

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

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- During the month of February, Emma Arleth Elementary School collected \$1,900 in spare change for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society School and Youth Program. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education and patient services. Their mission is to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma and improve the quality of life for patients and their families. Arleth's school nurse, Judith Berg-Friel, R.N., coordinated this school fundraiser. Mrs. Comerford's third-grade class brought in the highest amount of spare change with Ms. Lyon's second-grade class coming in second. All of the money collected will help local patients and thousands of others fight blood cancers. Leukemia causes more deaths than any other cancer among children and young adults under the age of 20.
- "Flying into Fitness" is an important component of Truman School's theme, "Soaring to New Heights." To reinforce the significance of living a healthy life, Anne Skorupski, former Truman School student and junior at Sayreville War Memorial High School, presented lessons to second and third graders about the heart, eating healthy foods and the importance of exercise. Under the supervision of Truman School nurse, Charlene Kenny, Anne developed lessons on heart health as well as worksheets and other fun-filled activities. Anne, a member of the Girl Scouts, is striving to earn the highest award, the Gold Award, by completing various community service projects.

As part of this project, Anne had Truman students make cards that were attached to little dolls that senior citizens in the community sewed. These dolls will be given to children undergoing cardiac surgery at Robert Wood Hospital in New Brunswick and Mount Sinai Hospital in New York. The students also wrote letters to family members and friends stressing living a heart-healthy lifestyle.

Kudos to Anne on an outstanding job on her "Heart Felt Hugs" project! Those at Truman felt honored to have her return to her former school to "make a difference" in the lives of the young students.

- Wilson School children were thrilled to host a visit from Justin Tuck, Number 91 on the New York Giants football team. He read to four grade two classes and visited every classroom in the school. He was amazed at the school spirit of the children and staff since there were teacher-made banners and bulletin boards to welcome him. Both children and staff wore Giants shirts. He autographed team and individual pictures for the children and asked for a drawing of him created by one of our first-grade children. Our thanks to Susan Maurer, physical education teacher, who through her contacts at NJEA, was able to arrange to have Justin Tuck visit our school. What an exciting day!

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- Congratulations to Sayreville Bomber Wrestling Coach John Denuto for being named The Home News Tribune's 2007 Wrestling Coach of the Year. The Bomber wrestlers finished their season with 22 wins setting a new school record. Congratulations also to the following Bomber wrestlers for winning their respective weight classes at the District 20 Wrestling Tournament and placing second as a team. They are:

Seniors - Scott Poore
 - Eric Tsang
Juniors - Michael Knight
 - Michael DeLuco
Sophomore - Ramon Santiago

Congratulations to all the Bomber wrestlers and coaches on a highly successful season.

- Another shout-out of congratulations to sophomore swimming sensation, Alex Rataczyk for being named The Home News Tribune's 2007 Boys' Swimmer of the Year. Alex single-handedly stole the show at the GMC Championships winning the 50 and 100 meter races in near record time. Congratulations also to swimming coach Sarah Rodis-Magaw and her coaching staff and all the Bombers swimmers on a fine season.
- We would also like to congratulate the boys' and girls' basketball and winter track teams on their fine season.
- 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.