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Talk Sup Week 10 Review and Preview

November 11, 2019

Good morning Sayreville and happy Veterans' Day. I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable fall recess and holiday weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Week Review and Preview*.



Naturally, our schools are closed today in observance of Veterans' Day. Thus, I would like to begin this issue by once again extending a Happy Veterans Day to all our community members who are serving in or who have served with honor and distinction in our military to preserve the freedoms we have today. In fact, words cannot come close to expressing how truly grateful we are to all the courageous women and men who are defending our liberties today and those who have sacrificed so much for us in the past. We are the home of the free because of you, the BRAVE!

As you know, last Tuesday was Election Day. Therefore, it is my honor to congratulate Mrs. Lucy Bloom, Mr. John Walsh, and Mr. Daniel Balka on their reelection to the Sayreville Board of Education. I am looking forward to working closely with them and all the members of our BOE to continue to provide a thorough and efficient education that promotes the most positive outcomes for ALL our students.



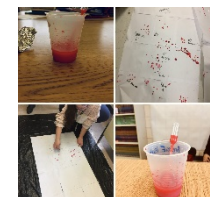
Last Tuesday the district also held its annual Staff Development Day at Sayreville War Memorial High School (SWMHS). During it, our staff participated in more than 100 diverse classes, many of which were instructed by district personnel, highlighting our in-house talent. Topics ranged from social and emotional development, to the use of new technologies in the classroom, to best practices in student engagement and content specific instruction. We thank and commend Dr. Shediack, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Aguilera, Director of Human Resources and Professional Development, Ms. Obryk, Supervisor of Professional Development, Ms. DeSantis, Technology Integration Trainer, and the entire District Professional Development Committee for doing such an exceptional job of planning, coordinating, and implementing a very special day of learning, collaboration, and collegiality.



In other happenings in our schools this past week, to celebrate Veterans' Day in a very special way, US Army Lieutenant Brian McDonough and his twin sister Jenna visited Ms. Greene's class at the Truman Elementary School as "Surprise Guest Readers." Jenna is one of our district's exemplary substitute teachers. Both Jenna and Brian are also the children of Ms. McDonough, one of the Administrative Assistants at Truman. Brian, who is also a proud graduate of SWMHS, is currently on leave from active duty for a week and a half to spend time with his family.



In addition, the staff and students at SWMHS came together to beautify the hallways and spread positive messages. Similarly, the students and staff at the high school worked hard to begin constructing their new greenhouse, which was purchased via the grant funds that the district was awarded from the BASF Corporation. At the Sayreville Middle School, the students in Ms. Lozano's Forensic Science Class made blood from a movie special effects recipe that she found. In addition, the middle school students on the Unified Soccer Team worked hard on their dribbling





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and kicking in preparation for the Unified Indoor Soccer Tournament that will be held this Thursday (November 14th) afternoon at SWMHS. To commemorate the schools 50th Anniversary, the staff and students from the Eisenhower Elementary School posed for a very cool aerial picture taken by professional photographer Mike Peterson from MRM Photography. Finally, the students from the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES), who were



nominated for the character education trait of "respect" during morning meetings, created an awesome short video depicting the importance of respect. To see it click [here](#).

If you are one of the over 700 Sayreville Public Schools Community members that have completed the [Facilities Improvement Referendum Survey](#), please accept my sincere gratitude. If you have not yet done so, please take the time to complete it so that we can ascertain your feedback and direction with regard to a potential September 2020 Bond Referendum. If you have not seen the presentation that I made to the faculty and parents in Sayreville last month, click [here](#). To view the page on our website dedicated to informing the public of our strategic plan and potential referendum, click [here](#). After viewing the presentation, please take five minutes to complete the [survey](#) so that the Sayreville Board of Education can utilize your feedback, guidance, and assistance to make essential decisions on whether or not to proceed with a referendum, and if so, what to include in it. To access the survey, click [here](#). The survey will close at midnight on Sunday, November 17th so that the results can be shared with the BOE and public during the November 19th BOE Business Meeting.

On **November 15, 2019**, parents of ALL eligible (**must be 3 to being preschool and 5 to begin kindergarten by September 30, 2020**) preschool and Kindergarten students are invited to visit our website in order to register for our **free full-day Project Before Preschool or Kindergarten** programs via **Oncourse Connect**, our online registration software. The link to student registration will be clearly identified on our district website homepage (www.sayrevillek12.net) as "[Student Registration](#)". Once on this registration page, you can obtain pertinent information regarding the registration of all students including preschool and kindergarten students, and you can begin completing the online registration application by clicking on one of the following appropriate links noted in the 2020-2021 Project Before and Kindergarten text box: **Students New to Sayreville: New Student Registration Preschool and Kindergarten** or **Returning Students: Returning Student Enrollment Update, Grades PreK and Kindergarten**.



This past week our students and staff continued to impress us with their amazing accomplishments. We commend and congratulate the Student Ambassadors from SUES for raising \$342 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation as part of their Change for A Charity Coin charitable drive. Naturally, we would like to thank all the incredible members of our community who made generous donations. Similarly, I am thrilled to inform you that due to that amazing Bomber spirit that everyone in the Sayreville School Community proudly

possesses, our staff raised \$1,000 for the family of Dante Graves, while the greater community donated over \$6,000 to his family via the Donors Choose Account that was established by a very caring community member. If you would still like to make a donation, click [here](#). The love, generosity, and charitable nature of our community is truly what sets Sayreville apart from any other community. I know firsthand of this as the Sayreville Community donated over \$1,000 to my wife and me back in 1994 after our apartment and all our belongings were lost in the Durham Woods apartment complex fire caused by a massive natural gas pipeline



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explosion. In fact, if you look closely at the picture on the previous page, you can see me proudly wearing my Bombers football jacket and sporting a trendy (at the time 😊) mullet haircut.

In athletics, we congratulate the Bombers Football Team, which defeated East Brunswick High School last Thursday evening 15-13 thanks to a spectacular touchdown pass during the final two minutes of the game. To see this week's high school and middle school athletics schedule, click [here](#). Go Bombers!

As per the November Head of the Class Calendar, please remember that the **1st Marking Period** for students in **grades 6-12** ends this **Friday (November 15th)** and that **report cards** for these students will be populated in Oncourse Connect on **November 22nd**. In addition, please note that our **schools will be closed** on **November 28th and 29th** in observance of Thanksgiving. Likewise, remember that we will **dismiss our students and staff early** on **November 27th** so that our staff and parents can get a head start on holiday traveling and preparations. Finally, please note that there will be a **BOE Business Meeting on November 19th**.

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. Likewise, if you would like to advertise on our **busses**, click [here](#). Lastly, if you or someone you know wants to **lease our facilities**, contact Deborah DeVico at deborah.devico@sayrevillek12.net.

Have a wonderful week of school!

Dr. Labbe