



Joyce Kilmer School
&
The NJEA Priority School
Initiative *Present*
The Kilmer S.T.A.R.S

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Trenton Public School District

District Vision

High quality instruction for all.

District Mission

All Students will graduate with a vision for their future, motivated to learn continually and prepared to succeed in their choice of college or career.



Trenton High School Graduate and NY Giant recruit, Daryl Virgies, Visits with the NJEA Priority Schools Recognized Kilmer STARS!



Presentation Objectives

- ✓ Celebrate the achievements of the Kilmer S.T.A.R.S.
- ✓ Make the public aware of the Kilmer S.T.A.R.S. program.



"Children come first, Los niños son primero"



What is S.T.A.R.S.?

Students Taking An Active Role in School

- A mentoring program for 7th and 8th grade students at Kilmer
- Mostly selected by staff
- Provides mentoring for students from staff and their peers
- Student directed

S.T.A.R.S. Goals

- Improve Behavior
- Improve Attendance
- Improve Grades
- Engage students in the school community.



Years 1-2: S.T.A.R.S. "Glows"



- Studied demographics, attendance, and referral data
- Set goals and developed mission/vision
- Selected students (up to 25)
- Began to meet
- Trip to TCNJ
- Student created S.T.A.R.S. video
- Presented at NJEA/PSI Conventions
- Increased school-based mentoring
- Increased amount of student participation
- Connected to community partners



Year Three



February

- My Eternal Family support:
 - Local nonprofit in Trenton that focuses on civics
 - Led by Darren “Freedom” Green and Angeline Dean
 - “Conducting hands on training that engages youth, provides an outlet for their voice.”
- Student created agendas and meetings
- Student led meetings
- PRIDE luncheon

March

- Student Led Meetings
- My Eternal Family and Kidsbridge continue
- Student organized culture day
- Recruiting 6th graders



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April and Beyond

- Mentoring 6th graders
- Literacy boxes
- Trip to State House (My Eternal Family)
- Trip to the FBI offices in Newark, New Jersey (My Eternal Family)
- Trip to African American History Museum in Washington, D.C. (My Eternal Family)
- End of year celebration (PRIDE Grant)





Our Deepest Thanks To...

Community Supports

- NJEA Priority School Initiative
- Trenton Education Association
- Pride Grant
- Positive Impact through The Children's Home Society
- Kidsbridge
- My Eternal Family



Student Reflection and Questions