# EDGEWATER NEWS

## From the Superintendent

I hope each one of you enjoyed the holiday season, and I trust you are, as I am, looking forward to spring's arrival. February is a nice mid-point in the school year to stop and reflect on all we have accomplished thus far and to set goals for the remainder of the year. Our students and staff have been working hard, and as a result, reading levels are going up, new math skills are being developed, and student thinking, communicating, and discovering are at their finest. District highlights over these past few months include our successful launch of the 5th grade Chromebook initiative, as well as the implementation of our new science curriculum -- Pearson Interactive in Grades K-6, and our new bilingual Korean program in Grades K and One. Keep up the good work, students, parents, and staff!

*Congratulations to EVG alumnus Shivani Aggarwal on being named Leonia High School valedictorian!*

## Board of Education Update

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 Barbara Bartolomeo for a three-year term. Incumbent Thomas Quinton, Sr. and Cristina Stefani-Rackow were re-appointed as Board President and Vice-President, respectively.

## Did you know?
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Fun Facts:

- New Jersey schools are ranked #2 in the nation according to WalletHub.
- The Edgewater School District's student body has 38 home languages represented. The most prevalent are English, Korean, Japanese, Spanish and Russian.
- Over 50% of our teachers have advanced degrees beyond their Bachelor's degrees.

## EVG Alum Named Valedictorian
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Miss Shivani Aggarwal, who graduated from EVG School as a sixth grader in 2011, has been named the 2017 Valedictorian of Leonia High School's senior class.

Miss Aggarwal was accepted to and will be attending Harvard University in the fall of 2017. We wish her all the best!

## District Update

**TEACHER CONTRACT** The Board and the EEA settled a new 3-year contract. Changes include a higher starting salary for new teachers, pay raises for all teachers, and increased tuition reimbursement for teachers pursuing graduate work.

**TRANSPORTATION** We are in the process of evaluating our transportation system for efficiency. The district currently provides busing for approximately 1,000 students in Grades K-12 using three vendors to manage 22 routes.

**FACILITIES** A generator and two new water fountains were installed at EVG. The water was tested at both schools for lead and other chemicals and came back clean. Lockers were installed at EVG for grades 5 and 6.

**CURRICULUM** The district's curriculum committee is in the process of selecting a new Social Studies program for Grades K-6.

**TECHNOLOGY** We are proud to report that our district now boasts approximately 650 student portable computing devices, including Chromebooks and iPads. In addition, 250 desktop computers are divided among the classrooms and the district's three computer labs. Each classroom has a projector and most are equipped with digital media players. A four-year infrastructure update is underway.

**PRESCHOOL** Registration is now closed for the 2017-2018 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.

**KINDERGARTEN** Registration opens on Feb. 24, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year. Visit our website for details.

**LEONIA** The Leonia Schools are planning an addition onto the high school, including seven classrooms and a new Culinary Lab. The cafeteria at Leonia High School will also be renovated and expanded. The addition will open in 2018.

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