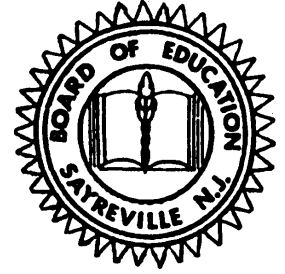


HEAD OF THE CLASS



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The Sayreville Board of Education congratulates those who are at the

Head of the Class

**MRS. CONNIE SIECZKOWSKI
MS. JESSICA SEVILLANO
HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOOL**

The Truman School students and their families continue to demonstrate that "Together They Can Do Great Things" for others by generously contributing to a December community service project called Operation Bear Hug. The outpouring of over 300 new cuddly teddy bear donations of all sizes and colors was an overwhelming success and will surely bring happiness to children in the area who are less fortunate. The teddy bears were donated to two organizations, Naomi's Way Program in New Brunswick and Joining Hands of East Brunswick. Special thanks to Ms. Jessica Sevillano, a student observer from Kean University and Mrs. Connie Sieczkowski, Principal's Secretary at Truman School, for coordinating the project with these organizations and delivering the teddy bears to the facilities.

**SAMSEL UES PTO
MARK GALLAGHER CONCRETE, INC.**

A great big THANK YOU to the Samsel Upper Elementary School PTO and Mark Gallagher Concrete, Inc. who together are responsible for the new Samsel Upper Elementary School sign which is now displayed in front of the building. The PTO donated the sign and Mark Gallagher Concrete, Inc. donated the concrete for the sign. Thank you for making our beautiful new school even more inviting!

**MS. BARBARA DeSANTIS
MRS. SANDI PAUL**

Congratulations to Barbara DeSantis, Social Studies and Science teacher at the Samsel Upper Elementary School and Sandi Paul, Director of Technology, for their outstanding work integrating technology into the classroom. Ms. DeSantis and Mrs. Paul submitted a program entitled "Integration of Technology in the Science Classroom" to the Superintendent's Technology Committee (Techspo) and this program was selected from hundreds of other applicants to be presented at this year's Techspo on January 31, 2008. This is a very big honor for both Ms. DeSantis and Mrs. Paul and a testament to their care and dedication to the students of Sayreville. Thank you both for making us so proud!

**HARRY S. TRUMAN SCHOOL
STUDENTS AND STAFF**

Kindness was contagious at Truman School during January 14 through 27, when the students, staff and parents participated in a "Kindness and Justice Challenge." During this time, teachers recorded random acts of kindness performed by students in school and parents recorded those at home. The project generated a lot of excitement and support with the students engaged in a total of 2,920 acts of kindness during the two week time period. Integrating this activity into

the math curriculum, the students were given data and the task of predicting how many acts of kindness would be completed by Truman School students. Congratulations to third graders, Hamna Khurram, Matthew Larsen and Brianna Krosnoski who were the winners of the contest with a prediction of 3,000 acts of kindness! Kudos to Mrs. Patricia Daly's kindergarten class who will be recognized and rewarded with a pizza party for committing 375 random acts of kindness. Also, compliments to Mrs. Deborah Glaser's first graders who received scented pencils in acknowledgment of committing 242 acts of kindness. Special thanks to the guidance counselor, Mrs. Phyllis Illions, for planning and coordinating this worthwhile character education project for Truman School.

**MRS. ADRIENNE VISONE
WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL STUDENTS**

Congratulations to Wilson School for its participation in a program to sponsor a military group serving in Iraq. An Army Ranger troop will be the recipients of letters, cards and donations of needed items. The children have collected warm socks, toiletries, cereal, gum and candies to send to the troops. The soldiers are looking forward to all of the messages and drawings from the children which will arrive in time for Valentine's Day. We are excited to be able to bring a smile to the faces of those who are serving and protecting our country. Our thanks to Mrs. Adrienne Visone, a Grade 3 teacher, who spearheaded the entire project.

**MR. TIMOTHY BYRNE
ARLETH FACULTY AND STAFF
McDONALD'S, OLD BRIDGE**

On Thursday, March 6, 2008, Mr. Timothy Byrne, Arleth School Principal, and the Arleth faculty will be working behind the counter taking orders to raise money for the new Arleth School playground from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Old Bridge McDonald's on Route 9. McDonald's will be donating 10% of their total sales during this time period to the Arleth PTO for the playground fund. Even if you can't come inside, the drive-thru orders will count towards the monies needed for the playground. Please stop in, order a quick and easy dinner, receive friendly and excellent service to add to your dining pleasure and support a most worthy cause. Even better, bring some friends, family and neighbors and share the experience!

2008-09 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Did you Know the Board is proposing ...

- ... 1,000 new computers district wide - double that of any previous school budget?*
- ... a new 4th and 5th grade reading series?*
- ... a certified teacher to infuse technology into our K-12 instructional program?*
- ... over \$1.6 million in facility and grounds renovations and improvements?*

**REMEMBER TO VOTE!
APRIL 15, 2008**