

Dear Parents,

“Grandparents are a delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories and Love!” - Unknown

The PTA successfully planned and presented another amazing Talent Show and fabulous Grandparents Day at Julian Curtiss this week! Thank you Robert Chaney, dad of Jackson Chaney (1S), and your committee for organizing and presenting a fun and engaging Talent Show. **CONGRATULATIONS to the TALENT SHOW**

PARTICIPANTS! Our students at JC really have some incredible talents! From dancing to singing, to magic tricks and jokes - even hula hooping - the kids were just amazing! The students, parents, grandparents and guests loved the evening!

Another very special thank you goes out to Valerie Rimmer and the Grandparent's Day committee! Valerie is the mom of Lance Bernstein in 4O. Thank you so much for what you did to make our grandparent's feel so welcome at our school!

A special thank you to Heather McGuinness and Anna Ripegno for a beautiful heartfelt message from the children to their grandparents by video. Thank you to Lynn Arndt for organizing a fabulous performance from our Choraleers! Most of all thank you to the teachers for welcoming the grandparents into your classrooms.

We had a great turnout of grandparents! This is a tradition still going strong at our school. The accolades just kept coming at the end of the event. Grandparents stopped to thank us for all of our efforts. It amazes me how far some of the grandparents have come to be at the event. I met a couple from England and a Grandmother from Cameroon! They make sure they schedule their visits around this event. That is pretty special!!

Also, the the Greenwich Public Schools 2017 Family Engagement Survey was sent out on May 15th and we would appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey. We will receive results based on Julian Curtiss parent feedback and will use these results to make changes and improvements moving forward.

It is very important to us that you complete this survey, as we are interested in understanding your experiences with our schools. The purpose of this survey is to serve as the primary measure for how well we are engaging families in our schools, one of our

Strategic Plan strategies for improvement. Surveys are the best way for us to obtain feedback from the greatest number of parents. The results of the survey will be used by your school and by the District to help enhance our family engagement and communication efforts.

IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY, IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

- The GPS 2017 Family Engagement Survey will be administered by a third party – Panorama Education, and individual results will be confidential. GPS will not be able to trace any responses back to any individual, and no group smaller than ten will be reported out.
- The survey will be sent to you via email on May 15. It will come from “The Panorama Education Team.” The subject will say: “2017 GPS Family Engagement Survey.” The email address from The Panorama Education Team is support+greenwich@panoramaed.com.
- The email from The Panorama Education Team will contain a survey link customized to your family. Please do not share your survey link with another family; it will not work for them. If you delete the email by mistake, a new link will be sent to you the next time Panorama sends a reminder email. Once you have submitted your survey responses, the link will become inactive in order to ensure the integrity of the data collected. The survey will be open until May 31, 2017.
- You will be asked to fill out one survey for each school level in which you have a child (elementary, middle, and high). Consequently, a parent with a child in the high school, a middle school, and an elementary school will be given three separate surveys since their experience at each school will be different. If you have more than one child in a particular school, you will be asked to complete the survey thinking about the experiences of your oldest child in that school.
- If you have any trouble accessing the survey, please direct questions to: support+Greenwich@panoramaed.com
- Thank you in advance for your participation.

Enjoy the remainder of the weekend.

Regards,

Trish McGuire
Principal