

Seeing Eye and The Hanover Township Public Schools!

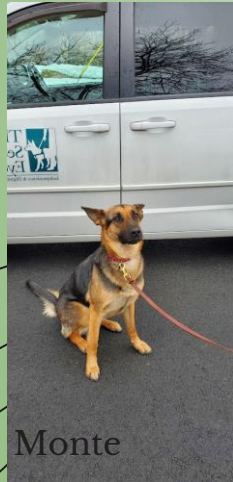
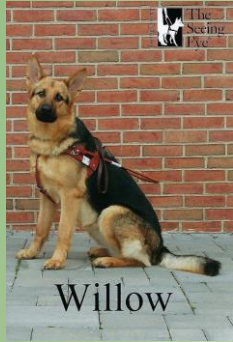


The Seeing Eye...

- Breeds and raises puppies to become Seeing Eye dogs (or obtains them occasionally by purchase or exchange)
- Trains Seeing Eye dogs to guide visually impaired people
- Instructs visually impaired people in the proper use, handling, and care of the dogs
- Conducts and supports research on canine health and development.



Puppy Raising!



Purpose

- 01 Community Service- 8th grade student will learn about the Seeing Eye, practice training the puppy, and coordinate a school wide fundraiser through the 8th grade Character Education program



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- 02 Emotional Support and increase in overall mental health- Dogs reduce stress and anxiety in both students and teachers. Just petting a dog reduces cortisol and increases oxytocin. The guidance department will take priority in scheduling the puppy.



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- 03 Increase reading and writing skills- increases students' motivation to read and write (reduces stress). Reading aloud to a dog increases fluency and enjoyment. (non-judgmental)



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Enhanced Learning Environment- create a more positive engaging environment, make a classroom feel more welcoming.

The puppy can be used across the curriculum including art, gym, science, and math.



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- 05 Provide social skills- help students develop better social skills and provide opportunities for students to interact and communicate.

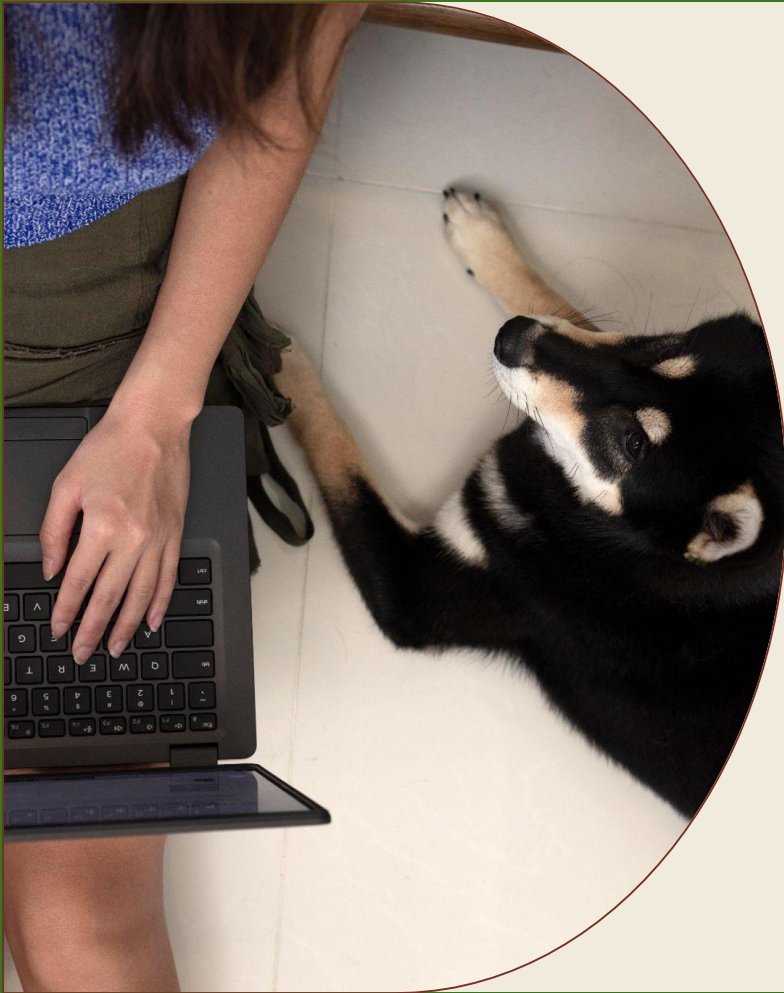


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Improve attendance- studies show that having a dog in school increases a student's sense of belonging and helps at risk students overcome social barriers. Who wouldn't want to go to school if a puppy was there?





NJ Senate Bill 1253

This bill recognizes the benefits of having dogs in the classroom. It will create a 3 year pilot program starting in elementary schools and then extending to NJ Middle Schools and High Schools.

Research

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Questions?