

EDGEWATER NEWS

Edgewater School District

FALL 2016



From the Superintendent

The 2016-2017 school year had a strong start here in the

Edgewater

School District. I'd like to thank all administrators, teachers, support staff, parents and community members including the Board of Education, the Edgewater Education Foundation, and the Parent-Teacher Organization for contributing to a successful experience for

students in their first marking period. Back to School Nights at both schools were well-attended. In October, we celebrated Fire Prevention Week. Thank you to the Edgewater Fire Department for their presentations at both schools. We also celebrated the Week of Respect in October, during which students participated in various activities each day to reinforce good citizenship and strong character.

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Board of Education Update

The Board of Education continues ongoing communication with the mayor and council while in the process of evaluating the district's facility needs for the future. Congratulations to Barbara Bartolomeo, who was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board.

Technology Update

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The fifth grade is going Chrome! We are excited to announce that in December 2016 the district will include the fifth grade in its one-to-one technology initiative that began with Grade 6 in January 2016. Each 5th grade student has been issued a Chromebook for use during the school year. This personalized device will "belong" to the student for use in school only. Teachers have been participating in professional development on the specific features of the Chromebook to support teaching and learning.

We also continue to build our technology tools for grades K-4, including i-Pad and Chromebook carts for classroom use, as well as digital projectors, apple TV's, two PC labs and one MAC lab.

Curriculum & Assessment Update

PARCC We are proud to announce that, once again, the Edgewater School District exceeded the state average and the PARCC states' combined average on the recent PARCC assessments. The results of the assessments, administered to students in Grades 3 through 6 last spring, were scored and sent to districts and families last month. The district will use these assessment results, along with the assessment data gathered at the classroom level, to inform and adjust instruction to meet all students' needs. The Grade 4 NJASK

Science results from Spring 2016 have also been released. Our district average exceeded the state average on this assessment, as well. Scores were mailed home to parents last month. Well done, students and teachers!

GOALS The 2016-2017 district goals include selecting a new social studies curriculum in grades kindergarten through six; continuing monthly staff development for the Teachers College Reading Workshop model in grades kindergarten through six, and integrating 21st century skills in all

curriculum areas to make instruction more engaging, meaningful and relevant to the lives of our students.

SCIENCE The district adopted a new science program, Pearson Interactive Science, to correspond with the updated New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Science. The new program, which has been purchased for grades K-6 and is now being implemented, includes hands-on activity labs, inquiry investigations, and a strong content area literacy component.

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