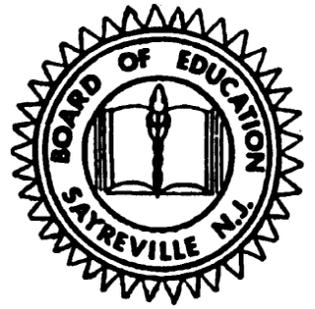




# HEAD OF THE CLASS

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The Sayreville Board of Education congratulates the following staff and students who are at the

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### EMMA L. ARLETH SCHOOL

Kindergarten orientation was held on September 3rd and was a great success. Over 250 students, parents and siblings were on site to share in the experience. There was a PowerPoint presentation by the Kindergarten teachers to start the day. Mrs. Magner, Mrs. Markowski, Mrs. Lacey, Mrs. Andrade, and Ms. Suominen gave a wonderful representation of "A Day in Kindergarten". Students were then escorted to their classrooms to meet their teachers and participate in some fun activities. Parents were given the opportunity to learn more about Arleth Elementary School, meet the other teachers that their children will learn from and ask any questions that they may have regarding the Kindergarten experience at Arleth.

### DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER SCHOOL

What's new at Eisenhower School? The students will begin using the computers in the media center starting the week of September 15th. One notable difference in the media center will be the brand new flat screen monitors which replace the older monitors. These new monitors provide more space for students to work, better display of digital and audio materials. In addition, the new monitors are environmentally and economically better for the school as they reduce the amount of heat given off providing for a cooler learning environment. Because they are cooler they require the air conditioner to be utilized less. They also are more energy efficient, reducing our energy consumption and energy costs.

### HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOOL

With the school theme, "Truman Team," (Together Everyone Achieves More) the Truman Elementary School will have a three-fold focus each month that will concentrate on a specific content area of the curriculum along with a character education trait and community service project when possible. It will involve students in setting and reaching goals, solving problems, developing character traits, making good choices, protecting the planet, and health and physical fitness. This year, Mrs. Linda Coffey, Principal, will be sponsoring a walk on the well side called "Walk with the Principal" which will take place twice a month on a Friday at 2:30 PM.

### WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL

This year, Wilson Elementary School has started a Coach to Grow Program (C2G) which encourages teachers not to work in isolation. Teachers are offered more opportunities to collaborate with each other, share ideas, and sharpen their professional tools in and out of the classroom. Each teacher establishes authentic partnerships with their colleagues and grade level team. This program enables staff members to learn and grow from one another. The first step is to find a partner from which he or she can exchange or learn a particular educational technique,

instructional strategy and/or classroom management tool. Learning from each other and working together as a team cultivates and exhibits the characteristics of a high performing school. This is a wonderful way to develop oneself as a leader of learning. It also promotes a positive school culture. Utilizing this program should help Wilson School to learn many things by sharing, leading and learning.

### SAMSEL UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Samsel Upper Elementary School staff members and students are happy to be back, and with a wonderful opening, we are excited to embark on this new year together. We are eager to get to know our new staff members and reconnect with returning staff members. We would like to thank all of our custodians who worked very hard this summer to prepare for our opening. The building looked beautiful as the students and staff returned. We would also like to thank our secretaries who worked tirelessly over the summer to ensure that all of the proper paperwork was submitted and verified for the students enrolled. Our office staff was especially diligent in aiding parents with initial sign-on to the parent portal. Through their efforts, we currently have 95% of our parents registered and familiar with the features available on the parent portal.

### SAYREVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

On September 9th, Sayreville Middle School kicked off the fifth year of our school spirit pennant initiative. It has continued to illuminate and promote the individual development of positive attitudes, skills, knowledge, and responsible behavior. This school-wide recognition program will kick-off with every 6th, 7th, and 8th grade student receiving a School Spirit Pennant for their hallway locker. In the weeks to come, stickers representative of a student's academic effort, school involvement and personal deeds in the school will be awarded and placed on the school spirit pennant. Pennant stickers may be awarded for Random Acts of Kindness, Honor Roll, Athletic Involvement, Club Involvement, School Community, Perfect Attendance, Leading By Example, Star Student and Most Improved Student.

### SAYREVILLE WAR MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

"We have an App for that!" Sayreville War Memorial High School has a new program that provides parents, students, teachers and the community valuable school information at their fingertips — literally. The Sayreville War Memorial HS app gives access to school calendars, news, resources and grades, as well as up-to-date information from school administrators. It also features a silent notification that allows school administrators to send an alert to emergency services personnel and teachers in the event of a crisis. The app provides various school information, including the students' code of conduct and handbook, a staff directory and school news. Our vision is that our daily news show, which the kids watch in homeroom, will be available for both the kids and parents to see. Each of the departments will eventually have a button on the app as well as a variety of clubs.

