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# Jumoke Journal

**District-Wide  
Newsletter**

First Edition 2019-2020

**Pictured:**

Scholars and parents are welcomed on the first day of school in August at TED-JA Elementary school by members of the Hartford Buffalo Soldiers and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

## ONE DISTRICT, ONE FAMILY, ONE GOAL, EXCELLENCE

### “Good to Great”

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the holiday season with so much work still before us! As we work toward excellence, I continue to see a number of indicators that signal we are headed in the right direction. In recent tours of the district and classroom visits, I am seeing scholars engaged in creative approaches to instruction prepared by our talented faculty and staff. Teachers appear to be genuinely excited to be at the Academy and having fun while teaching our scholars. Building based leadership teams and support staff understand their roles as supports while ensuring that we are One District, One Family, with One Goal of becoming excellent.

To help us toward the goal of becoming excellent, or going from “Good to Great”, I am happy to announce that the district recently received a substantial grant in

support of our recent strategic plan and development of our school based leadership. Throughout the year, our building principals and academic leadership will be working with outside consultants helping them to focus on:

- Developing data analysis skills around school performance
- Learning to set reasonable targets for improvement
- Communicating messages of urgency and collective action to support scholar academic success
- Using data to track student progress
- Aligning resources
- Helping teachers build successful classrooms based on emphasizing best practices

The investment in our principal leadership team is made possible through direct support from the



**Dr. Troy A. Monroe**  
**Executive Director**

PCLB foundation. It is expected that our strategic efforts will result in increased student achievement performance as measured by standardized testing.

As we prepare to move from “Good to Great”, I would like to take this opportunity to remind our

# One District, One Family, One Goal: EXCELLENCE.

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Scholars at JAH-SMaRT's science classroom, before they head into their new labs.

community that this is a Charter School Renewal year for the Academy. All Charter Schools in the state of Connecticut are expected to go through a regular review of its practices, performance, and protocols as a part of the process used to determine its continuation. In preparation for our review, I am asking that parents and community members hold **January 30, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** free on their calendars. This is the date of the Jumoke Academy Public meeting required by

the State Department of Education for our entire community to come out and share public comments in support of renewing our charter. We will need parents, faculty, staff, scholars, alumni, educational partners, and community members to show up for this meeting which will be held in the auditorium of Achievement First, located at 305 Greenfield Street in Hartford.

Details will be provided as we get closer to the date. If you are interested in

speaking, please send an email to: [jumokeacademy@jumokeacademy.org](mailto:jumokeacademy@jumokeacademy.org), with the subject line "Charter School Renewal", to let us know. Thanks again for your continued support and helping us move from Good to Great!

*Dr. Monroe*





Above and below, scholars from JAH-HC helping clean up Sigourney Square Park.



## Sigourney Square Park Cleanup Day

**Tera Harris**

Scholars from the Hartford Conservatory traded their pencils for gloves and rakes as they volunteered their time cleaning up Sigourney Square Park. This community cleaning project sparked much interest from twenty scholars grades 6-8 as they walked down to the park and spent their afternoon bettering their neighborhood. Scholars worked as a team to create a plan of how they wanted to pick up garbage and rake leaves. This community service cleanup day has excited scholars to set up another cleanup day in the future. Great Work!

## Attention 7th and 8th grade Parents:

**Tera Harris**

Jumoke Academy at the Hartford Conservatory will host a High School Options Fair on November 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am-2pm at the Hartford Conservatory. This fair is open to ALL Jumoke 7th and 8th grade scholars. Apply for your scholar's High School during the High School Options Fair! Technical High Schools, Agriscience High Schools, Magnet High Schools and Independent Private Schools will be in attendance. There will be representatives from the Regional School Choice Office (RSCO) to assist with the application process as well. Parents will be fed lunch and provided with every resource needed to support their scholar. Please contact Tera Harris with any questions

[harrist@jumokeacademy.org](mailto:harrist@jumokeacademy.org)



# HIGH SCHOOL OPTIONS FAIR

**NOVEMBER 21ST 11AM-2PM  
875 ASYLUM AVE.**

# Fall Updates from JAH-HC Middle School

## Principal Tamara Gloster

At Jumo Academy Honors at The Hartford Conservatory, we are not just a school with a focus in the arts. We are a school that integrates the arts into every fabric of our curricula. In the Arts integration share zone you will find the following:

In the 5th Grade for English Language Arts (ELA): Scholars are focusing on writing narratives and will use their artistic abilities to illustrate the intent of the author. They will also act out what is called Readers Theater, where they get to act out inferences the author makes. In Science, they will study plants & their needs.

Correspondingly in 6th grade, the next science unit is on energy. Scholars will explore how sound energy can be used creatively to be productive and how energy makes things move. Scholars will also see how energy cannot be destroyed but go from one form to another. Scholars will do this in collaboration with Mr. Smith.

Similarly 7th grade are studying European History/African History/Middle Eastern History /Asian History. Scholars will produce a Geography project: Tic-Tac-Toe Board. This will require the scholars to study countries (particularly Spanish speaking countries to incorporate world language class) around the world and discuss level of development/push-and-pull factors and their culture. In science, scholars are focusing on the Ecosystems and an ever changing biosphere, they will make connections with the Aeroponic garden and plant-life in their ecosystems. In ELA, scholars are presenting their reading projects, each scholar chose one of the following:

- “Act it Out” project: Scholars discussed projection and acting skills with Mr. Lavieri.
- Movie Poster: Scholars discussed composition with Mrs. Gomez and collaborate with materials.
- Song/Rap: Scholars practiced rhythm and flow with either Ms. Peters or Mr. Smith.

Together with 8th Grade, the scholars in social studies are working with Mr. Lavieri to combine discussions of Salem Witch Trials in Social Studies with the play The Crucible in theater. Scholars are working on fife, bugle and drum marches and activities with Mr. Smith and Ms. Peters to illustrate the Revolutionary War period to understand why they used the fifes, bugles, and drumming. In addition, scholars will study the

Revolutionary era music. In science, scholars are finishing up sun-earth-moon systems. Their end goal is to create a path for a telescope to travel through space. Scholars will be expanding from the sun-earth-moon system models and video to create an understanding of the layout of our solar

system which is way more in depth than just listing an order of planets. This will involve creating a map that has scales to represent distance and more. In Math, Mr. Woodbin’s scholars are working on rigid transformation which is changing location of a shape without changing the size of the shape. Ms. Massey will share with the scholars how to determine their image point given the rigid transformation move in Dance.

Likewise in enrichment with Mr. Hatzikostantis (a.k.a. Mr. H.), scholars pick an Amendment to the United States Constitution and draw a poster or write a song to explain what the Amendment means to them.



As you can see the arts are extremely important; not just because it is just fun to do. Participation in the arts is a key component in improving learning throughout all academic areas. There is evidence of its effectiveness in reducing student dropout rates, raising student attendance, developing better team players, fostering a love for learning, improving greater student dignity, enhancing student creativity, and producing a more prepared citizen for the workplace. Our goal is to transform and improve academic success and create global citizens through the arts. On the next page are a few snapshots of our scholars at work.

On Tuesday, September 17th scholars attended Jumo Academy Honors at the Hartford Conservatory’s Open House. The evening was filled with good food, teacher support and scholar talent. Highlights included a dance presentation musically accompanied by a drum circle as well as a solo song performance. Families were invited to meet their scholar’s teachers and tour the JAH-HC facility. Overall, the evening was a wonderful way to foster meaningful relationships throughout the JAH-HC community. We look forward to a continued positive community between school and home.

## JAH-HC EVENTS:

**Friday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
the JAH-HC School Arts  
Showcase and Concert

**Thursday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>**  
grades close

**Tuesday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Student-Led Conferences

**Friday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Arts field trip to Goodspeed  
Opera House

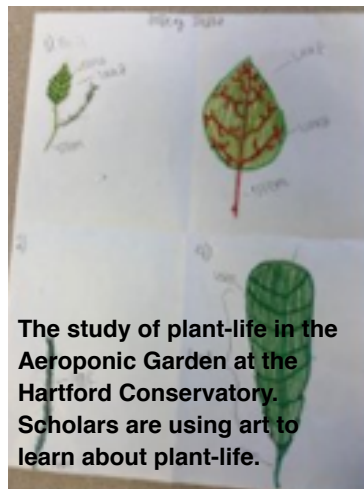




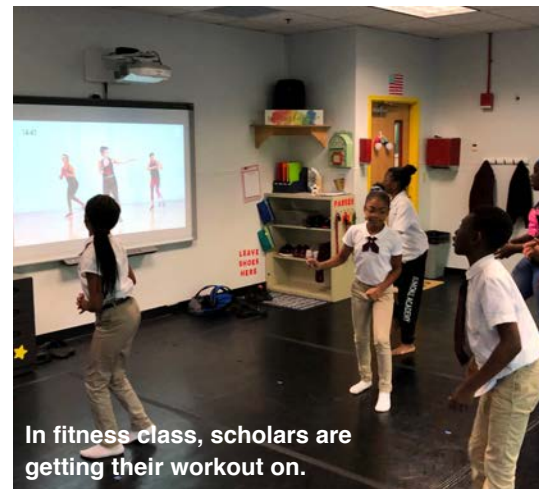
Dr. Gloria McEwen Burgess, author and motivational speaker, addressing JAH-HC scholars.



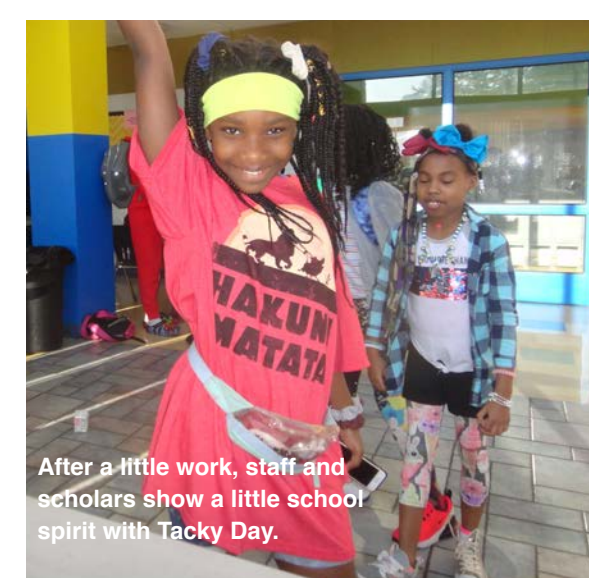
In world language, scholars are demonstrating their learning through painting.



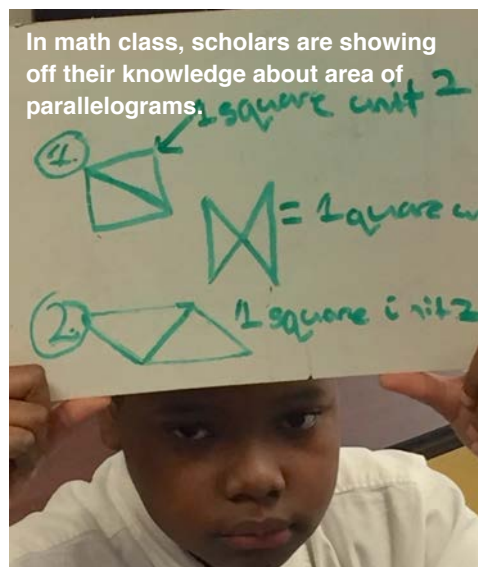
The study of plant-life in the Aeroponic Garden at the Hartford Conservatory. Scholars are using art to learn about plant-life.



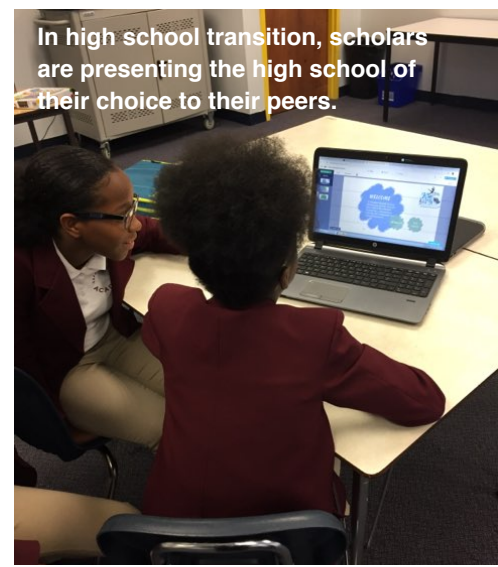
In fitness class, scholars are getting their workout on.



After a little work, staff and scholars show a little school spirit with Tacky Day.



In math class, scholars are showing off their knowledge about area of parallelograms.



In high school transition, scholars are presenting the high school of their choice to their peers.



# CIVIL AIR PATROL SIGNING CEREMONY @ JAH-SMaRT

Principal Marie Gordon-Hall

STARBASE has partnered with JAH-SMaRT for several years. Through STARBASE, our sixth graders get the

**From left to right, the adults in the photo below are:**

Dr. Troy A. Monroe, Ted Garner, Lt. Col. Andrew Liput, Major General Francis Evon Jr., Dr. Marie Gardon-Hall, Mayor Luke Bronin.

opportunity to participate in the STARBASE 2.0 program at their facility in South Windsor. STARBASE volunteers also run our Lego League program as an after-school club. This year, STARBASE is giving us an opportunity to engage in a new partnership that will give our scholars more STEM experience. On Thursday, September 19, 2019, we hosted a Memorandum of Understanding signing ceremony between STARBASE and the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), here at JAH-SMaRT. All of our fifth graders, and some sixth graders, were able to witness the signing. With this new partnership, 20 of our scholars from grades 5-8 will participate in the CAP after-school 8 week program. CAP will work with

scholars to deliver a curriculum that relates to aeronautics and flight. We are excited about this program and



can't wait to expand on our new partnership with CAP.

JAH-SMaRT Scholar receives a "Challenge Coin", given by Major General Francis Evon Jr. of the CT National Guard







## Fall Updates from TED-JA

Every year Jumoke Academy Elementary School hosts Grandparents Day. Grandparents Day is a time when we celebrate our elders for all the hard work and their continued support with our scholars. We had a short program with poems and quotes performed by our scholars. The program was then followed by an amazing breakfast donated by the Jumoke Academy Parents Association.

## Chuck E Cheese Fundraiser

Our annual Family Night Fundraiser at Chuck E Cheese was held October 22, 2019. This event was for staff and scholars to have fun and was a fundraiser for our school. We had a great turn out of families, thank you for coming out! Our scholars had a great time. If you missed this event we hope to see you at our next event:

**Fall Festival on November 22, 2019.**





Join JAH-SMaRT Middle School for the grand opening of their brand new science labs! Come for a ribbon cutting ceremony, refreshments, and science experiments for all!



Nov 21 | 5:30pm | 339 Blue Hills Ave. | [jumokeacademy.org](http://jumokeacademy.org)