



## *Superintendent's Report*

**May 21, 2025**

Congratulations to Ms. Abbey, Ms. Riecken, and all the student musicians who performed in the Tenakill Middle School Spring Concert on May 6, 2025. It was a wonderful celebration of our student musicians. Performances by the Beginner Band, Beginner Orchestra, Intermediate Band, 6/7/8 Band, Orchestra Gold, TMS Orchestra, Junior Chorus, and Tenakill singers were all impressive.

I am pleased to report that the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation has named Closter Public Schools one of the “Best Communities for Music Education” for 2025. Our district has received this award for several years for the outstanding work of our music educators. Kudos to Ms. Pidi, Ms. Abbey, and Ms. Riecken for ensuring that our students can learn and grow with music. Congratulations also to our amazing student musicians and their parents for support. Lastly, I want to thank the Board of Education for their strong commitment to ensuring that music and the arts are part of a well-rounded education for every child in Closter Public Schools!

Kudos to the Tenakill Middle School students who had art displayed at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibit of Art at the Belskie Museum. The art work displayed is remarkable! Thank you to Ms. Lee-Ein for organizing this event. The exhibit will continue to be on display at the Belskie Museum through this Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please stop by to see the beautiful art created by our middle school students.

We wish our Tenakill Middle School Science Olympiad Team well as they travel to nationals this weekend! As state champions, they will represent New Jersey at the national competition!

Congratulations to fifth-grade students Charlotte Geam, Shirin Masoumi, and Karis Yoo, who were selected as a winning team in this year's Panasonic Student Eco Citizenship Program competition! Mr. Calabria led the students through this project as part of the Tenakill Enrichment Program (TEP). Charlotte, Shirin, and Karis did a project aimed at helping to stop deforestation through the reduction of paper consumption. They have been invited to attend a virtual winner's celebration next week at which the grand-prize winning team will be announced!

As we approach the end of the school year on June 18, 2025, please note that our fourth grade and eighth grade moving up ceremonies will take place on Monday, June 16, 2025, at Memorial Field. The fourth grade ceremony will take place at 5:00 p.m. and the eighth grade ceremony at 7:00 p.m. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremonies will be held at Northern Valley Regional High School-Demarest on the same day at the same time.

School will be closed on Monday, May 26, 2025, in recognition of Memorial Day. Closter Public Schools pays tribute to all the brave men and women who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. military. Their bravery and commitment will always be remembered.

*Vincent Mc Hale*