

January 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Listed below is some information regarding happenings at the Elementary Schools, the Jr./Sr. High School and in the area of Special Education.

### **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INFORMATION**

The Elementary School's staff and students have been focusing on Kindness for the month of December. Several classes did kind deeds for others in our elementary schools and community. They also collected over 250 toys to donate to the Marines' Toys for Tot collection.

Additionally, Glenview Elementary School adopted seven families and staff members purchased gifts to help these families for the holidays. The students also donated over 700 canned goods and 300 rolls of toilet paper for homeless veterans.

### **JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION**

In some of our 9th grade Google Practices classes they are playing the Stock Market game, competing against 432 schools in NJ. Two of the teams are currently in first and second place among all competing NJ schools!

At the High School in our STEAM Physics of Art elective class the students recently engaged in an amazing project. The project was titled, *The Physics of Art: Masters of the Pan Flute*. The students needed to complete the following tasks: choose a key, research the frequency of each note, determine the speed of sound in the room based on ambient temperature, calculate the wavelength of the sound wave for each note, use closed tube resonance ratios to calculate the uncorrected length of each tube, and apply end-effect corrections to determine the correct length of each tube.

The students' calculations were correct and the tubes played the desired notes! They also tested each tube with a sound analyzer and all the results were incredible!

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Currently, the Child Study Team is working to create a sensory room at the Jr./Sr. High School. Items are available for students in their current classrooms to support their sensory needs. However, having a dedicated room will allow the team to meet students' needs in an even more effective way. The team is excited to transition the classroom into a space where therapy can be expanded and resilience and self-organization can be further promoted. Additional equipment is also being purchased to provide the sensory input that will further assist the students. The anticipated completion date is February 2018.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### Special Education Parent Advocacy Group Meeting

The next Special Education Parent Advocacy Group meeting will be held on January 10, 2018 from 6:00 - 7:30pm in the Haddon Heights High School Auditorium. Mrs. Renner has invited Dr. Tsao who has agreed to present to the group. Dr. Tsao is an expert in exposure

and response prevention for obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD) and has extensive experience with prolonged exposure (PE) therapy for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). Prior to joining Rogers, Dr. Tsao was on the staff at the Center for the Treatment and Study of Anxiety at the University of Pennsylvania where he most recently served as the Clinic Director. In addition to his leadership role with Rogers, Dr. Tsao co-directs a specialty practice conducting psychotherapy, training and consultation for the full-spectrum of anxiety disorders.

PTG Valentines Family Dance Party

Friday, February 9th at 6:00pm

The event will take place in the Atlantic Avenue School All-Purpose Room.

Sincerely,  
Michael Adams