

IN CLASS

Kindergarten students send care packages to pediatric unit



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Kindergarteners at PS 69, New Springville, showed their kindness by creating “care bags” for the children in the pediatric unit at Staten Island University Hospital. The students gave the care bags in honor of World Kindness Day, which was Nov. 13.

WORLD CHILDREN’S DAY

The PS 22 chorus sang at UNICEF’s World Children’s Day event at the United Nations last month.

According to a Facebook post from PS 22 chorus director Gregg Breinberg, the chorus performed three songs during the event, which included performances from Keala Settle from “The Greatest Showman” and reggae artist Skip Marley.

MATH START

The College of Staten Island (CSI), Willowbrook, has created new opportunities for students on Staten Island to ascend academically by partnering with borough high schools through The City University of New York’s (CUNY) Math Start program.

Math Start is an eight- to 12-week math program that prepares students for success in college by fostering their full math potential.

“This proactive approach allows students

to be better prepared and more qualified to take on the challenges of college-level work,” said Dr. Deirdre DeAngelis, principal of New Dorp High School. “Students who enter college in a remedial status are less likely to remain in an atmosphere where they are experiencing defeat from the beginning.”

The collaboration was part of the 30,000 Degrees initiative, which strives to address the national crises of college access and completion.

The program was created by CSI, St. John’s University (Grymes Hill campus), Wagner College and four local public high schools. The 30,000 Degrees initiative adopts an anchor mission to increase the number of college graduates with a bachelor’s degree or higher from Staten Island by 30,000 by the year 2025.

“In order to strengthen the transition, or walk over the draw bridge, we have utilized the strength of the CSI Math Start Program, especially the curriculum, training and support staff, to provide our students a more successful experience and start to college life,” said DeAngelis.

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New Dorp High School students and their teacher at the CSI Center for the Arts in Willowbrook. They are participating in City University of New York’s Math Start program, which prepares high school students for college-level work. *JMT Media*