

SUPERINTENDENT'S BLOG

ROCKAWAY BOROUGH SCHOOLS--DECEMBER 17, 2018



**MISS BILLIE PERNA
SUPERINTENDENT
FOR A DAY**

BILLIE PERNA HELPS RUN DISTRICT

On December 14th, Miss Billie Perna lent her expertise to serve as "Superintendent for a Day" as part of a Home and School Initiative. A second grader at Lincoln Elementary, Billie is one of four Perna children to attend the district as did her father and his siblings. As part of her duties on the 14th, Billie visited every classroom in both Thomas Jefferson and Lincoln speaking to students and staff as she felt it was a priority to know what was happening around the district on a daily basis. In addition to her classroom visits, she also assisted the current Superintendent with important correspondence and communications. Exemplary of a true hands-on educator, Billie ended her day working with 5th graders on a coding activity in the TJ Makerspace.

Coincidentally, Billie's paternal grandfather, Mr. Gustave F. Perna served as the district's superintendent from 1967-1975. In 2013, he was inducted into Rockaway Borough's Hall of Fame with a plaque bearing his name and image now hanging in the Thomas Jefferson foyer. Who knows, maybe this will be Billie's future office in years to come.