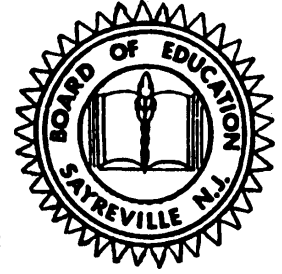


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Happy New Year! The Sayreville Board of Education congratulates those who are at the

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SAYREVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

In January 2007, the GoodWorx Foundation and the Sayreville Middle School started a pilot after-school program. The program was extremely successful and this year the GoodWorx program now has approximately thirty middle school students in the group. The three-part program includes academic support and tutoring, followed by seminars focusing on 12 different life skill topics, as well as a recreation component. The pupils have been learning communication skills such as how to successfully interview for a job and the use of proper etiquette in a controlled debate. This program also includes the Onward and Upward Program in which eighth-graders from the middle school and ninth-graders from the high school discuss transitional issues that they face going from middle to high school.

MICHAEL SQUILLACE

Congratulations to Sayreville War Memorial High School senior, Michael Squillace. During the first weekend of December, he received the highest score for his instrument in the region band and orchestra solo contest. There were 105 players in his section. He will play principal clarinet in the region orchestra this year.

SUSAN ELLISON

Arleth Elementary School would like to thank Sue Ellison for her donation of a Nintendo Wii game system as well as the "Dance, Dance, Revolution Arcade Game." Susan was a winner on "Wheel of Fortune" when it was filmed in NYC and chose Arleth School to be the recipient of this wonderful and generous gift. This program is being used in the "Healthy Bodies Club," an after-school program sponsored by the Arleth School PTO, but can easily be incorporated in Arleth's physical education program. Congratulations Susan and thank you!

The Arleth 3rd Grade Chorus performed its annual holiday chorus show. The 3rd Grade students had been rehearsing once a week since September and the 101 member chorus performed approximately 40 minutes of music. The show contained music of Christmas and Hanukkah as well as some other winter favorites. The show was very well received by the approximate 350 audience members who were there. Following the show, the PTO provided refreshments for the chorus members, their families and guest.

MARYELLEN HENN MAUREEN ROMANELLO TRUDY WALTERS

On December 4th, the CERT Program held a National Disaster Drill at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Old Bridge. Paraprofessional, Trudy Walters and MaryEllen

Henn from Arleth School as well as Maureen Romanello from Wilson School, participated in this procedure. We would like to thank these wonderful ladies for their dedication to this town.

SAMSEL UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Student Ambassadors from the Samsel Upper Elementary School delivered bus loads of food to the Sayreville Care and Share Food Bank. Food donations were collected from Arleth, Eisenhower, Samsel Upper Elementary and the Sayreville Middle School students in an attempt to help families within the community. Ms. Duda, Ms. Smith, Ms. Zupko, Ms. Hohman and Mrs. Daszkowski, the coordinators of the Student Ambassadors, assisted the children in delivering the food to Mr. & Mrs. Paul, two of the many volunteers who maintain the food bank in our town. Thank you to the teachers and the volunteers for setting good examples for our students and thank you to the parents and students who made donations so that others may have food available to them during this holiday season.

SAYREVILLE MEMBERS OF THE JAMES MONROE LIBERTY TEACHING FELLOWSHIP

Congratulations to eight members of the District's History Department who have been accepted as Fellows in the James Monroe Liberty Teaching Fellowship sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and the Monroe Township Board of Education. Kudos to Thomas Gentile, Supervisor of Humanities, who is the coordinator of this project and to high school teachers - Heimir Capati, Christopher Howard, Joseph Pastva; middle school teachers - Margaret Fallon, Pamela Chartock and upper elementary teachers Jeanna Duda, Nicholas Palermo and Melissa Perez. The program is entitled "Teaching American History: A Professional Development Program for Teachers of American History."

SWMHS RENAISSANCE HONOREES

Four hundred and seventy-seven (477) students were recognized at the First Quarter Renaissance Breakfast on December 14th. Invitations were distributed to those students who demonstrated both academic excellence (honor roll eligible) and responsible behavior.

SWMHS CHOIR

Our choir students became stars of their own Disney Show when they took the stage at the America Gardens Theatre. They traveled to Walt Disney World in Florida to take part in Disney Magic Music Days. Choral ensembles from throughout the country apply to perform each year as part of Disney Magic Music Days. The Sayreville Choir not only made the cut, but became stars in their own right. Congratulations to the Sayreville Choir. You will always be "Stars" to us!

Note: Fall Athletic Accolades to follow in February!