

Congratulations to all of our students who performed in the recent Porchlight Productions of *The Addams Family* and *Shrek*, *Jr*. Our students shined in their performances, entertaining the audiences who came to support them on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring our students' wonderful performing arts experience.

Congratulations to Tenakill Middle School student Max Graeber, grade 7, who finished 8<sup>th</sup> place in the New Jersey State Wrestling Championship!

The preliminary budget for the 2024-2025 school year, presented at the last Board meeting on March 5, 2024, was approved by the New Jersey Department of Education on March 15, 2024. Thank you to our Business Administrator, Floro Villanueva, his staff, and the Board of Education Finance and Physical Plant Committee for their dedicated work in preparing the budget, which maintains all of our programs and staff so that we can continue the tradition of excellence in Closter Public Schools. The public hearing on the budget will be at our Board of Education meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2024. All are invited to attend to learn more about our budget for next year.

We look forward to the Closter PTO's Gatsby-themed party on Saturday, April 6, 2024. It promises to be a fun evening of elegance and jazz. Tickets for the event and silver and gold raffle ticket bundles can be purchased on the <u>Closter PTO webpage</u>. The Silent Auction is also underway. Visit the <u>Party Like Gatsby auction page</u> to bid on various priceless experiences! We thank you for supporting this event, the PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year.

Our Kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year is underway. All information is on our district website, <a href="www.ClosterSchools.org">www.ClosterSchools.org</a>. The link is on the main page – the first banner on the right side, entitled, *Kindergarten Registration 2024-2025*. If you have questions about Kindergarten registration, please call Ms. Cheryl Boehm at Hillside School.

This is a reminder that school will be closed on Friday, March 29, 2024, in observance of Good Friday. Happy Easter to all who are celebrating this weekend, and Ramadan Mubarak to our Muslim families observing this holy month.

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