

EDGEWATER NEWS

Edgewater School District

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From the Superintendent

Greetings to each of you in our beloved school community. I hope this note finds you and your families well. We have reached the mid-point of the school year (is time flying for anyone else besides me?). This month is a nice time to stop and reflect on all we have accomplished thus far and to set goals for the

remainder of the year. District highlights over these past few months include our successful launch of the EVG Chromebook initiative for all students in grades 3 through 6, as well as the implementation of our new social studies curricular program – Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Kids Discover in Grades K-6. Keep up the good work, students, parents, and staff!

Board of Education Update

Our school demographer predicts an increase of 130 students over the next five years.

The Board of Education continues ongoing communication with the town council while in the process of evaluating the district's facility needs for the future. At its re-organization meeting in January, the Board welcomed back both Thomas Quinton, Sr. and Christina Ling for a three-year term. Incumbent Thomas Quinton, Sr. and Cristina Stefani-Rackow were re-appointed as Board President and Vice-President, respectively.

Enrollment

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- As of the snapshot date of October 15, 2017, there are 953 students combined in our two schools—GW and EVG.
- The Board of Education ordered a demographic study in the fall. The resulting report indicates a likely increase of 130 students over the next five years.

EVG Student to Compete in County Spelling Bee

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EVG sixth grader Julia Cho was the local winner of this year's spelling bee. Teachers Ms. Maiorino and Mrs. Vougiatzis orchestrated the event, which is part of the National Spelling Bee. Julia will go on to compete at the county level in March. Congratulations, Julia, and good luck!

District Update

PARCC Students in grades 3 through 6 are scheduled to take this year's PARCC assessment in Language Arts and Math in the months of April and May. The recently annual NJ school performance reports, which include the PARCC results from the 2016-2017 school year, can be found on the district website.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS We currently serve close to 150 students in our English as a Second Language (ESL) programs. ESL students in grades K to 6 are assessed annually using the state assessment called ACCESS. This year's ACCESS assessment will be administered in February to March.

ATTENDANCE We are proud to announce that many of our grade levels are above the state average for student attendance, as reported on the NJ School Performance Reports (see district website). We are looking to continue this pattern in all grade levels. Key facts and statistics regarding the impact of school attendance on student achievement can be found at www.attendanceworks.org.

PRESCHOOL Registration is now closed for the 2018-2019 tuition-based preschool for 3- and 4-year olds at GW School. However, the waiting list is open. Call 201-945-4106 x1200 if interested.

LEONIA The Leonia High School's addition, including seven classrooms and a new Culinary Lab, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2018. Mrs. Joanne Megargee, the Leonia Schools' Superintendent, is retiring after 27 years of service. We wish Mrs. Megargee all the best, and we look forward to partnering with Leonia in their upcoming search for a new superintendent. To learn more about Leonia Middle and High School's offerings, including after-school clubs and activities, please view the superintendent's recent multimedia newsletter at http://pub.lucidpress.com/issue2_17-18/.

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