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National Civic Learning Week

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Civic Learning Week is an annual celebration of civic education and its role in empowering us all to take part in our democracy.



PMC celebrated with a **full week** of programs!



Tuesday at **Jules E. Mastbaum High School**

PMC went into a 12th grade class of 15 students at **Jules E. Mastbaum High School** to teach a class about the Pennsylvania court system, judicial selection, and civic duty. Students participated in a mock judicial election and learned about their responsibility to participate in our democracy,



Wednesday at **SS. Cyril & Philomena**

PMC taught a class of 7th graders at **SS. Cyril and Philomena** about Free Speech in Schools. Students learned the limits and protections of the First Amendment and debated whether hypothetical scenarios abridge our right, such as a student criticizing the principal on social media while off campus and a law banning violent video games from being sold to children.



Wednesday at **Furness High School**

PMC visited 25 students who run Youth Court at **Furness High School**. Students received training on PMC's Bail Watch program and learned the unique bail system in Philadelphia. Students discussed the court system, the criminal justice system and arraignments.



Thursday at the **Courthouse**

PMC took Furness High School Youth Court students to the **Juanita Kidd Stout Center for Criminal Justice** in downtown Philadelphia. Students observed preliminary arraignments alongside state legislators and city council members, a preliminary hearing which featured FaceTime video evidence, and discussed the similarities and differences of their program.



Friday at **William McKinley Elementary School**

PMC held a career day panel for 75 6th, 7th, and 8th graders at **William McKinley Elementary School**. The panel was comprised of a federal judge, lawyers, PMC team members, and a college student. Students learned about different career pathways in the legal field along with fun facts about the courts, the Pennsylvania constitution, and the history of Pennsylvania.