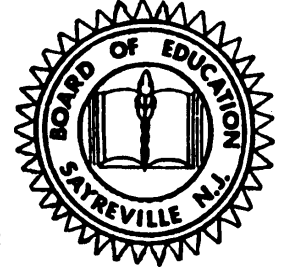


HEAD OF THE CLASS

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The Sayreville Board of Education congratulates the following people who are at the

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**SCOTT POORE
ERIC TSANG
MICHAEL KNIGHT
MICHAEL DELUCO
RAMON SANTIAGO**

SAYREVILLE BOMBER WRESTLERS

The Bomber wrestlers finished their season with 22 wins setting a new school record. Congratulations also to the above mentioned Bomber wrestlers for winning their respective weight classes at the District 20 Wrestling Tournament and placing second as a team.

SAYREVILLE BOYS' BASKETBALL SAYREVILLE GIRLS' BASKETBALL SAYREVILLE WINTER TRACK TEAMS

Congratulations on a fine season in each of your respective sports.

**MR. JOHN DENUTO
MRS RODIS-MAGAW
MR. SHAWN CURRIE
MRS. TARA (BOUCHARD) CURRIE
MR. BRETT SCULLY**

An interesting side note to the winter season is that John Denuto, head wrestling coach, Sarah Rodis-Magaw, head swimming coach, Shawn Currie, head boys' basketball coach, Tara (Bouchard) Currie, head girls' basketball coach and Brett Scully, head winter track coach as well as many of the assistant coaches are all Sayreville War Memorial High School graduates who have returned to Sayreville to teach and coach. What a testament and legacy this is to the Sayreville educational system that these fine students, teachers and coaches have returned to Sayreville to continue this Sayreville tradition of giving back. These coaches truly bleed Bomber Blue. Go Bombers and congratulations to all.

WILSON SCHOOL CHILDREN & PARENTS MS. SUSAN MAURER MRS. JOY POLLACK

Congratulations to Wilson School children and parents for their participation in the Jump-a-thon for Heart. The total amount raised was \$3,637 which is very substantial for a school with a population of 360 children. Our thanks to Ms. Susan Maurer and Mrs. Joy Pollack for their co-chairing of this event. Not only was the event successful from a charitable view, it was also a success as a health event in which children and staff enthusiastically participated.

MRS. MARIANNE COBELL TRUMAN SCHOOL STUDENTS

We're #1! That's what you may hear as you walk through Truman Elementary School. Congratulations again, to Mrs. Marianne Cobell, the 2005-06 recipient of the Artsonia Leadership Award, for her efforts and successfully integrating technology within the school art program. Artsonia is a website dedicated to showcasing students' artwork from schools throughout the nation. Truman School has been ranked #1 in New Jersey and #14 in the nation for their artwork that she has submitted to Artsonia. A great big THANK YOU to Mrs. Cobell for her amazing efforts, hard work and dedication that goes into making this such a success for the students and their families at Truman School.

BUDGET AND BUSING DEFEATED

Residents defeated the 2007-08 school budget as well as a second question which would reinstate courtesy busing for the 2007-08 school year. This is the second time residents have said 'no' to the school district offering courtesy busing. The budget now goes to the Borough Council for review and recommendations for cuts to the spending plan.

Sayreville has only passed 1/3 of its school budgets in the last fifteen years. Budgets were approved in 1993, 1996, 1999, 2002, and 2005. The frequency of such defeats make it difficult for the district to continue to fund programs such as field trips, technology, athletic programs, etc. In fact, a proposal for a new \$300,000 elementary school reading program which was included in this year's proposed budget was the victim of such a cut last year due to budget cap restrictions.

With only 3,000-4,000 residents casting ballots in the annual school board election each year, parents of children in the district have the overwhelming power to decide whether or not the school budget is approved. In fact, if only one parent of each student in our district voted, their vote would have a significant impact on the outcome of any spending plan which is put before the voters.

At this time, no decisions have been made by the Borough Council with regard to what to cut in the proposed budget and no information is available as to what the educational impact of such a cut would be.