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Talk Sup Week 35 Review and Preview

May 14, 2018

Good morning Sayreville! I hope you had a relaxing Mother's Day weekend. Welcome to another edition of *Talk Sup Review and Preview*.



I would like to wish all our amazing Moms a belated happy Mother's Day! While I was unable to attend, last Friday the Project Before Preschool Program at the Samsel Upper Elementary School welcomed over a hundred mothers and grandmothers to celebrate an early Mother's Day with their

children and grandchildren. We commend and thank Audrey Burns, Supervisor of the Project Before Preschool Program, and all the wonderful teachers, paraprofessionals, teacher assistants, therapists, and support staff members that made this activity such a memorable experience for the preschool students and their parents/grandparents.





On Friday, May 4th, the Truman Elementary School celebrated Cinco de Mayo in grand fashion as an authentic Mexican dance group known as Integracion de Mexico joined the students and staff in the school's 1st Cinco de Mayo Celebration. The talented group of dancers, who have been dancing for the past six years and are based in Jersey City, thrilled the staff and students with their elegant and proud

display of the Mexican heritage. In addition, the Truman School's Cultural Commission, which consists of Kindergarten Teacher Lisa Greene, Music Teacher Jennifer Swenticky, 2nd Grade Teacher Vicky Haney, and Spanish Teacher Cesarina Cook, provided the school community with a variety of other rich resources on Mexican history, languages, foods, clothing, and of course music and instruments, traditional dances, as well as other artifacts. A complimentary luncheon was also provided to the faculty and guests, which

included a Mexican taco and salad bar, along with a fajita station. This incredible cultural event was sponsored and made possible by the wonderful Truman School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) and the Sayreville Education Association (SEA), in conjunction with a New Jersey Education Association grant that the Truman School received. We thank and salute the remarkable Truman School Cultural Commission, as well as the



aforementioned organizations for giving the students and staff the opportunity to learn about the culture of Mexico.



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As was reported to you a couple of weeks ago, the Sayreville Police Department, Borough Council, and Mayor recently collaborated with the school district to significantly enhance school security by ensuring that an armed Sayreville Police Officer be stationed at each school for a portion, if not the entire day. In fact, for the past several years, the Sayreville Police Department has been instrumental in enhancing school security by collaborating with the district to develop and implement the most progressive security procedures and to supervise the drilling of those procedures. If you would like to learn more about how the Sayreville Police are collaborating with the district to protect our students and staff, please take the time to attend the May Sayreville Parent University Workshop entitled **Safety in our Schools**. It will take

place on **Tuesday, May 22nd at 7 pm in the SWMHS Auditorium** and will be presented by officers from the Sayreville Police Department. Click http://ow.ly/z8C230jUDM9 for the registration link. We cannot possibly thank the Sayreville Police and the Borough enough for all they have done to protect our students and staff. Their actions profoundly illustrate that our highest priority in this community is the safety and well-being of our citizens, particularly our children.



This week our students and staff continued to amaze us with their incredible accomplishments in and out of the classroom. On Monday, May 7th, the Sayreville War Memorial High School Theatre Society was formally nominated as a finalist for the Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Theatre for Everyone Inclusion and Access Award. Furthermore, the SWMHS Theatre Society set a record for individual and group finalist nominations. In fact, the following students and staff members were recommended by at least two judges from the Paper Mill Playhouse for consideration to be named among the

finalists for the following categories:

- Outstanding Overall Production: SWMHS Theatre Society SHREK THE MUSICAL
- Outstanding Actor in a Leading Role: Michael Magielnicki -SHREK
- Outstanding Actress in a Leading Role: Jessica DeLuca FIONA
- Outstanding Actor in a Supporting Role: Dominic Afriya- DONKEY
- Outstanding Actor in a Supporting Role: Neev Mistry FARQUAAD
- Outstanding Actress in a Supporting Role: Faith Manning PINOCCHIO
- Outstanding Actress in a Featured Role: Nicole Laudati GINGY
- Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble Member: Madison Ranieri YOUNG FIONA
- Outstanding Performance by a Chorus: James H. Craft
- Outstanding Performance by an Orchestra: Paul T. Caruso
- Outstanding Achievement by a Teacher or Outside Director: James H. Craft
- Outstanding Achievement in Choreography and Staging: Jensyn Modero
- Outstanding Scenic Achievement: Andrew Rice
- Outstanding Lighting Achievement: Erin O'brien
- Outstanding Costuming Achievement: Stefani Galatioto





In addition, the following students and staff members were recommended by at least one judge from the Paper Mill Playhouse for consideration to be named among the finalists in the following other categories:



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- Outstanding Performance by a Featured Ensemble Group: Knight/Guards, Duloc Dancers, Rats
- Outstanding Performance in a Featured Role: Ariana Solis DRAGON
- Outstanding Achievement in Music Direction: James H. Craft & Paul T. Caruso
- Outstanding Achievement in Hair and Make-up: Stefani Galatioto



The Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards will be broadcasted live via the internet at papermill.org and on their Facebook page on Monday, June 4, 2018. We wish all of the students and staff nominated the best of luck and once again commend the entire Shrek the Musical production team, cast, and crew for an amazing production this Spring! Bomber Nation salutes you!

In other news, the students in Mr. Alvarez's SWMHS Robotics Class recently competed in a Robotic Sumo Wrestling Challenge. His 3rd period class, led by Joaquin Mercado, Omer Syed, Vinnie Silva, James Calabrese, and John Yeung won the Challenge. As you can see by this <u>video</u> produced by Mimdaziha McGriff, Anthony Monderine, Mario Gadallah, and Sushcicki Thomas, they did an awesome job designing a small, compact, and quick robot that out maneuvered the competition. According to Mr. Alvarez, this project put to test his students' robotic designs, as they had to balance strength and power with quickness and agility. Moreover, he reported that all his students had tons of fun. In fact, they are currently working on their Soccer Robots in preparation for a World Cup competition. We commend and congratulate all the students who participated in the Robot Sumo Wrestling Challenge and thank Mr. Alvarez for being such a creative and incredibly talented and cool teacher!



coaches!





Finally, in athletics, the SWMHS Girls Track Team continued their dominance in the Greater Middlesex Conference, as they crowned five individual champions in this weekend's GMC



Meet. Jasmine Vannote took first place in the Shot Put, Kayla Rosario won the 3,200 meter race, Adijah Simmons won the Discus throw, Ashley Edwards won the Triple Jump, and Ruth Itua won the 400 meter race with the incredible time of 57.55. Likewise, the SWMHS Baseball Team also kept rolling by destroying Bishop George Ahr High School 12-2 in the GMC Baseball Tournament. They will play again this afternoon at 4 pm in Old Bridge against Old Bridge High School. Finally, we commend and congratulate Tyler Barreiro and Ashley Edwards, who were recently recognized and honored by the GMC with the 2018 Sportsmanship Award. We are so proud of these and all our amazing student athletes and

Tomorrow evening (**Tuesday**, **May 15**th), there will be a BOE Business Meeting in the Selover Conference Room at 6:30 pm. During the meeting, the Board and district will celebrate and honor the 2017-18 Teachers, Education Support Services Professionals, and Education Support Professionals of the year. In addition, we will celebrate our incredible visual arts students at SWMHS and their magnificent artwork by turning the cafeteria into a gallery of their work for people to view between 6:30 and 7:30 pm.

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In addition, our art teachers will make a brief presentation on the SWMHS visual arts program, which will include recognizing and honoring the students this year who have received critical acclaim for their artwork. To see the agenda, click here.

As per the May Head of the Class Calendar posted below, please remember that **this afternoon** (**Monday**, **May 14**th) students will be **dismissed from school early** so that our staff can participate in professional development. In addition, please note that **schools will be <u>closed</u>** on **Monday**, **May 29**th in observance of Memorial Day. Finally, remember that there will be a very important **2018-19 Kindergarten Parent Information Workshop in the Arleth Gymnasium at 7 pm on Thursday**, **May 31**st.

If you or someone you know would like to advertise with us, you should click <u>here</u> 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 wonderful week.

Dr. Labbe

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NOTICE FOR SCHOOL CLOSING

Delayed opening, early dismissal or cancellations due to inclement weather will be made via: Cable TV Channel 22, News 12 News Jersey, Facehook, Twitter or at www.savrevillek12 net

SAYREVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR Facebook, Twitter or at www.sayrevillek12.net				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
This month at the SUES St. Jude Math-A-Thon ~ all month long ~ Kindness Campaign	1 Board of Education Meeting	2 Eis - PTO Meeting 6:30pm HS - Spring Instrumental Concert 7:00pm	3 PROUD "Guardianship" Workshop SWMHS Media Center 6:30-8:30pm Wil - Willabees 3:30pm SUES - Somerset Patriots Most Improved Student	Tru - Cinco de Mayo Assembly SUES - Box Tops contest #3 ends
May 1st—14th 7 Teacher Appreciation Week Arl - PTO Meeting 7:00pm	7:30 pm - SWMHS 8 Teacher Appreciation Week Eis - Plant Sale Tru - Plant Sale MS - Mother's Day Sale	9 Teacher Appreciation Week Project Before/Little Stars - PTO Meeting 6:30 pm Eis - Plant Sale	10 Teacher Appreciation Week Little Stars - Graduation Pictures Arl - Plant Sale Eis - Plant Sale Tru - Plant Sale	11 Teacher Appreciation Week Project Before - Mother's Day Gathering Arl - Plant Sale Eis - Plant Sale
Mother's Day PLANT SALES	SUES - Plant Sale	Tru - Plant Sale Wil - Plant Sale SUES - Plant Sale MS - Mother's Day Sale	Wil - Plant Sale & Kindergarten Rocks Show 7:00pm SUES - Plant Sale MS - Mother's Day Sale & PTO Meeting 6:30pm	Wil - Plant Sale & Schools Spirit favorite holiday attire SUES - Plant Sale MS - 8th Grade T-Shirt Sale Ends & Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
EARLY DISMISSAL for STUDENTS		16 Eis - Willabees 3:30pm SUES - PTO Meeting 6:00pm	17 Project Before - Graduation Pictures Eis - FFN Spring Fling 7:00pm Tru - PTO Meeting 7:00pm Wil - Spring Chorus Concert 7:15pm	18 HS-Senior Prom Project Before - Graduation Pictures Arl - Book It Party & Armed Forces Celebration SUES - Beautification Day
PLC for STAFF 21	7:30 pm - SWMHS 22 Wil - Book Fair & PTO Meeting 7:00pm SUES - Texas Roadhouse proceeds night	23 Arl - BOGO Scholastic Book Fair Wil - Book Fair SUES - School Spirit - Beach Day & Willabees 2:45pm	24 Ari - BOGO Scholastic Book Fair & Lee Cream Social Magic Show 6:30pm Eis - Arts Festival 6:00pm Wil - Book Fair HS - Powder Puff Football 7:00pm	25 Arl - BOGO Scholastic Book Fair Wil - Book Fair & Pride Day wear Wilson gear/colors SUES - Field Day (Rain or Shine) MS - 6th Grade Fun Day HS - Poetry Slam 6:00pm
28 MEMORIAL SCHOOLS CLOSED	SUES - Student Ambassadors' meeting 3:00pm MS - 7th Grade Fun Day	30	31 New Kindergarten Parent Information Night Arleth 7:00pm SUES - Character Ed Luncheon & MD Fun Day	