



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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Haunted Math at King

When Martin Luther King Intermediate School was unable to have its annual Fall Festival and Haunted House, fourth grade Math teachers took matters into their own spooky hands. They created tricky math problems and delivered this instruction through a haunted film on Schoology. Other teachers and administrators made cameo appearances that may multiply their haunts for the rest of the year! We appreciate the efforts and creativity of our teachers, who work hard to make virtual holidays fun for their students.

Community Education Pumpkin Decorating Fun

Community Education hosted a Pumpkin Decorating Contest for Halloween, offering ready-made packages of pumpkins and paints for participants in Grades K-12. There were 145 entries and five prizes were awarded. The decisions were tough for the Judges!



K-3 Students Celebrate Global Maker Day

Students in Grades K-3 celebrated Global Maker Day on October 20, by Making a Robot, Building a Tower, or Creating an Instrument. These special projects were designed by Curriculum and Instruction supervisors and coaches; K-3 teachers selected the project that best fit their class. C&I supervisors introduced each project with a fun video presentation that explained the activity and showed examples. After students spent 30 minutes completing their maker activity, they shared their creations on a Zoom show and tell. Mrs. Pippin's second grade class took a moment to celebrate their new virtual band. All of the students had an amazing and inspired virtual day.



Quibbletown Students Focus on Friendship



Students at Quibbletown Middle School celebrated School Violence Awareness Week with Schoology activities that focused on anti-bullying, healthy versus unhealthy friendships, and conflict resolution. An art challenge activity asked students to trace their hands and list on each finger a trait of a good friend. Some students hand drew their artwork and others got creative with digital art and videos.



Eisenhower Students Celebrate Peace and Kindness

Eisenhower celebrated Peace and Kindness week from October 19-23. Daily morning video announcements reflected a message of peace and kindness, students took a peace pledge and wrote about ways to spread peace and kindness in their communities.

Piscataway Schools Win Statewide Honors



Niche Top 100 School Districts in New Jersey

For the fourth consecutive year, the Piscataway School District is ranked in the Niche Top 100 School Districts in New Jersey. Piscataway's overall score was A-, and as in previous years, had particularly strong showings in the following categories: Teachers, College Prep, Clubs and Activities, Diversity, and Sports.



NJSPRA School Communication Awards

Piscataway Schools was honored by the New Jersey School Public Relations Association (NJSPRA) for communications efforts during 2019-2020. The District took second place for Special Interest Publications for the 2019-2020 School Calendar and Guide. Congratulations to Public Information Officer Judy Palermo for this award.

PHS Class of 2020 Colleges and Universities

Following is a partial list of colleges and universities attended by the Class of 2020

- Alabama A & M University
- Albright College
- American University
- Arizona State University
- Berkeley College-Woodbridge
- Bloomfield College
- Boston University
- Bowie State University
- Brookdale Community College
- Clafin University
- Clarkson University
- Cleveland State University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Dean College
- Delaware State University
- Drexel University
- Emerson College
- Empire Beauty School
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Fitchburg State University
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- Grinnel College
- Hillsborough Community College
- Howard University
- Indian River State College
- Innovate Salon Academy
- Johns Hopkins University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Kean University
- Kutztown University of Pennsylvania
- Lincoln University
- Louisiana State University
- Loyola Marymount University
- Middlesex County College
- Middlesex County Technical Institute
- Mississippi State University
- Monmouth University
- Montclair State University
- Morgan State University
- Mount Saint Mary's University
- Muhlenberg College
- New Jersey City University
- New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Northampton County Area Community College
- Northern Arizona University
- Nova Southeastern University
- Ohio State University
- Penn State Brandywine
- Penn State University Park
- Pratt Institute
- Princeton University
- Raritan Valley Community College
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Rider University
- Rowan University
- Rutgers the State University of NJ
- Sacred Heart University

Seton Hall University
 Southern Connecticut St University
 St. Francis University
 St. Peter's University
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Syracuse University
 Temple University
 The College of New Jersey
 The Culinary Institute of America
 Union County College
 United States Armed Forces
 Universal Technical Institute
 University of Central Florida
 University of Delaware
 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
 University of Manitoba
 University of Maryland: College Park
 University of Miami
 University of New Haven
 University of North Carolina: Wilmington
 University of Pittsburgh
 University of Rhode Island
 University of Scranton
 University of South Florida
 University of Southern California
 University of the Arts
 University of the District of Columbia
 University of Vermont
 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
 Virginia State University
 Wagner College
 Yale University

Jersey Mike's Donates to Piscataway's Athletic Program

Following its grand opening on February 12, 2020, the Piscataway Jersey Mike's continued its fundraiser for Piscataway Athletics, raising \$4,168 for the program.

Piscataway administrators, including PHS Principal Jason Lester, Athletic Director Rob Harmer, Assistant Athletic Director Julie Schick-Myatt, Business Administrator David Oliveira, and Superintendent Dr. Frank Ranelli, were on hand to accept the donation from Jersey Mike's Manager, Joe Williams. Thank you, Jersey Mike's!

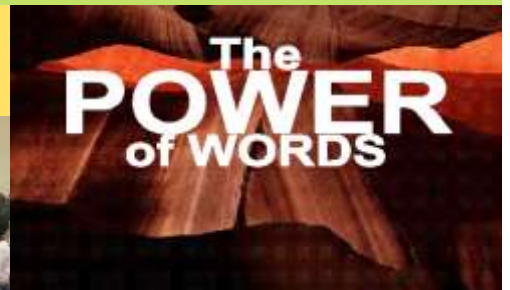


PHS AP Scholars

Every fall, the AP Program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated outstanding college-level achievement through their performance on multiple AP Exams. This year, Piscataway is happy to recognize 146 PHS students who have been named AP Scholars. These students achieved a score of three or higher on three or more AP exams. Piscataway is proud of the number of students who choose these challenging college level courses as part of their high school curriculum — and parents are pleased and proud when colleges accept these courses as college credits.

Grandview Teachers Keep Kids Connected

On October 26, the District welcomed back the first group of students in the 2020-2021 school year into our buildings. At Grandview, as students in Mrs. Aiello and Mrs. Malloy-Rogus entered their classrooms, to their teachers' smiling-while-masked faces, they noticed some things looked different. Mrs. Aiello and Mrs. Malloy-Rogus had found an innovative way to connect students still at home with the students in school. Using their district iPads and projector systems, the students at home and the students in the classrooms could engage with each other and continue learning together. Across the district, our teachers are adapting and implementing innovative ways to connect with students in remote learning.



PHS Students Score in Vocabulary Kick-Off

PHS students stormed to a fifth place finish on the opening day of the 2020-2021 Vocabulary Bowl season. The first ever virtual kick-off took place on October 1 with a special live event that included word scavenger hunts and a "Vocab Jam." PHS students will be recognized with an official certificate for this day one achievement and they will set goals as they compete throughout the year. We look forward to hearing about their monthly achievements.

District Dedicates Arbor Bench to Former BOE Member Ed Eodice



BOE President Shelia Hobson, Chris Eodice, Arbor Principal Chris Baldassano, BOE member Dr. Tom Connors, and Superintendent Dr. Frank Ranelli cut the ribbon.



The Piscataway School District recognized the many contributions of long-time Board of Education member Ed Eodice, dedicating a bench and tree overlooking an Arbor play area in his honor. Mr. Eodice devoted himself to the students of Piscataway, serving on the Board from 1985-2005. During that time, the Board saw two district cases rise to the Supreme Court, *New Jersey vs TLO*, establishing reasonableness for student searches conducted by public school officials in a school environment, and *Piscataway Board of Education vs Taxman*, a labor law case on racial discrimination that was settled out of court prior to the Supreme Court hearing. Mr. Eodice helped shepherd building referenda from planning through voting, and supported the district's move to full-day kindergarten. We thank Ed Eodice for his years of service to Piscataway students and schools. May his memory be a blessing to his family and to all of Piscataway.

PHS AP Artists Continue to Create from Home



The urge to create remains strong in PHS students engaged in AP Art. Here are examples of the beautiful work completed during remote learning.

PHS Noteriety Gets Out the Vote!



The PHS student-run a cappella group Noteriety did their part to get out the vote by creating a public service announcement in their signature style and sharing it on social media! You can listen to it [here](#). Special thanks to student directors Madeleine Mendoza and Reidyn Wingate and to advisor Hannah Aberin.

PHS Theatre Halloween Costume Challenge

Mr. Yoson challenged PHS Theatre Production Workshop students to create unconventional costumes in just 25 minutes using items in their home. Here are examples of how students responded to the challenge. This is another example of creative teaching during remote learning.



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