



Cornelia F. Bradford

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Growing Up and Moving On

End of the school year always marks an important milestone for the students. While the youngest students, Pre-K & Kindergarten, celebrate their transition to higher grades and new learning challenges ahead, the 5th Graders bid an emotional farewell to the school and their teachers, before embarking on the next level of studies and responsibilities that will await them in Middle School.

Cornelia F. Bradford Award

The CPA Board, with the support of parents and teachers, has decided to institute a special scholarship award to six 5th Grade students (in the amount of \$100 each) for exemplifying the values of our school's namesake, Cornelia Foster Bradford.

The purpose of this award is to recognize character and personal integrity, as well as academic achievement. By rewarding the values Cornelia F. Bradford was best known for, such as empathy, innovation, serving your fellow man, appreciation for one another's culture, and ideas for social reform, we hope to encourage and inspire the students to continue being selfless and hard working leaders and "bridge builders" for a better future.

“Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person’s character lies in their own hands.”

- Anne Frank

“It is good for children to find themselves facing the elements of a fairy tale - they are well-equipped to deal with these.”

-Neil Gaiman



Generations: Pre-K4's Disney-themed magical ceremony (above) and 5th Graders' Moving On Ceremony (below), where students received honors and scholarship awards for academic achievement and outstanding character.





Field Day & BBQ

To greet the summer and celebrate the end of lessons, students and teachers had a day of fun in the sun, with fun games, prizes, face and henna painting, dancing and ice cream.

A delicious BBQ was provided by the JCBOE, parents and teachers planned and organized fun activities and games, volunteer moms did henna painting, and our art teacher Ms. Gordon and her student crew of artists did face painting for everyone. CPA sponsored game prizes and an ice cream party for the school.

The day was an absolute blast!



“We don’t stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.”

- George Bernard Shaw

“Summer afternoon – summer afternoon; to me those have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.”

— Henry James





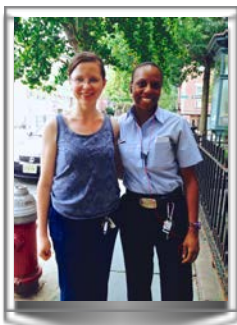
Paying It Forward: One Teacher's Legacy

Early in September we encountered a wonderful surprise in the person of Ms. Violet Blake, who had visited our school by chance, and was inspired to organize a "Back to School" Supplies Drive at her work, to help our students get a great start in the new school year.

A daughter of a retired Jersey City teacher, Violet watched her mother pour so much love, devotion and her own resources into her classroom and her students through the years, that she wanted to pay tribute to her mother's dedication and efforts. She was very excited when her colleagues responded enthusiastically to her idea of a "Back to School" Drive and in no time at all a wonderful care package was collected, lovingly organized and personally delivered to us.

Donations came from individual Conductors, Engineers and Train Dispatchers at PATH, and were distributed among our youngest grades PreK & Kindergarten.

Thank you, Dear Ms. Blake and workers of PATH, for brightening up our classrooms with your thoughtfulness and care!



CPA President Natasha Ioffe and Violet Blake

"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed."

— Maya Angelou

**"A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust."
- Gertrude Jekyll**

PS16's "Green Dream": Our School Garden in the Summer

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our multitalented teacher Ms. Terri McCarthy, our student garden, located in the NE corner of the Paulus Park has flourished wonderfully! We would like to thank Ms. McCarthy for going above and beyond to make this project a success and for taking the time out of her regular schedule to teach our children about gardening! We would also like to say a very special thank you to the JCFD, particularly Captain Mario Moody who was always happy to come and help us water the garden and fill our water barrels all throughout the summer. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of these wonderful people, we saw our first harvest!



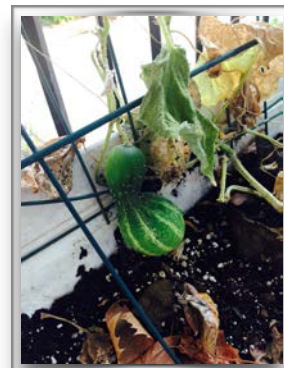
Ms. Terri McCarthy with her students



Captain Mario Moody of JCFD



Keeping the garden hydrated during the hot summer months



First harvest!