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Here at I.S.27, several classes, including 814 (in room 237) made cards for the elderly. They made the cards from their hearts.

"I think it was a good idea because the elderly (often) have no one to take care of them or visit them. They have almost no family members to count on," said Messiah Oliveras, of Homeroom 814.

The cards will be delivered to people who are eligible for City Meals, a program that delivers food to those who are elderly or homebound.

Ms. Gutmajer is the greeting card coordinator for the program and asked for volunteers. Ms. Burrier asked 814 to participate. Other teachers asked their homerooms to participate as well including Ms. Sepulveda, Ms. Malvino and Ms. Gutmajer. The main reason students made the cards was to show they do care for



## Thanksgiving cards from students send a message from the heart By Jaquan Cureton



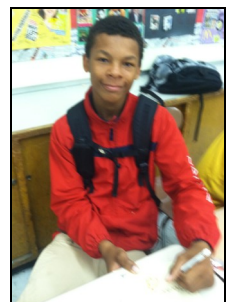
Ms. Burrier and Class 814 proudly display their cards.

older people, some who can't even get out of bed.

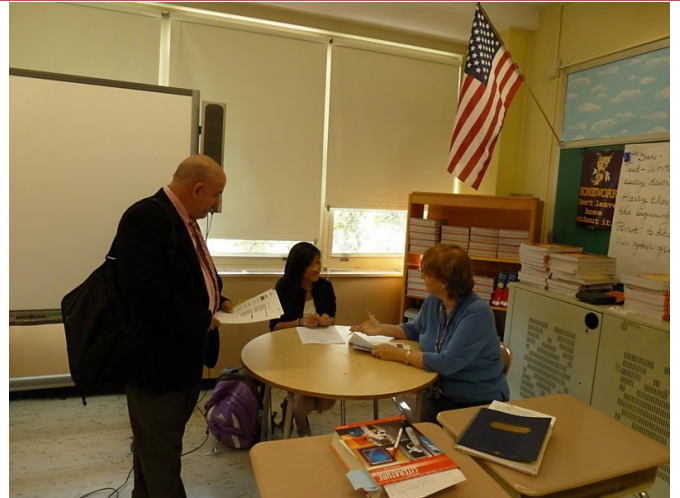
So, on Thanksgiving, Class 814 and the other homerooms will send the cards from our hearts. The teacher that put this all together for our class, 814, was Ms. Burrier, the woman with the kindest heart ever.

### Did You Know?

City Meals is one of the largest meals on wheels programs in the U.S., delivering 2 million meals to over 16,000 seniors each year?



Denzel Green of 814 makes a Thanksgiving card for the elderly during homeroom.



Photos by Ms. Tosto and Dalona Bailey (thanks also to Mr. Schwartz for video taping the interviews).

## *Making the Cut for the Mustang Exchange* By Tiyana Castro and Dalona Bailey

Would you be nervous to go on an interview? I would. But my friend and fellow Journalism student, Dalona Bailey and I decided to check out what real interviews were like. We stopped in on some of the interviews recently, which were being done throughout the Enterprise Academy with Ms. Miller, Enterprise Academy Leader, and other teachers including Ms. Piccolo, Mr. Piedra, Mr. Sherman, Mr. Dinallo, Ms. M. Franz, Mr. Baron, Ms. Thomson, Ms. Maggiore, Mr. John Baptiste, Ms. Arroyo and Ms. Guadagno. Ms. Miller let us watch some of the interviews and take pictures of kids who were trying to get a job here at our very own Mustang Exchange, an in-school store.

When we walked into one of the classrooms we saw all the kids who were getting interviewed. Most of the kids were dressed professionally and very neat. Many of

the boys were dressed in suits and ties and the girls wore suit jackets and skirts. The students had their hands folded on the desk when they were speaking and they spoke clearly and nicely.

What did they talk about during the interviews? Students were asked to put themselves in real work situations. For example, if someone came to the store and said they want their money back (even though there is a sign that says “NO MONEY BACK”), what would you do? How would you handle it if someone started to yell? These are all situations real businesses deal with every day. Some of the kids said get their boss and some of them said they would tell the person nicely that the store’s policy is no refunds.

Mrs. O’Donnell explained that the Mustang Exchange will be run like a real store. “It is the business that we have for the Enterprise Academy. Students will earn bucks for good behavior and spend their ‘bucks’ on items in the store,” she said.

The interviews were just a part of the process to get the job at the Mustang Exchange, Mrs. O’Donnell said.

“Students have to make resumes, fill out applications and go on interviews with staff members,” she said.

All that hard work will pay off. Students who work at the Mustang Exchange will get prepared for college and take the first step in their careers!



At left, Mr. Sherman took a break from interviews with a few students who were dressed for success.

## X-Box or PlayStation 3- Which is Better?

By Brigid Fegeley

X-Box, X-Box 360. Now, they're talking about an X-Box 720!! Then, there is, first, a PlayStation Portable (PSP) then PlayStation 1, PlayStation 2, and then, finally, the newest version, PlayStation 3. Now, it's all down to X-Box 360 and PlayStation 3.

Only one question lingers: Which is better??

### X-Box

Well, I have the X-Box 360 *with* the Kinect, an accessory to the X-Box. I have just about every Call of Duty game, Black Ops being my favorite because of the Zombies, and World at War because of the ray gun glitch. (Look it up online) [I also have Dead Island, Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1, (and a special limited edition one, so I can play it with and without my Kinect) Wipeout for Kinect, Harry Potter and the Half- Blood Prince Kinect Adventures and a few games downloaded onto the console.] It's not mine permanently, but my brother and I share it. He's also nicer than most twin brothers and lets me play it without even asking, so I am caught up on everything.

### X-Box Live

X-Box Live is a great way to play head- to- head on Zombie maps or online on any game!! You can also add your friends if they have Live (Gold or Silver Membership only though). Even though I only have 20 friends, it's a really fun time to play with them. I believe that it's not as fun if none of my friends are online, but I don't want you to feel that way. My brother, on the other hand, has about 87.

But, the reason is that he's a boy and most games that I love have players that would rather not play online with girls. (I've had to change my gamer tag AT LEAST 3 times!!!!)

### PlayStation 3 and PlayStation Network

This system has all of the same games that X-Box 360 has. The Downloadable Content (DLCs) maps in the CoD (Call of Duty) series are released to the PSN (PlayStation Network) about a month, maybe even two months after X-Box has it. But, a good thing is that PlayStation Network is free, whilst X-Box LIVE is \$60 for a Gold 12- month membership.

But, another bad thing is that this past April or May, the PlayStation Network was hacked for the 29<sup>th</sup> time. The only time that X-Box was hacked was right after it came out, and for about a week, and twice. That's over 14 times less than PlayStation Network!!

### Opinion

All in all, they are both awesome systems, but of course, as me being an X-Box owner, I think that X-Box is better. But, you could think differently!!



## Upcoming Important Events

- November 23rd- HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS DUE!
- November 24- November 25th- School Closed; Thanksgiving Recess
- December 23rd 2011- January 2nd- Winter Recess
  - January 3rd, 2012- School Resumes

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### Lending a hand at the NYC Marathon

By **Monika Niebrzydowski**

November 6. What do we remember this day for? While some of you may remember it for Daylight Savings—when we gained an extra hour of sleep, I remember it for something even more exciting--the ING New York City Marathon. I volunteered with my mom and would like to share with you what happened on this exciting day.

5:00 A.M: Wake up, do my usual morning routine. Walk to Fort Wadsworth, where we sign in. We get our passes, which let us see what people watching on TV can't see.

6:00 A.M: Runners are starting to appear. We roam around, helping out when needed.

7:00 A.M: Now the fun begins! More runners! Music blares, Dunkin Donuts hats are flying and reporters are frantically searching for a story.

8:00 A.M: Everyone is starting to get settled. Interviews with Skater Apollo Anton Ohno and Actor Mario Lopez have finished. But the air is filled with the anxiety of winning the race.

9:00 A.M: Now, relaxation was history. The races are starting!

10:00 A.M: The crowd is now slowly diminishing. UPS trucks are driving toward Manhattan while runners thunder across the Verrazano.

11:00 A.M: Now, everyone is cleaning up. Bagels and Gatorade bottles were gone. People picked up mounds and mounds of clothes to be sent off to charity. What a mess!

3:00 P.M: Look at Fort Wadsworth now. Not a napkin on the street or a coat on the grass. Thank goodness for the volunteers and everyone who helped clean up. How exciting to help send the runners off to a great start!!!



### Poetry Corner: Who I Am By Kadeja Jenkins

To be honest, I really don't know why I am doing this!!

I'm not talented or good at anything but being a poet.

I only write poetry.

I live in poetry.

I am poetry.

I am the lines on the paper.

I am the ink to the pen.

I am the note to the pad.

I don't know who I am if I don't write poetry...

Poetry is me...

I write about my life in poetry.

Poetry is me.

I don't know what I'd do if I didn't write, read, live and breathe poetry.

So what if I don't get into LaGuardia or NYU?

At least I can walk away hurt.

But...

Hurt...

With...

My...

Dignity.