

Dear Parents,

Another beautiful United Nations Day is complete at Julian Curtiss. It was wonderful to see all of our families and community members at the parade. Many of you stated that the parade was filled with great emotion and that it makes you proud to send your children to a school like Julian Curtiss. On behalf of the entire Julian Curtiss staff, we are proud to serve the Julian Curtiss community.

As I stated yesterday, I am certain that the answers to today's current events lie within the ways in which we educate our children. There can be no lasting peace unless our youngest are taught to empathize with others and understand multiple perspectives. They must be taught to seek peaceful resolutions to conflicts and urged to find solutions that are reasonable and humane.

Some highlights from the day:

"One day we won't need to ask if we're diverse enough," Jassem said. "It will become the norm. We were not meant to be the same. Isn't it amazing how many shades human skin comes in? Isn't it phenomenal how many colors and textures our hair can be? Isn't it even crazier how many different places we've all lived in and how many different faiths we practice? Our individuality is what makes us unique and together we share a great love of America and a great gratitude for America." Basmah Jassem, parent.

"This year's observance is especially poignant as we mourn the passing of our good friend Ambassador Joseph Verner Reed. Ambassador Reed was one-of-a-kind: a skilled diplomat, a global citizen, an art lover and a dear friend to people across the world. His long and distinguished service to the United Nations encompassed four Secretaries-General and many roles, complementing a career in the private sector and the foreign service of the United States.

The UN Day celebration at Julian Curtiss was an event to which he brought great passion. He was very proud of this wonderful example of local support for global action. Each year, after the event, he would send newspaper clippings to colleagues at the United Nations, showing them the strength of your support. And make no doubt, we draw strength from your commitment."

Message to Julian Curtiss on the Occasion of the United Nations Day, The Secretary General of the United Nations, Ban Ki- Moon.

Press coverage:

<http://www.greenwichtime.com/local/article/Julian-Curtiss-parade-celebrates-diversity-10006027.php>

Please join me in thanking parents Jessie Bennett and Kirsten Hennigan for leading such an organized and well thought out event! We thank ALL of our parents that helped to make the week so successful. Thank you to parents and family members that attended the parade. It was a pleasure to see you all there!

Please join us this evening for our International Food Tasting at 5:30 PM.

Proudly,

Mrs. Trish McGuire
Principal

JC loves a parade so we will continue with another one October 31st at 2:15.
See below for details.

Halloween Day Parade on October 31st at 2:15.

It is our attempt to keep the day as routine as possible but still allows a little celebration. Not an easy feat at all! Children may bring their costumes to school but cannot wear them all day long. We ask that costumes be appropriate for elementary school since K-2 students can scare easily. Due to the issues around the state the Superintendent has banned clown costumes this year. No blood please! NO weapons are allowed. No color hairspray or make-up because we are asking that students do not come to school with their costume on and we do not want them applying these items during the school day. Parents of students in K-2 can come in at 1:45 to help with costumes if they wish.