



Superintendent's Report

April 9, 2024

Congratulations to the Closter PTO on a wonderful gala this past Saturday! The Gatsby-themed party was a fun evening for all who attended. Thanks to all those who attended, the sponsors, and the hard-working committee who arranged many raffle baskets and silent auction items. The entire school community is grateful for your commitment to our students!

Congratulations to our seventh-grade students who tied with Norwood for first place in Bergen County in the New Jersey Math League Contest. We are so proud of our students: Joel Finkelstein, Johanna Park-Kim, Jaein Song, Ellie Park, and Sharro Jin. Kudos to Mr. Bomzer, our seventh-grade math teacher, as well as all of the teachers who taught the students from PreK through seventh grade to prepare them for this great accomplishment.

Hillside Elementary School will present the *Kindergarten Songfest* tomorrow, April 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. Parents are invited to attend this great musical performance.

Orientation for incoming Kindergarten parents will be held tomorrow, April 10, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hillside Gymnasium. This event is for parents to learn about our wonderful Kindergarten program. We currently have 92 students enrolled to start Kindergarten in September 2024, and we hope to see all the parents tomorrow!

Tenakill Middle School will host the annual TREP\$ Marketplace on Thursday, April 11, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. This is a wonderful event for the entire community to come and support our student entrepreneurs. The sixth-grade students have created many products to sell, so remember to bring cash!

Coffee with the Counselors will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Hillside School Media Center. The topic will be "Attentive Parenting: Enhancing Positive Family Relationships." All parents are invited to attend.

The NJDOE has posted the 2022-2023 School Performance Reports on the state website. I have posted a link to the reports on the Closter Public Schools website's main page. You may find the link on the right-hand side of the main page, which is listed as the *District Performance Report*. This link also contains my letter about the School Performance Reports, explaining what's new in this year's reports. I encourage everyone to view the performance reports to learn more about our district and schools.

I am happy to announce that once again, the Closter Public Schools have been honored by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education" in 2024. This prestigious award celebrates the exceptional dedication of our teachers, administrators, parents, and students who champion music as an integral part of a comprehensive education for every child in Closter. Special appreciation goes to Ms. Pidi, Ms. Abbey, and Ms. Riecken for their unwavering commitment to nurturing our

students' musical growth. Heartfelt congratulations to our talented student musicians and their families! A big thank you to our Board of Education for your continued support of music and the arts, which are crucial elements in shaping well-rounded students.

Don't forget that our next Board meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, and will include the public hearing on the 2024-2025 budget.

Schools will be closed for spring recess from Monday, April 15, 2024, through Friday, April 19, 2024. Have a wonderful vacation! Schools will reopen on Monday, April 22, 2024.

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