

Focus on Franklin

October 24, 2016

Franklin Middle School

Congratulations are in order for Lauren Kozubal, FMS seventh-grader! Lauren was selected as a winner in the NJ State Recycling Poetry Contest. Lauren wrote her poem in her sixth-grade ELA class with teacher, Dwight McCaulsky, and was chosen as one of three Sampson G. Smith School winners in April 2016. The other finalists were Ayush Mukherjee and Neela Melkot.

Students were invited to submit poems of 100 words or less explaining why they believe recycling is important, why all students and schools should participate in their local recycling programs, and how best to improve New Jersey's recycling rate. The three Sampson G. Smith School finalists' poems were advanced to the state-level competition and Lauren was one of twelve winners chosen at the statewide level.

Franklin High School

Congratulations to Dana Karas, our Director of Guidance, who just won the 2017 New Jersey State School Counselor of the Year from the NJ School Counselor Association.

Congratulations as well to our Franklin High School marching band who, under the direction of Daniel Berz and Eric Diaz, competed in the Yamaha competition at MetLife Stadium earlier this month. They competed against 9 of the top bands from New Jersey and Connecticut. The band finished in first place, also winning the caption for Best Overall Effect.

Further congratulations to FHS Alumni, Gary Kordun - Class of 1989, who was recently nominated for an Emmy for his work on several TV shows. Mr. Kordun is the Art Director of Gary Kordun Productions and is responsible for production design on the shows' sets. Having colleagues in the industry nominate Mr. Kordun is a huge compliment, and we are very proud of his accomplishments.

A final word on the Franklin High School front, this week is Homecoming and several exciting events are scheduled including the pep rally and bonfire on Thursday, October 27th at 6 PM and the homecoming football against Hillsborough on Friday, October 28th at 7 PM. Hot 97 Radio Station is scheduled to be at the game. Please join our Warriors if you can.

Please remember to get out and vote on November 8th.