

I want to thank our outgoing Board trustee, Jia Dee Li, for her devoted service to the Closter Public Schools since January 2023. On behalf of our entire Closter community, I thank you for your contributions that have ensured our schools continue their tradition of excellence. I wish you well in your future endeavors!

Our district's music program stands out as a true point of pride! Hillside Elementary School presented *The First Grade Thanksgiving Concert* on Tuesday, November 25, 2025. The students did an outstanding job in singing and reciting poems about Thanksgiving, turkeys, and being grateful. Kudos to Ms. Pidi and the first-grade teachers for all of their work in preparing our students to shine! The Hillside Fourth Grade Holiday Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. Tenakill Middle School will present its *Winter Concert* tomorrow, Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited.

Don't miss the annual Tenakill TREP\$ Marketplace on Thursday, December 18, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Our sixth-grade entrepreneurs will sell their products to the school and local community. This event promotes the development of creativity, critical thinking, and teamwork among students. It also provides them with an opportunity to enhance their financial literacy, marketing abilities, and communication skills through hands-on experiences and interaction with customers from the community. And it is just in time to finish your holiday shopping!

Closter Public Schools will have a half-day session on Tuesday, December 23, 2025. We will be closed for the holiday recess from December 24, 2025 – January 4, 2026. Schools will reopen on Monday, January 5, 2026.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy new year!

Vincent Mc Hale