



Superintendent's Report

May 14, 2024

Thank you to the Closter PTO and the Korean Parent Group for their generosity to teachers and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week and for School Nurse Day! Everyone enjoyed the meals, special treats and gifts throughout the week.

Kudos to Ms. Abbey, Ms. Riecken, and all the student musicians who performed in the Tenakill Middle School Spring Concert on May 7, 2024. The audience in attendance was treated to outstanding performances by all. The musical selections represented a wide range of genres. Our music program truly is the best around! The concert closed with the combined TMS Orchestra and 6/7/8 Band giving a rousing and impressive performance of "Star Wars: Main Theme" by John Williams, with Darth Vader as guest conductor! It was an impressive evening of music!

Thanks to the Closter Police Department and all who helped celebrate the Bike and Roll to School event for Hillside Elementary School students on Monday, May 13, 2024. It was wonderful to see so many students riding their bikes and walking to school, and our students learned about safe walking and biking to school. We plan to continue these events to encourage healthier students and to remind everyone about keeping our streets safe for cyclists and pedestrians.

The New Jersey Student Learning Assessments (NJSLA) for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science are underway in Closter. Students in grades three and four completed all testing on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, with make-up testing taking place this week and next. Students in grades five and eight completed the science test on May 1 and 2, 2024. All students in grades 5 through 8 completed the math test today and will begin the ELA test tomorrow. Students will continue ELA testing through Thursday, May 16, 2024, and make-up testing will take place during the week of May 20, 2024.

The 18th Annual *Exhibit of Art* by Tenakill Middle School students will be open to the public starting tomorrow, Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at the Martin Hicks Gallery at the Belskie Museum, located next to the Closter Public Library, 280 High Street. The art show will open with a reception including light refreshments from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. After the opening reception, our students' art will be on display there on Saturdays & Sundays through May 26, 2024, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. The exhibit will feature a variety of original, creative art by 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th-grade art students. The exhibit is curated by Mrs. Michelle Lee-Ein, Tenakill Middle School art teacher. Please plan to take some time to visit our students' art exhibit.

Our moving-up ceremonies for grades 4 and 8 will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, at Memorial Field. The principals will share more information with families about the end-of-year events. Please note that if it rains, the ceremonies will be held at Northern Valley Regional High School in Demarest on Monday, June 17, 2024, since the last day of school is June 18, 2024.

School will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024, in observance of Memorial Day. Closter Public Schools honors all the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Their courage and dedication will never be forgotten.

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