



Superintendent's Report

March 19, 2025

Congratulations to all of our students who performed in the recent Porchlight Production of *Alice in Wonderland*. It was a success! Our students did an outstanding job in presenting this fun musical. Our next production, *The Lion King, Jr.*, will be on Saturday, April 5, at 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Both productions will be performed at Tenakill Middle School. Tickets are \$10 each. Please come and support our performing artists!

Congratulations to Tenakill Middle School Science Olympiad Team who competed last week in the New Jersey Science Olympiad State Finals Tournament at Middlesex College and won the New Jersey State Championship! We are so proud of our students – four seventh graders and nineteen eighth graders – who competed against middle schools from around the state. There were 14 separate events at the tournament that require the students to demonstrate their mastery of topics, including air trajectory, anatomy and physiology, ecology, entomology, experimental design, fossils, meteorology, microbes, optics, potions and poisons, map skills, engineering, and wind power. Now the students are invited to represent New Jersey at the 41st Annual Science Olympiad National Tournament at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Lincoln, Nebraska, in May 2025. Kudos to our students and to their advisors, Ms. Moidu and Mr. Hernandez!

The Closter PTO annual gala is this Friday, March 21, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Edgewood Country Club in River Vale. The theme is Viva Las Vegas. Tickets for the event and raffle ticket bundles are available on the [Closter PTO webpage](#). The silent auction is also now live with many great experiences to bid on! Please support our PTO!

The preliminary budget for the 2025-2026 school year, presented at the last Board meeting on March 5, 2025, was approved by the Executive County Superintendent and the Executive County Business Official. Thank you to our Business Administrator, Floro Villanueva Jr., 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 April 30, 2025. All are invited to attend the presentation.

The school district will have a single session day on Monday, March 24, 2025, so our faculty and staff can participate in professional learning led by the Northern Valley Curriculum Center.

Ramadan Mubarek to everyone celebrating this holy month!

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