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Talk Sup Week 26 Review and Preview

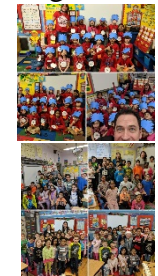
March 5, 2018

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Week Review and Preview*.

Last Wednesday evening, Project Before had its first annual Open House. Over thirty parents and their children came out to tour the preschool program and spend time with our incredibly dedicated staff. Teachers, child study team members, and related service providers were available to answer questions ranging from curriculum to activities to related services. In addition, Grace Restivo and Marsha Platon, Administrative Assistants, set up workstations, where they answered questions and assisted numerous parents with registration. An adorable video was shown on continuous loop, celebrating the smiles and amazing energy that our precious preschoolers bring to school each and every day. View the video [here](#).



This week, myself and many honored guests, had the privilege to be able to participate in Read Across America in our elementary schools. Read Across America is an initiative on reading created by the National Education Association (NEA) that began in 1997. According to the NEA, it is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2nd, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss, who this year turned 114. This is truly one of the best days of the school year for me, as I have so much fun reading to and getting to know, albeit very briefly, our very impressive and most talented elementary school students. We commend all of our amazing teachers, administrators, and parents who made 2018 Read Across America such a memorable experience for all who participated, especially our most gracious guest readers who included central administrators, like me, our Board of Education Members, and Borough Council Members, including Mayor Kennedy O'Brien.



During February many of our elementary school students participated Jump Rope for Heart, which is a fundraising activity that involves students jumping rope for extended periods of time in order to raise money for the American Heart Association. Lead by Caroline Whalen, Physical Education (PE) Teacher, the students at Truman raised a whopping \$13,400. Their donation was made in honor of Marisa Tufaro, a young girl from



Edison who tragically passed away due to cancer but had also endured multiple open heart surgeries in her short 13 years of life. Similarly, Wilson School's 2nd and 3rd graders, led by PE Teacher Tom Wonaszek, raised \$2,100 for the American Heart Association during their Jump Rope for Heart. Finally, the Eisenhower Elementary School also celebrated Healthy Heart Month in February, and led by PE Teacher George Najjar and Nurse Edith Braun, raised \$5,004.



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We commend and congratulate all our students and staff across the district who participated in Jump Rope for Heart and thank everyone in the entire school district community who donated monies for their generosity! We are so proud!



The month of March is National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Therefore, in celebration of it, Teams 4-4 and 4-7 at the Samsel Upper Elementary School (SUES) entered the ARC Developmental Disabilities Month Bulletin Board Contest. We are so very proud to inform you that they tied for **FIRST** Place in the Elementary School category!



Congratulations to the teachers and students in those classes! Bomber Nation salutes and thanks you for the impeccable manner in which you have represented Sayreville.



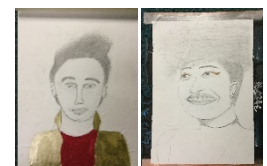
Earlier this week the Sayreville War Memorial High School invited all current 10th Grade students to apply for admission into the Foundations of Academic and Community Training in Education (FACT), the district's first Career Academy. This academy for future careers in education provides a focused course sequence that appeals to students who are interested in exploring a future in education and is designed to prepare students for multiple opportunities within the profession of education. A future educator can specialize in many different areas in today's world. This includes a classroom teacher, a museum educator, a school psychologist, a speech pathologist, an occupational therapist, or a special educator, to name a few. The academy will also provide students with knowledge about how and why one would want to become an educator, not just any educator, but a well-prepared, committed, engaged, skilled, effective, and creative educator.

Moreover, FACT will explore the world of education yesterday, today and tomorrow, and thus will investigate the accomplishments of previous educators, as well as, historical accounts that will help one understand the business of education. Additionally, it will closely examine students, particularly how they change physically, intellectually, emotionally, and socially as they grow and mature. As upperclassmen, student in the program will focus on how to design an instructional plan, choose teaching strategies, and measure whether learning has taken place through the Tomorrow's Teachers capstone course where academy students gain field experience throughout the Sayreville Public School District and surrounding communities. Finally, students who successfully complete the FACT program will be eligible to gain college credit through Fairleigh Dickinson University, Kean University, Rider University, and Stockton University. For more information, please contact the SWMHS guidance department at 732-525-5251 Ext. 8061.

Congratulations to Reuben Geronimo, an 8th grade art student in Ms. Tarr's class, whose Artwork was



chosen to represent Middlesex County for Youth Art Month. It will be displayed in the Annex of the Statehouse in Trenton from March 2nd through March 9th. The Award Ceremony will take place on March 9th from 5:00 – 7:45 pm. In addition, we commend Sayreville Middle School (SMS) students Vanessa Amfo-Ayeh and Justin Jimenez, also from Ms.



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Tarr's Art Class, whose artwork will be displayed in the Art Educators Association Youth Art Month Exhibit at the George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick from March 11th through the 22nd. Their reception will take place on March 22nd from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.

Tomorrow evening (Tuesday, March 6th) there will be a Board of Education (BOE) Workshop Meeting in the SWMHS Cafeteria at 6:30 pm. Click [here](#) to see the agenda. During the presentation portion of the meeting, the district will make the following three 2018-19 Budget presentations to the Board and public: Buildings & Grounds, Transportation, and Personnel. Likewise, during the Open Discussion portion of the meeting, the Board will review and discuss the proposed instructional (100) and support staff (200) salaries, including over time, summer, and both supplemental and home instruction (see attached).

Dear Parents:
This is a friendly reminder for everyone to please read the following: ...
The newly approved Board of Education policy on involvement matters (OIE) is in effect. ...
This policy was discussed in Dr. Labbe's recent "Ask Day" letter and is also posted on the district website under the parent section.
The policy went into effect March 1, 2018.
In order of implementation, all schools should be notified first, followed by the policy on the implementation process.
Thank you for your continued support and support of our food for kids program.

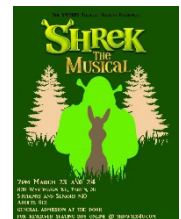
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As I communicated last week, the Board of Education recently approved Policy 3542.2 – School Meal Program Arrears to address the exorbitant amount of money that is owed to the district for outstanding food purchase balances. To see the policy, click [here](#). Last Thursday the district began implementing the policy so that it can work with parents to reconcile all outstanding balances as soon as possible. Therefore, if you currently have an outstanding food purchase balance, please do all you can to assist us in paying it off.

Likewise, if you think you may be eligible for the free and/or reduced lunch program, please let the office staff in your child's school know or complete the online registration by clicking [here](#).

Please remember that as of last Monday, parents of ALL eligible preschool and kindergarten students are invited to visit our website (click [here](#)) in order to register for our Project Before Preschool or Full-Day Kindergarten programs via our online registration software. Please review the Parent Letters found in this section for more information and detailed instructions. Kindly note that students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before September 30, 2018. Students entering preschool must be 3 years old on or before September 30, 2018. Following the completion of the online registration you will be contacted by the district to schedule an appointment to register your child. In addition, next week we are planning on opening registration for Camp XL and Summer Enrichment, but online registration for both of these programs will continue to be performed on InfoSnap.

As per the March Head of the Class Calendar, **Shrek**, the SWMHS Theatre's spring production will take place in the evening on **Friday, March 23rd** and in the afternoon and evening on **Saturday, March 24th**. Please also mark on your calendar that students will be **dismissed early on Monday March 12th** so that our certificated staff can engage in professional development. Furthermore, please remember that **report cards** will be issued to all students in **grades 3-5** on Monday, **March 26th**. Finally, note that our schools will be **closed** for the spring recess from **March 30th – April 6th**.



Have a wonderful week!

Dr. Labbe