



Superintendent's Report

October 8, 2024

Our students are observing the New Jersey *Week of Respect* this week. They are marking the week by wearing different color clothes as an outward sign of what they are remembering and working toward. At HES, the Week of Respect is aligned with ICARE — on Monday students wore blue for *Integrity* and World Bullying Prevention Day; today they wore tie-dye and colorful clothing for *Caring* and celebrating uniqueness, tomorrow they will wear sweatshirts and sweatpants for *Attitude* and to show they “don’t sweat the small stuff;” on Thursday they will dress their best for *Respect*; and on Friday they will wear Hillside gear and the color red to show that the school community has *Empathy*. At TMS, the students wore blue on Monday, today was *Mix it Up Day*, tomorrow is *Tenakill Day*, Thursday is *Pajama Day* and Friday is *Jersey Day*. We aim for everyone to be respectful every week, not just during the *Week of Respect*!

Tonight, I will present the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) results from the spring 2024 administration. The NJSLA measures the academic progress of our students in English language arts and mathematics in grades 3 -8 and in science in grades 5 and 8. Then, Ms. Cohen, Director of Special Services, will present the New Jersey Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) results from the spring 2024 administration. The DLM measures the academic progress of a small group of students who have significant disabilities. Both presentations will be posted to our district website under the District Assessment tab on the right side of the homepage.

Hillside Elementary School will have picture day on Thursday, October 10, 2024. Tenakill Middle School will have picture day on Tuesday, October 15, 2024. Don’t forget to smile!

The final Back-to-School Night of the year will be on Thursday, October 10, 2024 for parents of students in grades PreK–2 at Hillside Elementary School from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring an author visit on Friday, October 11, 2024. Christina Geist, author of the popular Buddy series, will visit with our PreK, Kindergarten, first and second grade students. The PTO Book Fair will take place at Tenakill Middle School on October 9 and 10, 2024 and at Hillside Elementary School from October 15 – 17, 2024. Readers are always excited to get a new book!

Another reminder that the [Closter PTO website](#) has information on membership registration, their mobile app, and many upcoming events, including the Closter PTO Fall Social taking place this Thursday, October 10, 2024, from 7:30 – 11:30 p.m. at Sear House.

There will be a half-day session for students on Monday, October 14, 2024. Teachers and staff will have professional learning sessions in the afternoon.

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