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Celebrating a  
Successful  
School Year

Off the streets and on to life.

### Quad A Kids 'Strut Their Stuff' at Schools No. 4, 16, and 34

Performances by future scholars, artists, top chefs, dancers, orators, actors/actresses, stage managers, computer prodigies, journalists, gardeners, karate champions and more - entertained delighted audiences and celebrated the end of the school year.

#### George Mather Forbes School No. 4

Late afternoon on May 20<sup>th</sup>, the chairs were empty and the auditorium was silent. In less than five minutes, the place came alive with anticipation and laughter. Principal Karon Jackson began the program and the Honorable Joseph Robach addressed the audience. Student Dallas Stevens was the master of ceremonies. Shouts of "we love Ms. Brown" acknowledged the coordinator, Ms. Elizabeth Brown who thanked parents for 'entrusting their angels' in the school's care every day. Students from the health and nutrition class marched purposefully around the room modeling their brightly decorated aprons. The media journalism class reported on the news and current events. Fourteen talented hip hop dancers rocked the house. The Quad A line dancers were as poised as their counterparts at Radio City Music Hall. The performing arts class treated the audience to a talking-animals version of "The Three Little Pigs." Students shaped the script, the narrator was on point, artists built the props and the stage managers ensured smooth transitions between the scenes. Recipe books, photography, books and art potpourri – all products of these talented students -- were displayed throughout the school.



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#### Louis Cerulli School No. 34

Playing to the largest crowd in history, students flaunted their accomplishments. The Girl Scouts recited their promise and pledge, while others recited poetry readings, as their teacher, Mrs. Linda Campbell stood proud. Basketball team received certificates of participation from their coach, Mr. Brendan Stiner. Books written by the youngest students were extraordinary and drew astonished praise from observers - a real tribute to their teachers, Ms. Mary Anna Smith and Mrs. Sara Rance-Brady. But what brought down the house was the karate demonstration as the children used their skills to break boards to the delight of the audience.



To help or learn more, go to [www.QuadAforKids.org](http://www.QuadAforKids.org)

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### John Walton Spencer School No. 16



The School No. 16 team arranged two spectacular events for the students and families.

On May 18, the cafeteria was transformed into a magnificent four-star restaurant with white tablecloths, hanging gold stars and stylishly decorated tables. Everyone was dressed in formal attire and dined in elegance. A full-course dinner was prepared and served by the students.

Every seat was filled one week later when the student standard bearer led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Isaiah McCracken, an outstanding public speaker, took the podium and began introductions. Students created puppets, wrote scripts, built a mock theatre and stole the show as they performed three African Folk Tales.



The future journalists circulated the first Quad A Gazette produced and written in class. Throughout the year the students developed their skills and had fun interviewing teachers and classmates. They learned the newspaper vocabulary, looked for lead stories, created headlines, composed captions and wrote interesting articles. Principal Sylvia Cooksey and Coordinator Vincent Alexander stood proud as they closed the program, congratulating students and thanking families for their continued support.



**Thank you for making this possible!**