MEDIA ALERT - September 29, 2014

The AMETEK Foundation Awards $89,000.00 Science Grant to Paterson’s School 27

WHEN:  Monday, October 20, 2014 Kick Off Assembly @ 9:00am followed by hands on science programs in the classrooms of students grades K-3.

WHERE:  School 27, 250 Richmond Avenue, Paterson, NJ 07502
          Phone: 973-321-0270
          Principal: Frank Puglise

WHO:  The AMETEK Foundation Sparks Interest in STEM Education brought to you by: The S.P.A.R.K.S. Foundation/ Science Explorers/ The Ametek Foundation

In partnership with the Ametek Foundation, Science Explorers Inc., an innovative hand on science company will be providing 10 weeks of inquiry based lesson for student in grades K-3. Programming will run weekly, every month through the school year.

“Solar Sarah” of the Science Explorers program, will present the all-school assembly on Monday, October 20, 2014 (approximately 40 minutes long) at School 27, and then we roll into the first week of science lessons through the following four days with “Galaxy Gracene” and “Helium Hackett”.

For their first lesson, School 27’s Kindergarteners through grade 3 will become “chemists”, experimenting with the three main states of matter while learning about chemical and physical reactions and the scientific process. The students will be sporting lab coats and goggles while they conduct their experiments.

The AMETEK Foundation has been supporting inquiry based science programs with The S.P.A.R.K.S. Foundation and Science Explorers, around the country since 2003. They sponsor these programs to enrich the educational opportunities for the children in the communities where they have a presence as well as enabling volunteering opportunities to their AMETEK employees. The AMETEK Foundation is eager and excited to be able to give back to their community through this programming.


The Paterson Public School District is a diverse urban school district located in northern New Jersey. As the third largest school district in New Jersey, the district enrolls approximately 29,000 students in 52 schools to accommodate students in Pre-kindergarten through grade 12. The school district’s strategic
plan focuses on four priorities: Effective Academic Programs; Safe, Caring & Orderly Schools; Family & Community Engagement; and Efficient & Responsive Operations. For more information, visit www.paterson.k12.nj.us.

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