

Springfield 2021-2022

Superintendent's Report

October 4, 2021

#SPSCompassionate&Extraordinary

Our Vision & Mission

Vision:

Cultivating compassionate and extraordinary learners!

Mission:

Springfield Public Schools will challenge every student through meaningful, engaging experiences — empowering all students to flourish and contribute in an evolving world.

Report Overview

- 2021 JDHS Graduation Report
- Athletic Updates
- Week of Respect Activities
- 2021-2022 Hurricane Recovery Updates
- Covid 19 Updates



Jonathan Dayton High School

Graduation Report

Class of 2021 Graduation Rate for Attending & Accountable Students

Attending: All students that attended JDHS, excluding out of district placements and full time UCVTS students.

- Total Graduates: 178/180 Students
- Graduation Rate: 98.9%
- **Highest Average in 4 years**
- Rate has been above 96% for five years.

Accountable: All high school students that the district is accountable for.

- Total Graduates: 190/194 Students
- Graduation Rate: 97.9%
- **Highest Average in 4 years**
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Graduation Pathways (Assessment)

Class of 2021 (4 Year Attending)

- Students who met the state assessment-related graduation requirement in both English Language Arts and Math: **108**
- Students who met one or more of the state assessment requirement through the alternative assessment process: **52**
- The number of classified students who graduated either by meeting state assessment requirements or having alternative requirements as specified by an IEP (Class of 2021, 4 Year Attending): **17**
- The number of students not meeting the state or local requirements in the four year time period:
 - Attending: **2** students have been identified as continuing in Jonathan Dayton High School
 - Accountable: **4** students have been identified as continuing in all schools
- The number of students from the Class of 2021 (4 year) identified via the state metric as dropping out: **0** students



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Athletic Highlights

Athletic Update

- Football: 2-2 Record, Next game 10/7 vs. New Providence
- Girls Varsity Soccer: 5-1, Next game 10/5 @ Hillside
- Boys Varsity Soccer: 1-7-2, Next game 10/5 vs. Rahway
- Gymnastics: 0-3, Next competition 10/12 @ Cranford
- Girls Tennis: 6-2, Next meet 10/5 vs. Spotswood (NJSIAA Tournament)
- Girls Volleyball: 8-2, Next game 10/5 @ Hillside



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Social Emotional Learning Update

SEL Events



Start with Hello Week was September 20th – September 24th and recognition of International Day of Peace took place on September 21st

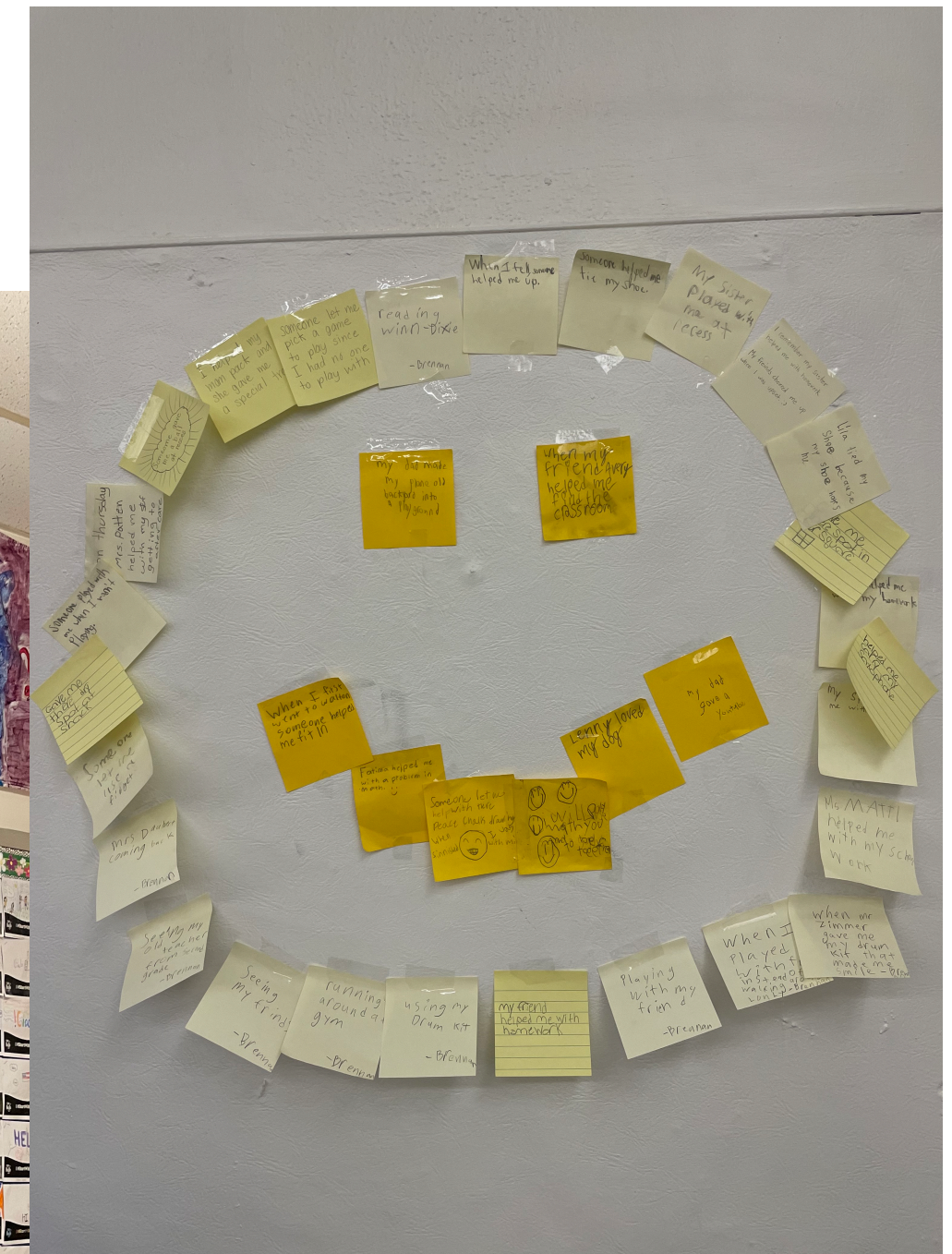
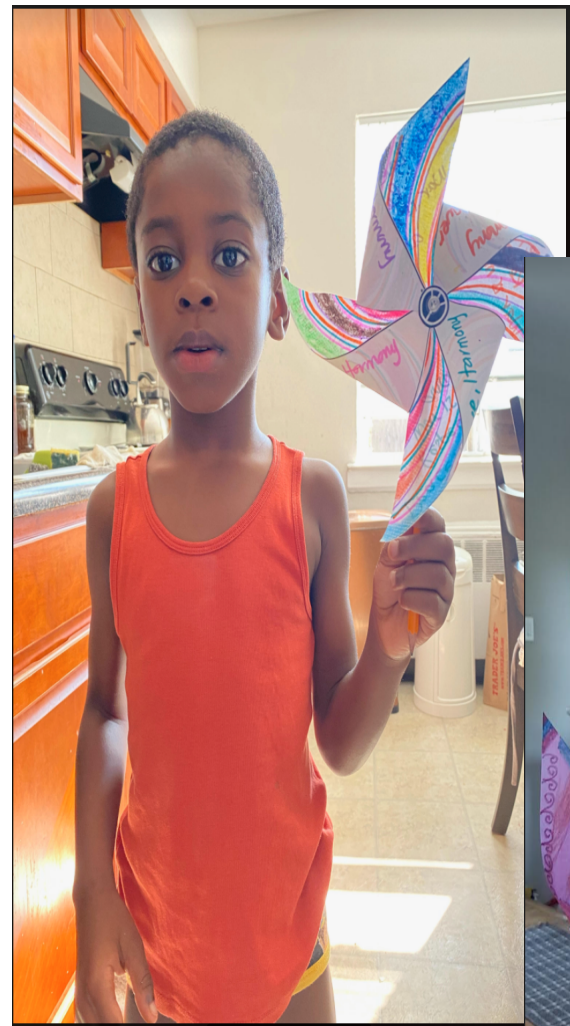
- These programs teach students to help their peers in a fun and meaningful way. They take small but powerful actions to promote inclusion, build resiliency, and transform our world into one that is more equal, more just and equitable. These programs also recognize and address feelings of loneliness and social isolation.

Week of Respect Kickoff will take place October 4th-October 8th

- New Jersey's Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act designates the week of the first Monday in October each year as a "Week of Respect." Springfield Public Schools observes the week by providing grade-appropriate instruction and programs focusing on preventing harassment, intimidation, or bullying.
- Individual school counselors have shared activities with parents and will continue to reach out to families with the specific activities that are planned at each school.

International Day of Peace & Start With Hello Activities

This year for Peace Day, students participated in a variety of school wide activities. Some created pinwheels and others created individual peace signs with words of peace. All unique peace signs and messages were collected then displayed to represent a school culture of peace. Start with Hello Week activities included, students sharing their interests and hobbies, students participating in random acts of kindness as well as pledging to say hello and be respectful and kind to one another.



Counseling and Behavioral Services

Individual, Group Counseling and Social Skills at all levels provided by:

- School Counselors
- School Psychologists
- School Social Worker
- Student Assistance Counselor
- Rutgers Licensed Professional Counselor
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst



Mindfulness Training with Mrs. Sista at JDHS

Mindful Moments

- Learn what mindfulness is about
- Learn how mindfulness can benefit you
- Learn how to practice mindfulness on your own

Oct 6 - Getting Started: Setting Intentions

Oct 13 - Mindful Breathing

Oct 20 - Doing Schoolwork Mindfully

Oct 27 - Being in the Now: The 5 Senses



Upcoming Parent Support Programs

Parent series for adolescents sponsored through the Student Assistance Counselors of Union County – upcoming program dates will be shared with the community.

Parent “Lunch and Learns” with Orlando Calvo, our Rutgers Licensed Professional Counselor – ongoing programs throughout the year.



Connecting with Your Teens

A Presentation by Angelo D'Amico, MA
High Focus Centers

November 16, 2021
7:00 – 8:00 PM



A Multi-Community Parent Support Program
from the Student Assistance Coordinators of
Elizabeth, Hillside, Linden, Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Springfield & Union

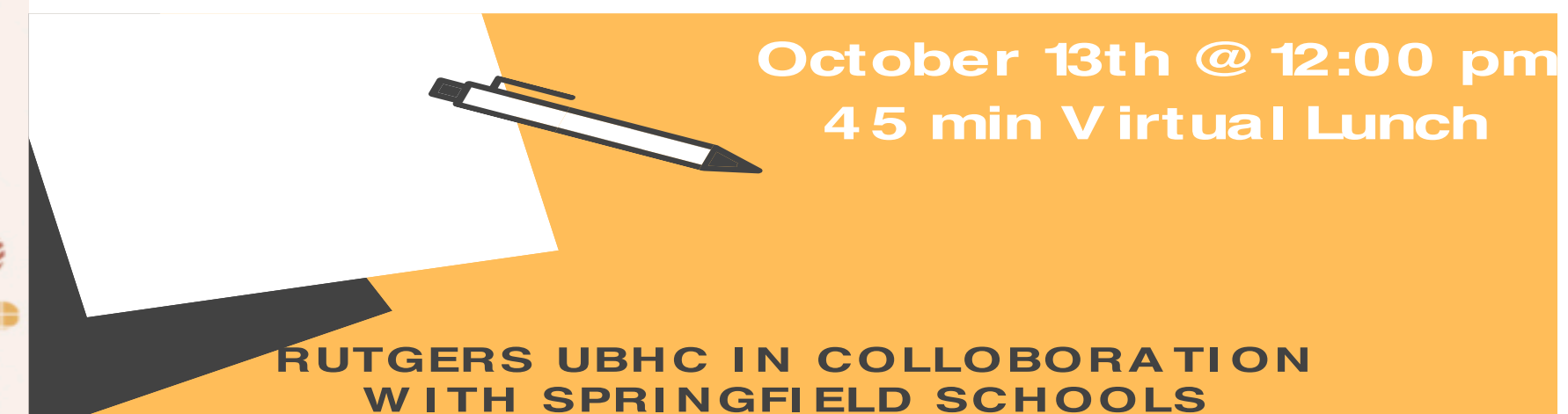


How to Improve Your Child's Academic Profile Through SEL

A Virtual Parenting Program

Presented by Kristine Iarussi
Scotch Plains-Fanwood SAS, MA, LPC
October 13, 2021 from 7:00-8:00 PM

A Multi-Community Parent Support Program
from the Student Assistance Coordinators of
Elizabeth, Hillside, Scotch Plains-Fanwood, Springfield, Union & Westfield



Virtual Lunch and Learn Fall Start, Socialization and Q&A

Join in on October 13th, with
Orlando Calvo, Rutgers School
Therapist at Springfield Schools,
to discuss the Fall Start. Parents
are encouraged to ask questions
regarding mental health.

VIRTUAL MEETING THROUGH
ZOOM

RUTGERS HEALTH



Edward V. Walton Early Childhood Center

St. James School Parents:

Due to the Parish Fair and concerns about the traffic issues, parents will be asked to park along side streets during the week of October 11th. In consultation with the Springfield Police Department, Mr. Plias will be sharing specific details this week.

Construction Updates:

- Contract & Proposal Status
- Next Steps

2021-2022

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction Status

Current Status of Schools

Since September 1, 2021:

13 Positive Cases of COVID-19 Reported
4 Staff Members
9 Students

Notes:

All cases were related to outside of school transmission

It is **ESSENTIAL** to keep your children home when any member of the household is experiencing symptoms or if they are waiting on a COVID-19 test.

How to Handle Quarantines?

- Families reporting a student is quarantined related to Covid-19 will be required to share information related to the contact with the school nurse and/or the health department in order to be eligible to participate.
- Remote instruction will include asynchronous and synchronous learning opportunities, depending on the course
 - Physical Education and Electives will not be offered synchronous instruction
 - Asynchronous work will be accessible via OnCourse and Google Classroom
- Participation will be limited based on the quarantine guidelines set by the NJDOH/NJDOE/CDC



Welcome Back
Go Bulldogs!