

# Potential

## P.G. Chambers School News

July 2022 Edition



## School News

### P.G. Chambers School Class of 2022

On June 10, we celebrated the accomplishments of eleven middle school students as they graduated from P.G. Chambers School. Their hard work and positive attitudes will serve them well as they continue their educational journeys. We are so proud of our graduates and look forward to keeping in touch.



*Principal Heather Gilliland presents a diploma to Emanuel.*

Graduates received personalized luggage tags from a special friend, and a P.G. Chambers School alumni sweatshirt to wear proudly.



*L-R: Proud Graduates: Ella, Connor and Kylie*

### Congratulations Class of 2022!

Anwasha, Brandon, Connor, Ella, Emanuel, Esraa, Jayden S., Kai, Kylie, Matthew, and Zane

### Celebrating the School's Youngest Graduates

On June 8 and 9 our preschool classes celebrated the graduations of three classmates! Adorned with capes and smiles, these super heroes are sure to accomplish great things!



### Congratulations Preschool Graduates Jefferson, Tom C., and Sebastiano



*Clockwise from top: classmate Ava, graduate Tom, and classmate Harmony*



## Flag Day Celebration

On June 14, P.G. Chambers School students and staff celebrated Flag Day in the Learning Park. Dressed in red, white, and blue and waving flags, students sang patriotic songs and class 12 presented an acrostic poem (pictured on page 1).



Top: Gianna, Kayden, Bottom L-R: Benji, Kailynn

## New Pet Therapy Program Brings Joy to our Students

Creature Comfort Pet Therapy (CCPT) matches volunteers and their pets with schools, hospitals, and other community settings where they can enhance people's lives.

When staff member Lisa Vanderhoof and her dog Oreo began volunteering with Creature Comfort Pet Therapy, she knew right away that P.G. Chambers School students would be the perfect place for pet therapy. In May, CCPT began regular Friday visits to the school, and the results have been amazing! Students who were initially afraid of the dogs, made new best friends, and one student asked his mom for a dog.

These "cold noses" truly are "warming hearts."

Top to bottom Zoe, Patrick, and Preston



## Alumni Spotlight

### P.G. Chambers School Alumna is the First Graduate from PG RISE at Randolph High School

On July 15, P.G. Chambers School alumna Jacky Ramos '18 became the first student to graduate from PG RISE at Randolph High School (RHS). Jacky is now part of the Transition Program, ages 18-21, at RHS where the day includes running the house where the program takes place on the RHS campus, including household chores, taking care of the chickens, shopping, meal planning, and cooking.

Afternoons are dedicated to job

sampling in the community. There is also time dedicated to daily exercise and mindfulness which includes a weekly social group. They have a weekly community based field trip, frequently accessing public transportation, to better understand community resources. We are so proud of Jacky. Congratulations on your high school graduation!



Jacky poses proudly with her diploma.



# Partners Making a Difference

## Community Partners Beautify School Grounds

Thanks to dedicated volunteers, the entrance to P.G. Chambers School is spruced up and ready for summer!

Alpine Tree Service donated the removal of unhealthy trees on the islands in the Halko parking lot. The front islands were given a burst of color with plants installed by volunteer, Bob Chernow. The Knights of Columbus, George Washington Council members Jeff Simon, Pete O'Hagan, and Brian Doherty added the finishing touches by donating and spreading mulch on all of the islands. We are so grateful for their help in making our school more welcoming for our students and visitors.



*L-R: Knights of Columbus Pete O'Hagan, Brian Doherty, and Jeff Simon*

## Thank You to our Golf Outing Supporters!

The P.G. Chambers School's Golf Classic was held at Rockaway River Country Club in Denville, NJ on Monday, May 23, 2022. We had 120 golfers join us for a lovely day to support our children and families.



*Parent speaker, Don Markham*

The evening included touching remarks from P.G. Chambers School parent Don Markham. He shared how his son Ashton's life has been enriched through the support of the school's dedicated staff. We greatly appreciate the dedication of the Golf Classic Planning Committee, the steadfast leadership of co-chairs Bob Rigby and Gabe Sasso, and our very generous golfers and sponsors.



*L-R: Jeff Heller, co-chair Bob Rigby, Adam Wright, and Dave Strunk*

## No More Thirsty Fridays!

The Student Leadership Group's newest project ensures that no one will be thirsty on Fridays. Led by speech therapist, Jennifer Jacobs, and classroom 13 teacher, Dina Alves, the students offer a rolling drink cart on Fridays. **CRUMBS (Cart Rolling "with goodies" Uniquely Managed By Students)** offers a different drink every Friday, with the option to purchase a reusable cup or bring your own.



Recent offerings include peach iced tea, strawberry punch, and cold brew coffee with almond milk, oat milk, or coconut milk. When available, lucky customers at the drink cart receive complimentary flowers, vegetables, or herbs grown by students in the Learning Park Gratitude Garden.

*James top R and Tinaya bottom L serving thirsty customers*

# Special Events

**Save the Date!**

**Join the Fun.**

## **Walk.Run.Roll.5K and Carnival**

P.G. Chambers School Walk.Run.Roll 5K and Carnival will take place at the Park Avenue Complex at Park Avenue in Florham Park on Sunday October 2, 2022 at 10am.

This event for all ages is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with friends and family in support of P.G. Chambers School. The day will include something for everyone: a USTF certified 5K race, children's race, and a carnival for all to enjoy.

Volunteers, carnival booth hosts, and sponsorships are needed! To learn more contact Patti Anne Stenzel at [stenzelp@chambersschool.org](mailto:stenzelp@chambersschool.org).



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