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Talk Sup Week 30 Review and Preview April 6, 2020

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you are doing well and that you and your entire family are healthy and safe. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*. Please remember that **all our schools** will be **closed** and under **quarantine** for all students, staff, and parents this week. In addition, please remember that there will be **no virtual instruction** this **Thursday, April 9th** and **Friday, April 10th**, as **district educational services** will be **closed** in observance of the religious holidays. However, we **will** be providing **virtual instruction Monday through Wednesday** this week.



As I noted in my update email yesterday, despite our schools being closed and under quarantine, our amazing group of **Operation BStrongSayreville** volunteers will still be preparing and delivering breakfasts/lunches, student work packets, student educational devices, and supplies out of Sayreville War Memorial High School. Last week they once again prepared and delivered nearly **3,000** meals, many devices, countless student work packets, and toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues for anyone who needed such. However, please

remember that, as noted above, due to the school holidays this Thursday and Friday, our incredible volunteers will **only** be delivering breakfast/lunches on **Monday, April 6th** and **Wednesday, April 8th**. Thus, we are asking parents to order for **two** days at a time for Monday and Tuesday, and **three** days at a time Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. If this goes well, in the spirit of improving social distancing, we may adopt this schedule until we return to school.



This Tuesday evening at 7 pm, we will be holding the first virtual or online Board of Education (BOE) Meeting in Sayreville ever. To see the agenda for the meeting, click [here](#). You will be able to access the live streaming of the meeting by visiting the following address on the district website:

http://www.sayrevillek12.net/board_of_education/boe_meetings_live_stream. Since the viewing of the live stream will be handled by YouTube, you must be viewing the stream on a browser or application that is live stream compatible. If you are unable to hear audio you may need to try a different browser/application. The live stream will only be available during the real-time duration of the meeting. Directions for public participation during the meeting will be provided on the above mentioned live stream page of the website. Finally, if on Wednesday you wish to view it or other past-recorded BOE meetings, please visit

http://www.sayrevillek12.net/board_of_education/b_o_e_meeting_summaries_and_presentations.

During the presentation portion of the meeting, the Board will be interviewing eight candidates to fill the seat on the board of education vacated by Mr. Ciak. As you will also note on the agenda, we will be asking the BOE to revise the current [2019-20 School District Calendar](#) by eliminating spring break. As per the results of the survey that we asked members of the community to participate in, 81% of the respondents were in favor of eliminating spring break. Of those who responded, 56% were parents, 27% were staff members, and 16% were students. In fact, we will also be asking the BOE on this agenda to approve revisions to 3rd quarter (grades 6-12) and 2nd trimester (grade k-5) marking periods by ending each 5 days earlier. Therefore, provided that the BOE approves the revision, we would still **not** have virtual school on **April 9th and 10th** in observance of the religious holidays, but would **return to virtual school** on **April 13th**. As of now, the last day of school for students would be **June 15th**, while the last day for 10 month employees would be the **16th**. Click [here](#) to see the proposed calendar revision.

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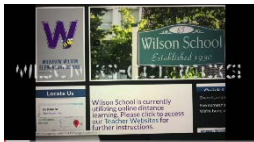


The Show Goes On Operation BStrongSayr...

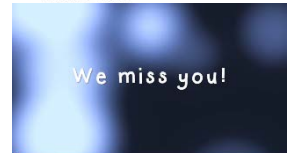
This week I attempted my second video. I posted it on Twitter and Facebook yesterday afternoon, but YouTube blocked it because the music and song in it did not avoid detection by the copy write algorithm used by YouTube. However, thanks to the expertise of Mr. Hochron, one of our Technicians, we were able to augment it, without losing the music, so that it would no longer be blocked. To see it click [here](#). As I originally noted in my posting yesterday afternoon, beware it is a little long (15 minutes) and very corny. However, it is my tribute to our Operation BStrongSayreville volunteers. Speaking of videos, our amazing staff and students are still hard at work producing some of their own very impressive and inspiring videos. Check out this outstanding [“Count on Me... We miss you all” video](#)



SMS 2020 "Count on Me" Music Video

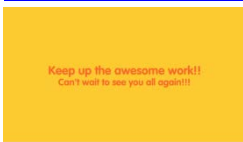


Greetings from Wilson School

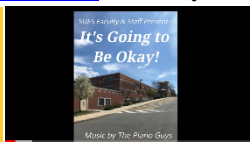


Arleth Stays Home 2020

produced by the staff at SMS. It has been trending incredibly on YouTube. Likewise, check out the [“Greetings from Wilson School” video](#) made by the Wilson School staff. In addition, do not miss the wonderful [“It’s](#)



We're all thinking of you



SUES - It's Going To Be Okay (Music by the Piano...

[Going to Be OK” video](#) produced by the staff at the Samsel Upper Elementary School and the [“We Miss You” video](#) made by the Arleth School Staff. Finally, take a look at the adorable [“We’re all thinking of you” video](#) produced by the staff at Project Before.



Not participating video



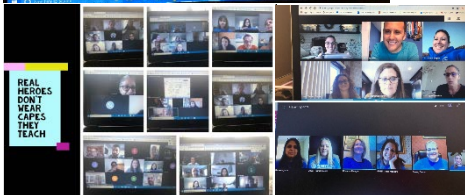
This week our students and staff also continued to impress us with online learning. Check out of students from Project Before engaging in virtual lessons. Likewise, our faculty continued to harness our new interactive software to meet virtually with one another and our



administration. District-wide our students and staff “lit it up blue” to commemorate Autism Awareness Day. In fact, check out the [Autism Awareness Day video](#) that the staff at



the middle school created for it.



Similarly, the faculty and administration at each school thanked all our dedicated and extremely hard working paraprofessionals as part of Paraprofessional Appreciation Week. The students and staff at the middle school also celebrated Poetry Month. The students at the Truman School showed off their artistic talents by



creating pictures of their beloved Dolphin mascot.



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Low Turn-out Rate
It is suggested the following is considered:
- Adjust distribution time to begin later
- Distribution by van or bus in condensed or low-income areas.
- Bus should have multiple drop locations and remain at the designated location for 20 to 25 minutes.
- The food distribution sites should be communicated to all residents of the district.



This week our students, their parents, and our staff continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. Along with the staff members that contributed to the aforementioned videos, we would like to commend the incredible Operation BStrongSayreville volunteers, who were recently recognized by the New Jersey Department of Education for their part in making the operation a NJDOE “best practice.” We also salute and commend the very generous people who purchased a “We will Overcome: Operation

BStrongSayreville” t-shirt from the Wilson PTO. Speaking of those shirts, the Wilson PTO will be delivering them this week to the homes of the people who purchased them. They will be in white sealed bags with the person’s name and order information attached to it. According to the Wilson PTO, about 500 shirts were sold. Thus, we will be donating about \$3,000 to the courageous first responders in Sayreville. We cannot thank the Wilson PTO and all who participated in this fundraiser enough for their very thoughtful generosity.

Lastly, we thank Santino’s Pizzeria and Nunzio’s Kitchen for their very generous and delicious donation of pizzas for our Operation BStrongSayreville volunteers.

Bomber Nation salutes and them and all our students, their parents and our staff for representing Sayreville in such an impeccable manner. They Rock!

If you or someone you know would like to **advertise** with us on our **website** and via **Bomber Blasts**, you should click [here](#) and submit an inquiry with *School Revenue Partners*. Naturally, we will continue to Bomber Blast activity information and community service announcements for our schools and the greater community at no cost.

Have a good day and week, and **please stay home**. May God bless you and your family and keep you healthy and safe.

Dr. Labbe

