pm (Wed)

Business

Mr. Steve (301) 2:41 pm - 3:41 pm (Fri)
Ms. Newell (411) 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm (Fri)





On Wednesday, September 23rd, JKO staff and students represented our school IS 125. A BIG thank you to those students, Mr. Vincent, Ms. Kadison, and Ms. Garcia for representing us!!!





Academic Awards

Congratulations to all our students who received awards, at our recent award assemblies, for their performance during the previous school year spring semester!!! A BIG thanks to Mr. Williams for spearheading these assemblies!





Class of 
2026

Congratulations to the class of 2026 who graduated last June. We are very proud of you all!!!

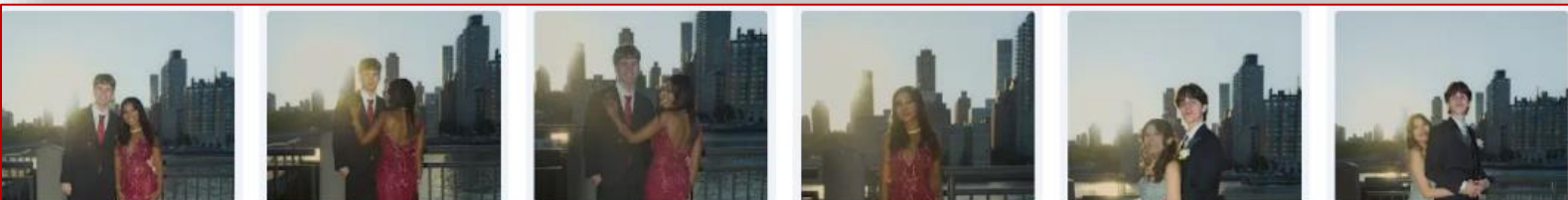
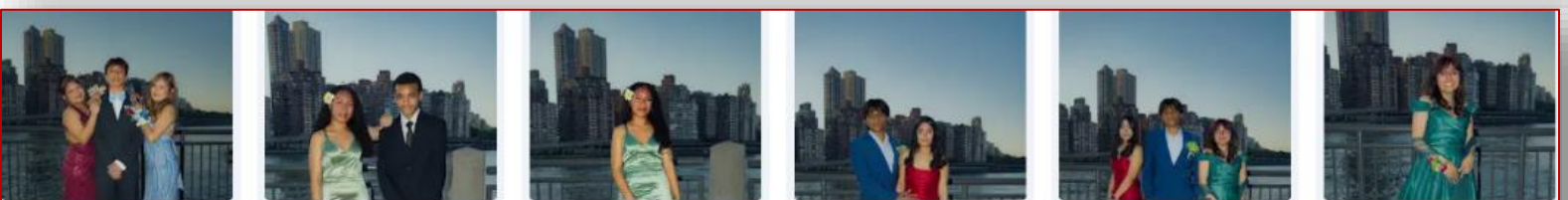


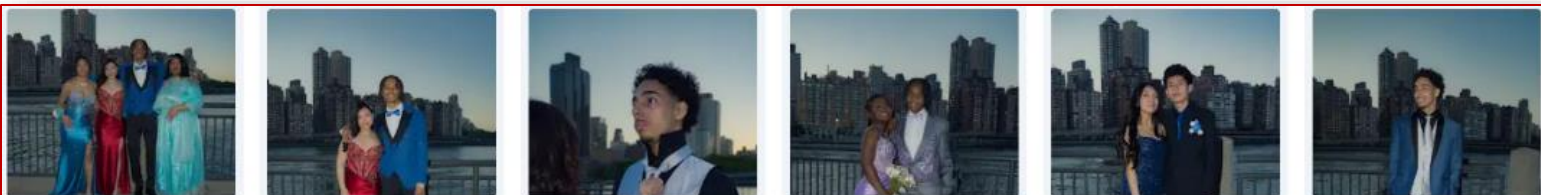


Here they are at prom!!!!

Prom King: Stephan Wiggins
Prom Queen: Cassieann Smith









A message from Ms. De Gregorio:

Dear JKO,

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's Bee Rave & Pride celebration a success!

There was a lot of good food, music, conversation, and fun! Thank you for wearing Pride stickers and letting our students know that all are welcome here at JKO and for making donations for students to attend.

Special Thanks to:

Ms. Marshall, Ms. Acosta, Ms. ElMardi, Ms. Kadison, Ms. Vega, Ms. Okwabi, Ms. Voelker, Ms. Bernabel, Miss Beverly and our very own Mr. Bee- Mr. Padgett!

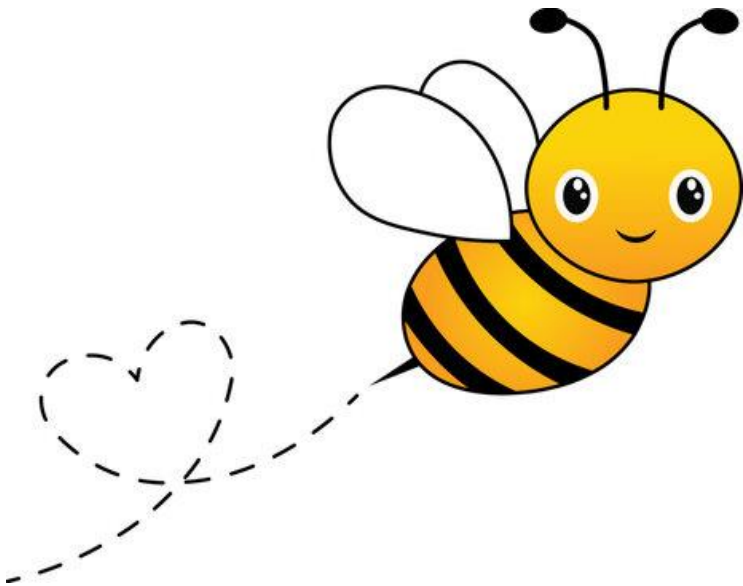
Till next year when the Bee Rave celebrates our 20th Anniversary! Buzzzzzz!

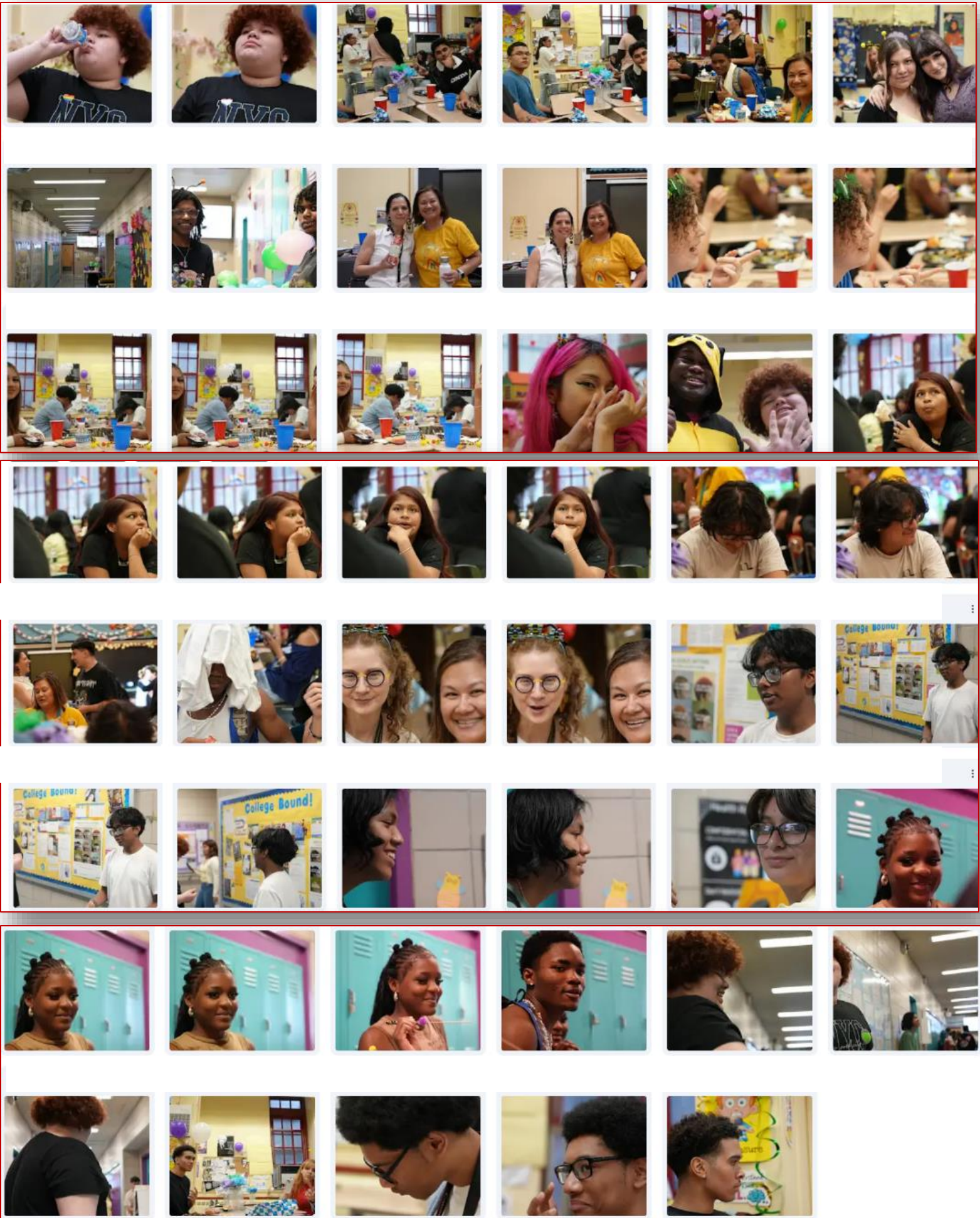
Thanks!
Ms. D



Thank you for spearheading this event, Ms. D!!!









Manhattan HIGH SCHOOL FAIR

On June 9th and 10th, JKO students and Ms. Garcia represented our school at the High School Fair in Fashion Industries High School.

A BIG thank you to Ms. Garcia and our students for connecting with prospective families and students!!!



In the Spotlight



Greetings JKO,

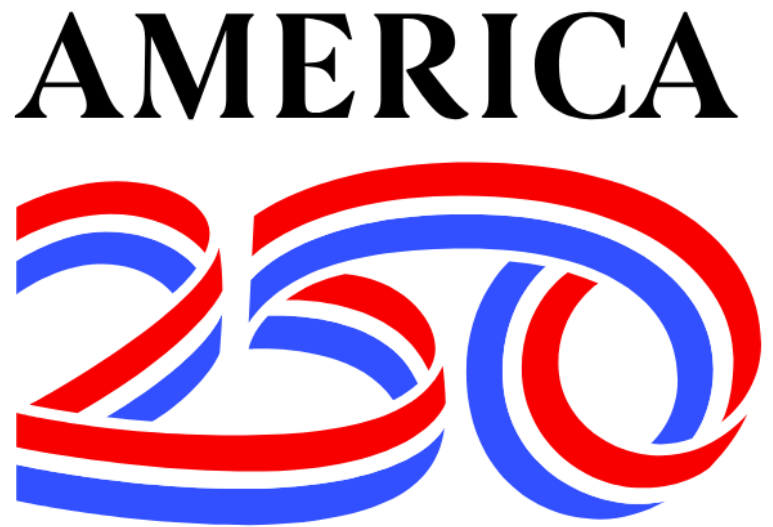
On June 11th, Emilee Basurto & Adrian Morales took part in a fashion show with Junk Kouture on Peace Boat to celebrate World Ocean Day at the Ocean Gala. Peace Boat is affiliated with the United Nations, and tonight it was all about SDG 14- Life Below Water.

It was a beautiful evening aboard their ship with visionaries in art, science, government and business from across the globe who are seeking pathways to protect our blue world.

Emilee and Adrian were magnificent - were honored to have them represent JKO!

Thanks!
Ms. D





Greetings JKO

I just want to share with you all our film project. See the link below.

Thanks!
Ms. D

For our final project, art students revisited themes from their March Civics for All Poster Project, America 250: Voices Then, Voices Now, to create short interview-based documentary films.

As we approach this milestone in our nation's history, where are we as a country and as a people?

Art students took to the streets to find out what people had to say.

Working in media teams as interviewers, cinematographers, photographers, and note-takers, students developed a thesis, line of inquiry, and interview questions to guide their research. Students were mentored by Yaari, a media artist from Magic Box Productions, who supported them in filmmaking, and Karla, a theater artist from Roundabout Theatre Company, who helped them develop their interviewing and communication skills.

It was inspiring to watch our students bravely approach strangers and engage them in meaningful dialogue about the state of our country and its future.

We hope you enjoy the diverse perspectives and thoughtful conversations showcased in these films.

[America 250; Voices Then, Voices Now](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1z7WsyaYclzyeVgdA3bobQb3kNFkjlwOqQWxzXRjXaqFw/edit?usp=sharing)

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1z7WsyaYclzyeVgdA3bobQb3kNFkjlwOqQWxzXRjXaqFw/edit?usp=sharing>

Thank you for spearheading this Ms. D...they are AMAZING!!!



Congratulations to Ms. Newell and her VE students! See email below...

Dear Carrol Newell,

Over the course of the 2025-26 school year, thousands of students at hundreds of schools across the country showed up to work at their VE firms. Day in and day out, they ideated, collaborated, and put in the work to get their businesses off the ground and running. With your guidance and encouragement, they emerged from the year as young businesspeople, with trials, errors, and hard-earned successes under their belts.

Among these firms, a select group stood out for consistently demonstrating and exceeding our standard of excellence. This year, Guardian Insurance earned a Silver designation by completing more than 80% of the initiatives outlined in our annual framework. In commemoration of this achievement, we have attached a digital certificate you may print or share with your class and wider community.

Your work as a VE Facilitator is instrumental in making accomplishments like this possible. We send our sincere congratulations and appreciation for your continued dedication to your students, and we look forward to all that the 2026-27 school year will bring!

Sincerely,

The Team at Virtual Enterprises International

Claudia Obzanski

Program Implementation and NYS/NE Regional Intern

Virtual Enterprises International, Inc.

NEVER 9/11 FORGET

September 11, 2026: 25th Anniversary of 9/11

September 11th is a National Day of Service. This year marked the 25th anniversary of this tragic event where over 3000 people lost their lives. Below are some details:

September 11 is federally recognized as the September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance, following congressional action and presidential proclamations.

Congressional Action

- **2001 (Patriot Day):** Congress passed a joint resolution (Public Law 107-89) designating September 11 as "Patriot Day" to honor the victims of the 2001 attacks.
- **2009 (Day of Service):** U.S. Congress passed the bipartisan **Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act** (Public Law 111-13), which officially established September 11 as a recognized National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Presidential Action

- President Barack Obama signed the Serve America Act into law in April 2009.
- President Obama and subsequent administrations formally incorporated the day of service into annual Patriot Day proclamations. They encouraged Americans to turn a day of tragedy into a day of doing good, volunteering, and helping local communities.



A message from Ms. De Gregorio:

On Friday September 11th, my art students commemorated the 25th anniversary of 9/11 by participating in 9/11 Day, which asks us to unite for good, by doing a good deed for 9/11. We turn a day that was meant to tear us apart into a day where we actively rebuild our communities through good deeds. The students will create a chalk memorial of their pledges outside that serves as a reminder to all who pass our doors that kindness, service, and memory are active choices we make. See the beautiful artwork in the pictures below...

A BIG thank you to Ms. D for spearheading this event every year!!!

