



Jack and Jill Center's mission is to strengthen children and families through innovative education, supportive programming, and community engagement.

Jack & Jill Center commemorates Women's History Month and National Reading Month; students enthusiastically embrace the art of dance; a new furry team member is welcomed to the school...and more!

March eNewsletter

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Celebrating The Women of Jack & Jill Center

March is Women's History Month! During this special month we commemorated and celebrated the vital roles women have played throughout American history, and our own! Did you know Jack & Jill Center was established by the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale in 1942? We started as an emergency nursery school, providing childcare for women who were entering the workforce for the first time as their husbands were called overseas. Today our organization is led by women, and our staff is predominately comprised of women.

This month, as we champion the contributions of women, we want to highlight the smart, strong, and dedicated women of Jack & Jill Center! Click [here](#) to view profiles of the amazing *Women of Jack & Jill Center*! Thank you for all that you do to serve our students, families and community!



Students March into Reading

We began this special month by celebrating *Read Across America Day*! This year's theme was '*Bring Communities Together*'. Guest readers from Valley Bank read '*Dream Street*' by Tricia Elam Walker to several classrooms throughout the school.

Throughout the month, several of our team members also visited our toddler classroom to read their favorite children's books to the class. Thank you, Ms. Janibel for coordinating these visits and continuing to inspire a passion for reading every single day! This month has proven

to be one for the books! Click [here](#) to see more photos.

Though National Reading Month is coming to a close, we encourage reading year-round. Volunteers from the United Way of Broward Reading Pal Program have a big impact on our scholars. If you are interested in becoming a Reading Pal, reach out to Amber Binford, ABinford@jackandjillcenter.org for more information.



MHA Students Embrace the Art of Dance

Dance has shown to be a favorite class of the kids at Madelaine Halmos Academy. Twice a week students in grades K-5 learn various genres of dance by experienced dance instructor, *Ms. Dez* of Dance IQ! Students even performed full choreographed routines for their amazing Black History Event, "A Night of Black Excellence" that wowed the entire audience.

Not only does dance provide a fun and creative outlet for students, but it also has numerous benefits for their development. Research shows that dance can enhance physical fitness, coordination, and flexibility, as well as improve cognitive skills such as memory, focus, and creativity. It also fosters social skills, teamwork, and self-expression, which are crucial for success in and out of the classroom.

Thanks to the generosity of Holman Enterprises, we are proud to offer dance classes as part of our comprehensive arts curriculum and witness firsthand the positive impact it has on our students.

Quinzy, Classroom Canine Assistant Reporting for Duty!

Quinzy, a golden mountain doodle, is now a beloved Classroom Canine Assistant in our first-grade classroom. He was the pick of the litter, so to speak, as our students had the opportunity to select him as their puppy, and have been actively involved in his training. Quinzy helps students learn about canine body language and safety.

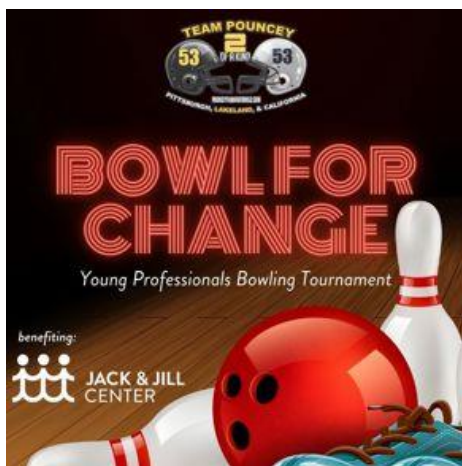
Quinzy is currently working on door manners and staying in place. He has completed his basic obedience course and is on his way to becoming a certified Therapy Dog like his well-known big sis, Fenway!



Students in our first-grade class say they adore Quinzy and love feeding him treats, taking pictures with him, and interacting with him during class and PE.

Quinzy provides emotional support to the students, team members, and visitors, and we are so happy to welcome him to Jack & Jill Center's canine team!

Upcoming Events



Bowl for Change

Date: Saturday, April 15th, 2023, 1:30pm-3:30pm

Location: Manor Lanes, 1517 NE 26th Street, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33305

The Young Professionals Network at Jack & Jill Center is holding their annual charity bowling tournament Bowl for Change at Manor Lanes! Individual registration is \$30. Team registration (6 people) is \$150. Registration includes two games, shoe rental, & one pitcher of beer per team. Enjoy bowling, a full bar, live DJ, raffle prizes, & an arcade! Sponsorship opportunities are also available! All proceeds benefit the children at Jack & Jill Center. Click [here](#) for more information, to become a sponsor or to register!



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