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Excellence in



A Message From the Superintendent

The front cover of this edition of the "Excellence in Our Schools" newsletter shows seven of our longtime faculty and staff members at their retirement dinner last spring. Together, these staff members represent well over 200 years of dedicated service in our schools. While it saddens us to say good-bye to these colleagues this newsletter features another group of outstanding educators to take their place. Although they have big shoes to fill, I am confident that our new staff will join together with our existing staff to continue the tradition of excellence that has become one of the trademarks of the Hanover Township Public Schools.

The back cover features the district wide spring 2010 results of the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJASK). I encourage you to review the testing highlights which represent a small sample of the excellence many of our students are demonstrating on these challenging state assessments. As always, I want to thank all of you for your ongoing support as we continue to strive to achieve "Excellence in Our Schools."

Scott R. Pepper, Superintendent of Schools

Editor: Donna Majdosz, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

2009-2010 Teachers of the Year

- **Pictured on the Cover (clockwise from the top):**

1. The 2009-2010 HTEA End of Year celebration was held at Ravello's in East Hanover on May 13, 2010. Seven of our retirees attended and were honored. Pictured from left to right are retirees: Janet Diomede, Diane Hawkins, Peter Hawkins, Ellen Lav, Jay Voorhees, Barbara Haggerty, and Sue Pillion.
2. Mountview Road School teachers, Rick Eva, Drew Burns, and Matt Pomel get their hair shaved to benefit St. Baldrick's Foundation, a charity driven to raise funds for childhood cancer research. MTV Bald Eagles raised over \$5,400 at the event last June.
3. Pictured at the June 2010 St. Baldrick's Day event at Mountview Road School are Mrs. Spina, Principal, and, in all their bald glory: Mr. Burns, Mr. Eva and Mr. Pomel.

days. The students also sent letters and pictures along with items such as paper products, magazines, canned fruit, puzzles, writing paper and envelopes. Pictured are some fifth grade math students with Mrs. Marks, organizer of the event, and Mrs. Spina, Principal.



Mr. Drew Burns was selected as Mountview Road School's 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year. Here he is pictured with his fourth grade class.



Mrs. Sharon McLaughlin was selected as 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year at Bee Meadow School.

4. On November 3, 2010 members of the Whippany Rotary Club visited the third grade classes at Mountview Road School to distribute dictionaries as part of a project to assist the students in reading, writing and the thinking process. The students gladly accepted the dictionaries and immediately started reading the important and interesting information. The "Longest Word in the English Language" (1,909 letters!) generated the most awe and attempts at pronunciation. Pictured are Rotary Club members, Mr. Scott R. Pepper, Rev. Tony MacNaughton, Mr. Brian Romanowsky, and Mr. Chris Lisewski, and Principal Mrs. Spina, with some of the third graders.
5. The students at Mountview Road School donated care packages for our troops overseas to get there in time for the holi-



Salem Drive School's Teacher of the Year for 2009-2010 is Music Teacher, Mr. Matt Pomel.



Mrs. Brenda Talbert, 6th Grade Science and Math teacher, was chosen as Memorial Junior School's 2009-2010 Teacher of the Year. In July, Mrs. Talbert was selected as one of 24 teachers (out of the 851 applicants) to participate in the 2010 Toyota International Teacher Program to the Galapagos Islands from November 20 through December 4, 2010. Congratulations, Mrs. Talbert!

Meet Our Excellent New Staff



- Jennifer Lavalette is the new part-time Resource Center teacher at Bee Meadow School. She is a recent graduate of the College of Saint Elizabeth where she earned her BA in Early/Elementary Education and Spanish. She holds certifications for Early Childhood Education,

Elementary Education, and Special Education. In her spare time, Jennifer enjoys spending time with her family, playing DDR on the Wii, and she loves to read. Jennifer is eager to begin her career as a teacher and is thrilled that she is able to have a home with us in Hanover Township Public Schools!



- Sara Hauptman is a long term substitute computer teacher at Bee Meadow School. She received her BA from the University of Delaware and certificate in Elementary Education from The College of Saint Elizabeth, where she is pursuing an MA in teaching and certification as Teacher of Students with Disabilities. She completed her student teaching in the Morris School District, and filled a maternity leave position at Our Lady of Mercy Academy prior to coming to Hanover Township. Sara also coaches competitive cheerleading and loves to travel.

Justine Conte is very happy to be teaching third grade at Bee Meadow School this year. Previously she taught first grade at Mountview Road School and Coordinated Services at Salem Drive School. Before coming to the Hanover Township Public Schools, Mrs. Conte taught for 10 years in Wyckoff, NJ.

- Dana Harrsch is the long term substitute BSI teacher at Salem Drive School. Miss Harrsch graduated from Ramapo College of New Jersey where she received her Bachelor's degree in History and Elementary Education. Prior to coming to Hanover Township Schools, Miss Harrsch served as a long term substitute in a Verona fourth grade and was an Instructional Aide in Parsippany. Miss Harrsch is very excited to be teaching in the school her father attended! In her spare time she enjoys coaching and playing softball. She is looking forward to a fabulous year!



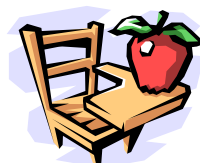
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- Linda Laws is the new resource center teacher at Salem Drive School, after teaching at Mountview Road School since 2003. She earned her BA in Special/Elementary Education from Oral Roberts University and has an Orton Gillingham Reading Teacher Certificate from FDU. In her spare time she loves to read, hike, and spend time with family/friends.



- Antoinetta Mellen is the new special education aide at Salem Drive School. Mrs. Mellen has served in this capacity at Mountview Road School for the past two years.



- Kathleen Kelsey is the new lunch recess aide at Memorial Junior School. Mrs. Kelsey has been very active in the PTA and is currently serving as secretary for both, the MJS and BMS PTAs.



- Lara Gallo is the new part time secretary in the Child Study Team Office at Bee Meadow School. Prior to coming to Bee Meadow, Mrs. Gallo worked as an aide at Memorial Junior School.



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- Laurie Monacelli is a long term substitute French teacher at Memorial Junior School. She is teaching 6th, 7th and 8th grade. Mrs. Monacelli earned her BA in Modern Languages at Villanova University, and attended the University of Paris, The Sorbonne, her junior year. Previously Mrs. Monacelli was an Investment Banker at Citigroup for many years,

where many of her clients were French. She loves to travel, read, and anything French!



- Ken Koury is the new 4th grade teacher at Bee Meadow School. He has been a 4th grade teacher at Salem Drive School for the last seven years. He earned his BS in Education from Western Michigan University and an MA in Curriculum, Instruction and

Leadership from Oakland University. Prior to coming to Hanover Township, he taught for three years in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

- Before joining the Memorial Junior School staff as an 8th grade Spanish teacher, Mrs. Marcie Barwick taught at Mountview Road and Salem Drive schools as a K-5 World Language teacher for ten years. Prior to teaching in Hanover Township she taught Spanish at the high school and middle school levels after a career in commercial credit analysis. She earned her BA in Spanish and Business Administration from Muhlenberg College, and an MA in Teaching Spanish from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Mrs. Barwick resides in Morris County with her husband, triplet children, and dog. Her hobbies include traveling, cooking, and swimming.



- Elizabeth Gioia is the new school nurse at Memorial Junior School. She graduated from The University of Delaware with a BA in English. She received her nursing degree from Felician College and her school nurse certificate from Caldwell College. Prior to joining the staff at MJS, Elizabeth worked full time at St. Barnabas Medical Center as an RN in their Maternal Child Division for the last eleven years. She was also a substitute school nurse in Parsippany and Hanover Township. In her spare time, Elizabeth enjoys reading, and spending time with friends and family, especially her husband and young daughter.



- Melissa Diener is the new district-wide behaviorist. She taught students with autism in Pompton Lakes for five years prior to coming to Hanover Township. She graduated from James Madison University with a degree in psychology, and earned her Master's Degree in Special Education and Assistive Technology from The College of St. Elizabeth. Additionally, Melissa received a Graduate Degree in Applied Behavior Analysis from The Pennsylvania State University. She received her BCBA certification this past spring. Melissa lives in Lake Hiawatha with her fiancé and her dog, and is excited for her upcoming wedding this November. When she's not working, Melissa enjoys playing the piano, reading, shopping, and playing with her dog.

- Mrs. Teresa Graziano, Special Education Aide, has returned to Memorial Junior School for the 2010-2011 school year. She began her career in the Hanover Township Public Schools ten years ago at Bee Meadow School, and then worked at Memorial Junior School for five years. She spent the past two years at Salem Drive.



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- Katherine Thorne is the long-term substitute 7th and 8th grade Language Arts teacher at Memorial Junior School. She graduated from UCLA with a BA in English and later earned an MA in Education and an MA in Educational Leadership. Prior to moving to New Jersey, she taught 10th grade English and English Language Development for six years at Hawthorne High School in California. In her spare time she enjoys reading, running, and spending time with family and friends.



- Janis Borbas is the new part-time art teacher at Bee Meadow School. She has been teaching art to elementary and middle school students for eight years, having previ-

ously worked in Byram Township, Mount Olive, and Mount Arlington schools. She holds a BS in Business and a BA in Studio Art from William Paterson University, and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Art at Kean University. She lives in Montville with her husband, two college-age daughters, a dog and two parakeets. In her spare time, she enjoys fitness, yoga, knitting, sewing, and of course, making art!

- Lisa Crescente is one of the new Health and Physical Education Teachers at Memorial Junior School. She graduated from the University of Rhode Island with a BS degree in Kinesiology, and earned her Master's degree in Education from Marygrove College. Prior to coming to Hanover Township she taught in Roxbury for three years. In her free time Lisa enjoys running, swimming, going to the movies, and spending time with her family and friends. In the summer she manages pools in Morris and Sussex Counties.



- Dan Lederer is one of the new Physical Education and Health Teachers at Memorial Junior School. He earned his BA from the University of Scranton and holds a Master's Degree from Montclair State University. Mr. Lederer previously taught Physical Education and Health in Chatham for four years. He is also the field hockey coach at MJS and is currently the Assistant Men's Lacrosse Coach at Fairleigh Dickinson University.



- Stephanie Mora is a long term substitute science teacher at Memorial Junior School. She is currently teaching 6th grade. Ms. Mora earned her Bachelor's degree in Psychology and Master's degree in Teaching from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Prior to coming to Hanover Township, she taught high school Biology and Earth Science at a private school in Cedar Grove. In her spare time she enjoys playing tennis, cooking, going to the beach, and spending time with her family and friends.



- Emily Pinkas is the new Kindergarten Teacher at Salem Drive School. She graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson University with a BA in Psychology and an MA in Education. Last spring she completed her student teaching assignment in Mrs. Pierone's Kindergarten classroom at SDS. In her free time she loves to bake, read, and go to the gym. She is looking forward to an excellent school year full of fun and learning with her students.



SPRING 2010 STATE TESTING DISTRICT RESULTS

MATHEMATICS

GRADE	NUMBER TESTED	TOTAL PERCENT PROFICIENT
3	165	86.0%
4	181	77.9%
5	189	88.4%
6	177	84.7%
7	183	71.6%
8	177	84.8%

LANGUAGE ARTS LITERACY

GRADE	NUMBER TESTED	TOTAL PERCENT PROFICIENT
3	165	77.0%
4	180	73.3%
5	189	80.9%
6	177	80.8%
7	181	81.8%
8	178	93.3%

Testing highlights:

- Perfect Scores (300)
 - 20 perfect scores in grade 3 Math
 - 1 perfect score in grade 4 Language Arts Literacy
 - 11 perfect scores in grade 4 Math
 - 1 perfect score in grade 5 Language Arts Literacy
 - 13 perfect scores in grade 5 Math
 - 13 perfect scores in grade 6 Math
 - 1 perfect score in grade 7 Language Arts Literacy
 - 19 perfect scores in grade 7 Math
 - 1 perfect score in grade 8 Language Arts Literacy
 - 31 perfect scores in grade 8 Math
 - 22 perfect scores in grade 8 Science
 - One 8th grade student (currently a 9th grader) received perfect scores of 300 on Language Arts, Math, and Science
 - 13 8th grade students (currently 9th graders) received perfect scores on two NJ ASK 8 sections
 - 1 7th grade student (currently an 8th grader) received perfect scores on Language Arts and Math
- 8th Grade Students
 - Language Arts Literacy Advanced Proficient students increased from 17.9% in 2009 to 30.9% in 2010
 - More than 50% of 8th graders Advanced Proficient in math (89 of 177 students)
 - Science scores above DFG in all cluster areas
- 100% of students that took the American Diploma Project Algebra I assessment scored Proficient or Advanced Proficient
 - 72% of the students (34 of 47 students) scored Advanced Proficient compared to only 5% at the State level
- 81.2% of all Hanover Twp. Students in grades 3-8 were deemed Proficient or Advanced Proficient in Language Arts
- 82.1% of all Hanover Twp. Students in grades 3-8 were deemed Proficient in Math. Nearly 41% were Advanced Proficient.
- 96.4% of all Hanover Twp. Students in grades 4 & 8 were Proficient or Advanced Proficient in Science

Results include the scores of both regular and special education students.

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