

# EXCELLENCE NEWS

EVERY CHILD, ACHIEVING EXCELLENCE

## *Autism Acceptance Month* Celebration

The Elizabeth Board of Education hosted an Autism Acceptance Month celebration event at Juan Pablo Duarte – José Julián Martí School No. 28 on April 9 featuring the talents of students from Elizabeth Public Schools' autism program. EBOE President Stanley J. Neron welcomed everyone to the evening event and introduced Board Members Iliana Chevres and Diane Barbosa who are sponsoring the district's Autism Acceptance Month activities and events this month. Chevres and Barbosa spoke about the Autism Acceptance Month and served as emcees for the event, introducing the various participating schools and their performances.

The performances for the evening included *Kindness and Acceptance*, performed by students of Elmora School No. 12, *This is Me*, a prerecorded video featuring performances by students of Victor Mravlag School No. 21, *Herbs and Gardens*, a presentation of poems and garden boxes by students of J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy, and *A Day in Our World*, a video featuring students of Toussaint L'Ouverture - Marquis De Lafayette School No. 6.



## Special Edition- *Autism Acceptance* Month

### School Closings for April

**April 18-25** - Schools and District  
Easter Recess

### School Closings for May

**May 26** - Schools and District –  
Memorial Day

### Important Events

Better Hearing and Speech Month  
Asian-Pacific Heritage Month  
Haitian American Heritage Month  
Mental Health Awareness Month  
Kindness Awareness Month  
National Military Appreciation  
Month  
School Principals' Day 5/1  
Teacher Appreciation Week 5/5-  
5/9  
National Nurses Week 5/6-5/10  
National Teacher Day 5/6  
National School Nurse Day 5/7  
Mother's Day 5/11  
Cuban Flag Day 5/20  
Memorial Day 5/26





# AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH CELEBRATION





# AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH *Celebrated* at EPS

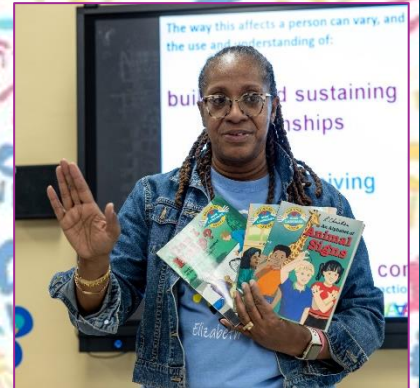
## Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27 Autism Walk





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### **Benjamin Franklin School No. 13** **Parent's Corner – Different is Beautiful**



### **Donald Stewart ECC School No. 51** **Light it Up Blue**





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## Joseph Battin School No. 4 Autism Acceptance Walk





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### Chessie Dentley Academy School No. 30 Autism Celebration



### Toussaint L'Ouverture – Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6 Celebration of Acceptance





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## Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5 Autism Walk





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## Thomas A. Edison Career & Technical Academy Parent Appreciation Day



Parent  
Appreciation Day

Thank  
you SO  
MUCH





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**Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26 @ 31**  
**Austism Acceptance**



**William F. Halloran School No. 22**  
**Let's Glow Crazy**





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## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ECC School No. 52 Parachute into Autism





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## Victor Mravlag School No. 21 Annual Autism Acceptance Celebration





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## 2025 Autism Acceptance Celebration & Resource Fair

On April 11, the 2025 Autism Acceptance Celebration was brought to you by the Union County Board of County Commissioners, the Department of Human Services through the Office of Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs, and in collaboration with the Union County Departments of Parks and Recreation, Prevention Links, the Elizabeth Parent Support Group, Elizabeth Public Schools and its Division of Special Services, and Elizabeth Fire & EMS.





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### JVJ STEM Academy Transition Program Visits IHOP



### Terence C. Reilly School No. 7 Autism Acceptance Displays





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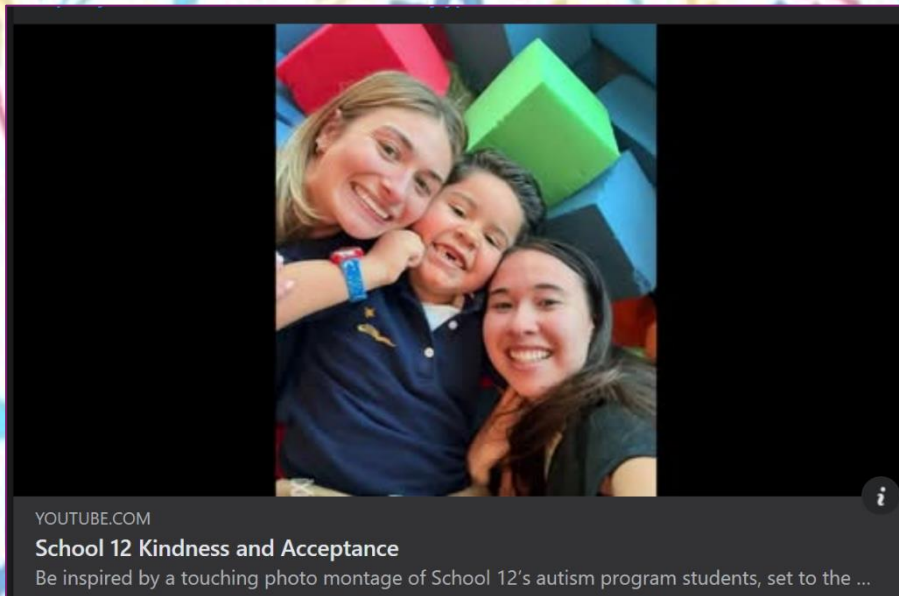
## City of Elizabeth - 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Autism Awareness Flag Raising





# AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

*Please click on the link to view the video!*



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## JVJ STEM Academy Transition Program Visits Groundwork Elizabeth





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## Elmora School No. 12 Celebration of Colors





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### **Nicholas S. LaCorte Peterstown School No. 3** **Wear Blue for Autism Acceptance Month**



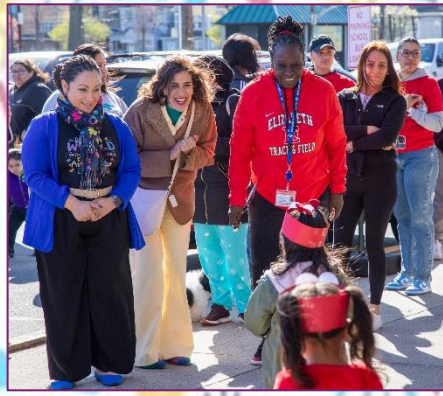
### **iPrep Academy School No. 8** **Creating a Unique Puzzle Piece**





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## George Washington Academy of Science & Engineering School No. 1 Annual Autism Walk







For more photos, please visit [www.epsnj.org](http://www.epsnj.org)



# AUTISM *Acceptance* MONTH

During Autism Acceptance Month, the Elizabeth Board of Education honors the unique perspectives of individuals with autism and reaffirms its commitment to supporting students with autism and their families within the Elizabeth Public Schools.



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We invite the entire community to join us in fostering inclusivity, connection, and acceptance, celebrating the diverse strengths of each individual.



***You are empowered to achieve excellence!***

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Month

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