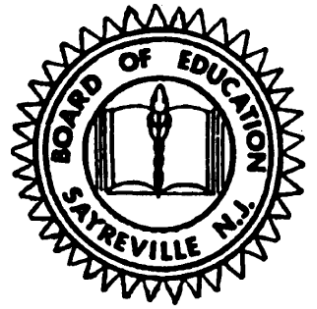


HEAD OF THE CLASS

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

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SWMHS MARCHING BAND

Congratulations to our own Sayreville War Memorial High School Marching Band who became the State Champions in the Tournament of Bands Competition. The SWMHS Marching Band will be invited to attend a future Board of Education meeting to be honored by the Board.

SOUTH AMBOY-SAYREVILLE ROTARY CLUB

Special thanks to the South-Amboy Sayreville Rotary Club for your donation of paperbound gazetteers to every third grade pupil in the district. These books will be delivered in the near future and members of the Rotary Club will have the opportunity to visit with the students. As a district, we continue to be grateful for this annual and ongoing partnership with the Rotary Club.

SAYREVILLE WAR MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Congratulations on a very successful Homecoming 2014 despite an evening of adverse weather and circumstances. Homecoming 2014 was held in conjunction with several athletic events, featured our State Championship Marching Band, Color Guard, and Cheerleaders, and included the crowning of Homecoming King Ben Werb and Homecoming Queen Daniela Contreras. Later that week, SWMHS held its spirited Pep Rally which included the recognition of all fall sports. In addition, Principal James Brown completed the ALS Challenge which culminated a school-wide fundraising effort for the charity.

U.S. SENATOR CORY BOOKER

Special thanks to U.S. Senator Cory Booker who, early in the month of October, met with a group of students at Sayreville War Memorial High School. Senator Booker spoke about his role as a U.S. Senator, current issues facing congress, and inspired the students about “the power of one” – the ability for one person to make a difference. He emphasized that you don’t need one million twitter followers to be able to have your message heard or make a difference.

SAYREVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Sayreville Middle School was featured in the Suburban Newspaper for their 6th Annual Pink Out. Inspired by the struggle of a student’s mother, Ms. Lynn Taylor, Health and Physical Education Teacher at the middle school, decided to establish Pink Out as a way to educate students about breast cancer. On the first Friday in October, every Sayreville Middle School student participated in a breast cancer walk around the football field during physical education class. The field was lined with large informational signs about breast cancer

prevention and the importance of early detection. In addition to the walk, the entire middle school community was encouraged to wear pink to show their support for those diagnosed with breast cancer. The Class Act Committee, a group of middle school teachers who work to encourage character building, had Pink Out shirts available for sale for the students and staff. Proceeds from this sale, as well as the donations from the walk, will go to Gilda’s Club. Gilda’s Club is a nonprofit organization that offers free support groups, workshops and lectures to people diagnosed with cancer.

TRUMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“Make a Difference Day,” on Friday, October 24, 2014, meant something special for nearly 500 students in grades K through 3 who participated in a Dance-a-thon for the “Make a Wish Foundation.” This community service project was planned in conjunction with this year’s school theme, “Truman Team,” and provided the children an opportunity to benefit from the physical activity as well as doing something to help others. The Truman School dancers were an enthusiastic group and a fun time was had by all. Special thanks to Ms. Caroline Noppenberger, physical education teacher, for organizing and implementing this worthwhile activity for the students. Truman School raised \$2,800.00 for this fine foundation. Once again, many thanks to the Truman School families for their support on this endeavor.

BOARD BEGINS BUDGET, INCREASES TRANSPARENCY

The Board of Education has launched its 2015-16 budget development process and overhauled the Board review cycle to provide greater opportunity for public transparency as well as greater Board involvement. In past years, the detailed budget review process was conducted by the Board’s finance committee in all day workout sessions with members of the administration. This year, the entire Board will be using each of its public meetings through March for a presentation by the Superintendent and his leadership team on a different aspect of the budget and allow input and discussion by the Board and the public.

As the annual budget is really a blueprint for a community’s vision for its school system, this process will give the public greater insight into how the funding correlates to the specific educational programs which are planned to drive student achievement. We encourage the public to attend and participate in our Board of Education meetings as we embark on this new process.

Happy Thanksgiving!