

**REPORT TO
THE FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

NOVEMBER 19, 2015

**REPORTS OF
BUILDING PRINCIPALS FOR
OCTOBER 2015**

Conerly Road School

Report to the Superintendent
for the Board of Education
for the Month of October 2015

I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Oct. 2	PBS Launch
Oct. 5	PD Meeting
Oct. 6	Assembly for (PreK-4) for RED RIBBON WEEK
Oct. 6	Pink Tuesday (Breast Cancer Awareness Month)
Oct. 5-9	Fire Prevention Week
Oct. 8	Fire Prevention Day (assembly for all grades)
Oct. 9	Fall Picture Day
Oct. 12	NO SCHOOL – In-Service Day
Oct. 13	World Math Day
Oct. 13	Pink Tuesday (Breast Cancer Awareness Month)
Oct. 14	Fire Prevention Day with Firemen
Oct. 16	Junior Achievement Day
Oct. 19-23	PTO Book Fair
Oct. 19	PD Meeting
Oct. 20	Pink Tuesday (Breast Cancer Awareness Month)
Oct. 21	Flu Clinic
Oct. 22	Safety Meeting
Oct. 22	PBS Meeting
Oct. 23	FIRE DRILL
Oct. 25-30	Bully, RED RIBBON WEEK
Oct. 26	LOCKDOWN
Oct. 27	Pink Tuesday (Breast Cancer Awareness Month)
Oct. 30	HALLOWEEN Parade

Upcoming Dates:

Nov. 2	PD Meeting
Nov. 2	PTO Meeting
Nov. 5	NO SCHOOL Teacher's Convention
Nov. 6	NO SCHOOL Teacher's Convention
Nov. 9	PD Meeting
Nov. 16	½ Day for Students (Staff PD Meeting)
Nov. 18	PTO Pretzel Day
Nov. 18	Paraprofessional Day
Nov. 20	Picture Day (Makeup)
Nov. 25	½ Day for Staff and Students
Nov. 26	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving
Nov. 27	NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving

Nov. 30 Parent Teacher Conference (day)

II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – STAFF

Joy Kuchinsky

Maxine Robinson

National Council of Teacher of Mathematics Convention. Attended a variety of workshops dealing with many facts of mathematics such as formative assessments and small group instruction.

October 22, 2015

District Math workshop for all third grade math teachers. Completed work on various strategies to teach our classes and in the afternoon we had a session by an i-Ready consultant and how best to use it as a tool to drive instruction.

October 23, 2015

NJPSA/FEA/NJASCD Innovate Fall Conference

Ocean Place, Resort, Long Branch, NJ

Featured Guest Speakers – David Pogue, Founder of Yahoo Tech

Dr. Yong Zhao, Presidential Chair and Director of Global Online Education in the College of Education, University of Oregon

Sessions: 1. RX for Success/ What Makes a Great School

2. Keeping Our Children Safe; One School at a Time

3. AchieveNJ from the Principal's Post: Looking Back
Looking Ahead, Weighing In

4. Change Beliefs Before Climate and Culture

Dr. Donna S. Burnett

October 22 & 23, 2015

PARCC Registrations Completed for all CRS Staff

III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Asante Harris and Jessica Teach/ Franklin High School Students

Girl Scout Silver Award

Conducted a scavenger hunt using the school wide positive behavior rules with Ms. Fontella Best/Kindergarten students

October 26, 2015

Lauren Tragale and Madison Whiting/Franklin High School Students

Girl Scout Silver Award

Completed a Mural Project in the school library at Conerly Road School by promoting reading.

October 26, 2015

Grades 3 & 4 Teachers Nominated for Mickelson Exxon Mobile Teachers Academy www.sendmyteacher.com

James DeMaio – Grade 3

Kathleen Hatoff - Grade 4

Meredith DiMezza – Grade 3

Sue Ladd - Grade 4

Sarah Greenfield – Grade 3

Grisel Panchery – Grade 4

Joy Kuchinsky – Grade 3

Maxine Robinson – Grade 4

Felicia Osley – Grade 3

Jean Walker – Grade 4

IV. ACHIEVEMENT TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

By June 2015 third and fourth grade students shall have scored at or ABOVE STATE BENCHMARKS IN PARCC FOR MATHEMATICS

Sarah Grumet, Math Coach

Coaching

- Conferring teachers on the implementation of the GO Math curriculum in our classroom
- Collaborating with teachers to create standards based activities
- Assisted teachers with Math Centers to support the standards
- Assisting with setting up ST Math and First in Math

Professional Learning:

- October 16, 2015, First in Math Training
- October 23, 2015, NCTM Conference

Professional Development:

- October 13, 2015
 - Instructional Rounds

Meetings

- October 6 and 7, 2015: Math Assessment Grade Level Meetings: Grades K-4
 - Problem Solving Task
 - Data Analysis:
 - MAP
 - RIT Scores
 - Points to Grow
 - Learning Continuum
 - iReady
 - Class Reports
 - Profiles 1-5
 - Grouping Profile
 - Instructional Priorities
 - Tools for Instruction
 - Small Group Instructional Planning
- Math Coach Meeting:
 - October 9, 2015
- Coaching the Coaches:
 - October 16, 2015

Other

- Administer iReady and MAP to new students
- Assisted teachers with their SGOs
- Monthly Estimation Activity

By June 2015 third and fourth grade students shall have scored at or ABOVE STATE BENCHMARKS IN PARCC FOR LITERACY

Lisa Cassell - Literacy

- Assisted with testing students for MAP and iReady.
- Ordered books to support read alouds, classroom libraries and units of study.
- Held grade level meetings

Classroom Instruction

Tested any incoming new students for MAP or iReady

Conducted the following meetings:

Kindergarten GLM:

October 23rd, 2015

- Vocabulary
- Looking at the data
- Literacy block (purpose)
- Book Inventories
- Coaching Cycles

Follow up for next meeting:

Nicole Petronio will share out how she uses her read aloud effectively across the day to connect the literacy block.

1st Grade GLM:

October 23rd, 2015

- How do we get kids to read?
- Word Study vs. Sight Words
- Assessments (MAP)
- Coaching Cycles

Follow up for next meeting:

Anusha Narayanarao will share out how she uses her read aloud effectively across the day to connect the literacy block.

Submitted by,

Dr. Donna S. Burnett

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ELIZABETH AVENUE SCHOOL

Report To The Superintendent for the Board of Education Month of October 2015

I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- October 1 ➤ September Bus Reward Party
- October 2 ➤ PBS Kick Off Assemblies – 1:45 Gr. K-2 & 2:15 Gr. 3-4
- October 6 ➤ PTO Meeting-7:00 p.m. EAS Library
- October 5-9 ➤ Week of Respect w/Assembly on 10/7
- October 7 ➤ Fire Drill Practiced
- October 9 ➤ PBS Freaky Friday
- October 12 ➤ No School for Students – Teacher In Service Day
- October 16 ➤ Lifetouch School Picture Day
- October 21 ➤ PBS Family Pumpkin Decorating 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- October 22 ➤ Evacuation Drill Practiced
- October 26-30 ➤ Red Ribbon Week
- October 26 ➤ PTO Spirit Sticks Sale during lunch periods
- October 30 ➤ Halloween Parade @ 1:45 followed by classroom celebrations

II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – STAFF

- October 26 Math Round Team visited many classrooms-meant to support instruction, focus was on Component 3B (Danielson) Questioning and Discussion Techniques and 3C-Engaging Students in Learning.
- October 30 Title I Teachers, E. Thompson, D. Rogers, M. Wesalo, A. Keane and S. Samaroo hold a Parent Workshop – “Does Your Child Receive Title I Intervention”

III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- October 21 ➤ Ms. Thompson's 2nd Grade Class
- October 22 ➤ Mrs. Pennetto's 4th Grade Class hold a Realistic Fiction Stories Publishing Party
- October **Students of the Month:**
 - FIRST GRADE:**
Nathan Ankrah, Maryan Bangura, Trinity Bobb, Alexander De Jesus, Kaitlyn Henkes, Danny Ortega
 - SECOND GRADE:**
Aisha Ahmed, Aylin Chanez, Heidi Davila Chanez, Sanvi Majmudar, Heidy Vera Parra
 - THIRD GRADE:**
Tiffany Gonzalez, Ava Ling, Sofia Parillo, Javier Rentas Torres, Abigail Sesay, Monica Vivas
 - FOURTH GRADE:**
Novea Armour, Haliyyah Badmus, Emma Desai, Dyanara Duran, Tamia Gladden, Zoe Ling, Samiyah Virgo

IV. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 3 ➤ PTO Meeting-7:00 p.m. EAS Library
- November 4 ➤ October Bus Reward Party
- November 5&6 ➤ No School- NJEA Convention
- November 14 ➤ PTO Designer Bag Bingo held at FHS
- November 16 ➤ Minimum Session Day
- November 18 ➤ LifeTouch Picture Retake
- November 20 ➤ Pajama Day
- November 23 ➤ PTO Spirit Sticks Sale during lunch periods
- November 25 ➤ Minimum Session Day
- November 26-27 ➤ Thanksgiving – No School
- November 30-December 4 ➤ Parent Teacher Conference Week – Minimum Session all week

V. ACHIEVEMENT TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

Elizabeth Ave School Monthly Report for October 2015 Mary Melito, Mathematics Coach

Coaching

- Ensured that teachers had all necessary materials to implement instruction.
- Unpacked CCSS with teachers.
- Met with AIS teachers to assist in focus of instruction.
- Attended classes during small group instruction.
- Observed teachers lessons.
- Discussed Pacing of Curriculum with Teachers
- Resolve Think Central issues.
- Help add classes and students to think central and first in math.
- Assisted in planning lessons for observations
- Assisted teachers in administrating NWEA MAP and I-Ready district wide assessments.
- Assisted teachers in writing SGO's
- Modeled lessons
- Co Taught Lessons

Professional Learning

- Curriculum Planning Meetings
- NWEA MAP Training
- Go Math Think Central training
- National Counsel of Supervisors of Mathematics
- Instructional Rounds
- Grade 3 Multiplication/Division PD
- Grade 4 Multiplication/Division PD

Grade Level Meetings

- Facilitated Grade Level Meetings around Curriculum Pacing.
- Facilitated Grade Level Meetings around Visible Thinking and Classroom Discussions

Meetings

- Math Coach meetings.
- Coaching the Coaches
- PDI Planning meetings

Highlights For the Month

- Continue to support and inspire teachers in math and improving conferences and small groups instruction in math to improve student achievement.

Presentations:

- NWEA MAP training

Elizabeth Ave School Monthly Report for October 2015 Suzanne Oliver, Literacy Coach

Coaching

- Helped teachers with their SGOs for 2015-2016 school year
- Assisted teachers in planning their observations
- Provided a professional development on Interactive Read Aloud
- Book study with second grade teachers – Reading Strategies

Professional Learning

- Planning Meetings with coaches
- Coaching the Coaches

Meetings

- GLM – worked with teachers on forming groups for SGO

Highlights For the Month

- Continue to support and inspire teachers in literacy and improving conferences and small groups instruction in literacy to improve student achievement.
- Case coordinator for I&RS – met with teachers to discuss cases
- Presented PD for District Wide Coaches on Coaching Cycles

Other

- Started schoolwide book order
- Compiled and analyzed MAP and I-Ready data with teachers
- Attended writing celebrations
- Attended Rutgers Reading Field Trip with fourth grade students

Respectfully submitted,

John Haney

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Principal, Elizabeth Avenue School

Franklin Park School
Report to the Superintendent
for the Board of Education
Month of October, 2015

I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

October 1	3 rd Grade Dance Troupe Tryouts
October 5	FPS Staff 60 Minute Meeting – Topic: SGO 2.1 Overview Literacy Grade Level Meeting (1 & 4) Launch of Month of Respect
October 6	Math Grade Level Meeting 4th Grade Dance Troupe Practice Audition Respect Yourself – Crunch Fitness Experience
October 7	4 th Grade Dance Troupe Practice
October 8	Be More Awesome Assembly as part of the Week of Respect 4 th Grade Dance Troupe Tryouts
October 9	Respect Yourself – Crunch Fitness Experience
October 12	No School – Columbus Day Staff In-Service FPS Staff 60 Minute Meeting
October 13	PTO Meeting
October 14	Math Grade Level Meeting
October 15	Literacy Grade Level Meeting (K & 2)
October 15-16	Fall Pictures
October 16	Literacy Grade Level Meeting (3)
October 19	FPS Staff 60 Minute Meeting Dance Troupe Rehearsal FTPD Violence Awareness Presentation
October 20	Fall Pictures Math-Instructional Rounds
October 21	FTPD Violence Awareness Presentation
October 22	Kindergarten Trip – Snyder Farm Literacy Grade Level Meeting (1 & 4) FTPD Violence Awareness Presentation
October 23	“Be a Respectful Rockstar” Day PBS Booster Assembly Math Grade Level Meeting
October 28	Peacemaker Recognition
October 30	Birthday Recognition for the month Fall Festival/Parade of Costumes Math Grade Level Meeting

II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - STAFF

September 28	Physical Education Teacher, Mary Riccardi attended Hemophilia workshop offered at FPS
October 5	Occupational Therapist, Alison Voss attended a conference in Eatontown, NJ titled: EFFECTIVE EARLY INTERVENTION - Using Play and Other Treatment Concepts to Treat Sensory and Motor Deficits in Children
October 6	Speech and Language Therapist, Sarah Lael through the American Speech-Hearing and Language Association completed a webinar titled: "Speech-Language Goals that Reflect the Common Core State Standards (and Extended Standards)" Physical Education Teacher, Mary Riccardi attended EdConnect workshop offered at Samson G Smith School
October 8	Fourth Grade Teacher, Lindsay Sena attended Rutgers Webinar titled: Problem Solving. Speech and Language Therapist, Sarah Lael and Physical Education Teacher, Mary Riccardi attended Hearing Loss and Assistive Listening Devices workshop offered by the Summit Speech School at FPS.
October 11	Speech and Language Therapist, Sarah Lael earned hours of continuing education through the American Speech-Hearing and Language Association in Education journal articles.
October 12	Resource Teacher, Jessica Tomasino and LLD Teacher, Leticia Garlara facilitated: Differentiating Instruction in Reading and Writing during the Professional Development Day.
October 14	School Psychologist, Bella Bellow, MA and Resource Teacher, Pamela Jennings attended a workshop sponsored by Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Titled: Strategies for teaching students with Vision Impairments at the Conference Center at Mercer in West Windsor, NJ.
October 15	Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Gina Feldman attended a workshop sponsored by Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Titled: Low vision Sensory at the Conference Center at Mercer in West Windsor, NJ.
October 19 & 21	Speech and Language Therapist, Sarah Lael earned hours of continuing education through the American Speech-Hearing and Language Association in Education journal articles.
October 21	Math Coach, Kim O'Brien attended the 2015 NCSM Annual Conference in Atlantic City.
October 22	Second Grade Teacher, Amy Kriska and Fourth Grade Math Teacher Tania Kelly attended the NCTM 2015 Regional Conference & Exposition in Atlantic City.
October 26	Speech and Language Therapist, Sarah Lael attended a webinar titled: Assessing Language Production using SALT (Systematic Analysis of Language Transcripts)

III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Month of October	During the month of October, Grade Three students with their teachers Tracy Molinari and Deborah Walczyk completed their classroom food drive. They donated all items collected to the Franklin Food Bank.
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- October 13-14** Fire Prevention Week at Franklin Park School. We were lucky to have Franklin Park Fire Company, Station 11 come and visit the school to teach both our Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Students about fire safety! Our students enjoyed seeing the fire truck. The children got to see all the tools and equipment on the truck as well as seeing a Firefighter in full gear on. We had a great visit. Thanks Station 11!
- October 19, 21 & 22** FTPD Violence Awareness Presentation was given in classrooms. The officers gave lessons on school safety, violence prevention, and Halloween safety. Also, presentations were provided on the district HIB system.
- October 22** Our Kindergarten Students enjoyed a class trip to Snyders Farm, where they enjoyed picking pumpkins, playing in the corn sandbox as well as many other fall activities.
- October 23** FPS *Dress Like A Rockstar Day*. Staff members and students were encouraged to dress in their best Rockstar attire.
- October 28** Our Kindergarten teachers held an informational workshop for Kindergarten parents to have a better understanding of Reading and Writing Workshop, the Math Workshop Model, and how they can help Foster independence at home.
- October 30** FPS Parade of Costumes. Parents were able to view the amazing costumes that our FPS students wore as they paraded around the perimeter of the blacktop area outside.

IV. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 2** FPS Staff 60 Minute Meeting
Literacy Grade Level Meeting (K & 2)
- November 3** Literacy Grade Level Meeting (3)
- November 5-6** No School – NJEA Convention
- November 9** FPS Staff 60 Minute Meeting
Soaring Words (4th Grade)
- November 10** PTO Meeting
- November 11** Literacy Grade Level Meeting (1 & 4)
- November 12** Math Grade Level Meeting
- November 16** FPS Staff 60 Minute Meeting
Minimum Session – Pre-K – 6
- November 17** First Marking Period Ends
- November 18** Math Night
- November 19** Math Grade Level Meeting
- November 20** Birthday Recognition for the month
Literacy Grade Level Meeting (K & 2)
- November 23** Literacy Grade Level Meeting (3)
- November 25** Report Cards Distributed
Peacemaker Recognition
Minimum Session – Pre-K – 6
Jerzy Jump Night
- November 26-27** No School

November 30

Thanksgiving Recess
Minimum Session – Pre-K – 6
Parent / Teacher Day Conferences
Scholastic Book Fair

V. ACHIEVEMENT TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

By June 2016, third and fourth grade students shall meet the AMO target as measured by the PARCC in Language Arts Literacy.

1. Staff will continue their grade level meetings to discuss and plan for successful practices in the areas of literacy working collaboratively with administration and the literacy coach in their examination of the Common Core, the district's diagnostic measures, and district and building goals in the area of Language Arts/Literacy.
2. Pre -Kindergarten to Grade Four staff will participate in a professional learning community based on David Burgess text, Teach Like A Pirate. Staff will discuss and explore practical methods and innovative ideas for maximizing student engagement.
3. Administration has continued its implementation bottom lines in the area of language arts/literacy including, but not limited to:
 - Teaching Point posted which focuses on instructional strategy rather than activity
 - Meeting area to accommodate the whole class
 - Desks clustered in groups of four to six to facilitate collaborative work
 - Reading Logs for Grades 2, 3 and 4
 - Reading tracking system for Grades K & 1
 - Reader's Response Journals for Grades 3 and 4
 - Partners clearly established and identified
 - Evidence of on-going conferring systems
 - Classroom Library that is 1/3 leveled and 2/3 genre/themed/author based
 - On-going use of Personalized Writer's Notebook
 - Continual maintenance and deliberate use of word walls
 - Targeted Tier II and Tier III vocabulary work which encompasses word exploration with the grade level "Words that Rock".

These bottom-lines will be monitored through the use of Teachscape's Walk-Through Tool.

4. Kindergarten through Grade 4 staff will administer diagnostic assessments and regularly evaluate outcomes to identify specific domains, skills and sub-skills that students exceed or need interaction so to provide daily, individualized, differential opportunities for all students in Language Arts/Literacy.
5. For 2015-2016 administration will continue to conduct monthly focus walks as a mechanism for providing constructive feedback to teachers of reading to establish and/or embellish balanced literacy environments within each classroom.

By June 2016, third and fourth grade students shall meet the AMO target as measured by the PARCC in Mathematics.

1. The staff will continue their grade level meetings to further dialogue their successful practices in the areas of math working collaboratively with administration and the mathematics coach in their examination of the Common Core, the Math Workshop model, ST Math, district diagnostic assessments, and the Go Math series, K-4.
2. Pre-Kindergarten to Grade Four staff will participate in a professional learning community based on David Burgess text, Teach Like A Pirate. Staff will discuss and explore practical methods and innovative ideas for maximizing student engagement.
3. Administration has continued its implementation bottom lines in the area of mathematics inclusive of:
 - Math Journals for Grades K through 4
 - Math manipulatives labeled and accessible
 - Adjustment of Math Workshop Block to allow for 20 minute small group time to be delivered first
 - Math word wall accessible and updated for current unit as defined within Rubicon
 - Evidence of on-going conferring system

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Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Sury Scott

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Principal - Franklin Park School

Hillcrest School

Report To The Superintendent for the Board of Education for the Month of October 2015

I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

October 5 – Faculty Meeting

Assembly for "Respect"

October 5-9 – "Peace-ing Our School Together" Project.

The culminating school wide activity took place at Hillcrest School fields. All teachers, staff and students assembled as a school community to share their class piece of a puzzle which is now on display in our main corridor.

October 12 – No school/teacher in-service

October 21 – HIB student assemblies

October 23 – Title 1, grade 4 students were invited to the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick to attend a presentation from author, Marc Aronson. All students received a signed copy of his latest book, "The Skull In The Rock, which is a nonfiction book about Science and a boy's curiosity.

October 26 & 27 – School pictures

October 30 – Halloween Parade

II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - STAFF

1. Principal's/Director's Meeting
2. Administrative-District Meeting
3. New Jersey School Counselor Association Convention attended by Jen Pasqua 10/12
4. District Safety/HIB Meeting – 10/14
5. School Safety/HIB Meeting – 10/23

III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Morning Announcements: Ms. Thomas' 4th Grade class, Mrs. Wands', Mr. Sheffrin & Ms. Sutlics' 3rd grade classes.

IV. SAFETY DRILLS

October 7 – Fire Drill

October 21 – Shelter in Place

October 30 – Emergency Shelter in Place

V. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 5 & 6 – No School – NJEA Convention

Nov. 16 – Minimum Day Session

Nov. 17 – End of first marking period

Nov. 25 – Report Card distribution

Minimum Day Session

VI. ACHIEVEMENT TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

The coaches are supportive in achieving the district goals in curriculum and instruction, and with assisting teachers to improve student progress, especially in the area of meeting and exceeding the Common Core State Standards.

Coaching

- Meet with teachers to review implementation of the Go Math! resources in our classrooms.
- Coaching Cycles with teachers in grades K-2.
- Collaborate with teachers to create standards based activities and lessons.
- Meet with teachers to review small strategy groups using data.
- Work together with teachers to use data to drive instruction.
- School-Wide First In Math initiative
- Assist teachers with using technology to enhance their math lessons (i.e. iPads)
- Assist and support teachers with implementing ST Math pilot program
- Attend I&RS meetings
- Math Fact Challenge

The literacy Coach provides resources, materials and strategies to teachers to help guide them in the implementation of the Reading and Writing workshop to improve student achievement. This month the Literacy Coach

- Placed book orders to support curriculum
- Planned and conducted grade level meetings for grades K-4.
- Provided support for teachers through coaching cycles.
- Assisted teachers in the development of their SGO's.
- Assisted teachers in the administration of the MAP assessment.

Evelyn Rutledge M.Ed.
Principal

**MacAfee Road School
Report To The Superintendent
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Month of October 2015**

I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Oct 1	Jersey Care Workshops
Oct 8	First PTO Meeting
Oct 8	Fall Pictures
Oct 12	No School – Teacher In-service
Oct 13	ABC for Fitness Pilot
Oct 16	Kick Off Event for Event
Oct 16-23	Fall Book Fair
Oct 19-23	Box Tops for Education Contest
Oct 30	Halloween Parties in Classroom
Oct 31	Walk-A-Thon/Trunk or Treat

II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – STAFF

Ms. Landesman – Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten class has learned so much this month. We have used our five senses in investigating pumpkins. We use our mathematics skills by matching and comparing numbers with paper pumpkins and pumpkin seeds. We have participated in fire prevention week, reading and learning about safety in school. In writing, we have been looking closely at objects such as leaves, flowers, etc. and labeling what we see.

Titi Ashiavor –School Nurse

*Nurses reviewed teachscape and rubric for school nurses.

*Attended :

New Jersey State Nurse School Nurse Association Professional Development "Workshop for Current and Emerging Leaders"

Somerset County School Nurse Association Professional Development "NJ DOE Updates with the Coordinator for School Health- Christine Dewitt-Parker"

*Letters sent out to all parents whose students are noncompliant with immunization and medical records.

Jennifer Sperry Third Grade Teacher attended Multiplication/Division Workshop by Iris Blay
Friday, October 23rd

III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Sharon Seiwert – 3rd Grade - MacAfee Road

As part of MacAfee's 50th Anniversary Celebration on October 1st, volunteers from Jersey Cares and Lilly took part in projects designed to beautify MacAfee Road School. Over 70 volunteers donated their time, materials and creativity. Some volunteers painted murals on the school's hallway walls, while others led fitness or nutrition workshops, and still others were outside, doing plantings or weeding. The men and women outside worked hard on building and staining plant boxes, and staining picnic benches for the elementary school's students.

The group was part of a contingent of dozens of Eli Lilly employees who took the day to volunteer to do projects at the school as part of Lilly's "Global Day of Service."

United States Map on the Playground

Charlotte Glassen (Paraprofessional) coordinated the re-painting of the United States Map on the MacAfee Road School playground. Charlotte worked with the AT&T Pioneers who provided all of the necessary supplies for volunteers. Charlotte also coordinated with the MacAfee PTO for additional volunteers. The project was completed over three days during the week of October 6, 2015

Fire Safety Week

The students at MacAfee participated in a fire safety demonstration. They were able to walk through a fire truck and listen as the firemen explained how the truck works. They then viewed a fire safety video and listened as the fireman explained the importance of smoke detectors and how to escape when a fire is present. The students watched intently as the firemen got into their gear.

Sammy the therapy dog came to visit MacAfee

Sammy, a Redtick-Coonhound mix, works as a therapy dog. Sammy, who is owned by Nancy Turner of Somerset, participates in special education classes, visits nursing homes and comes to the pediatric unit and other hospital floors.

Sammy, the therapy dog, was rescued from a shelter in August 2009. Turner, who had Sammy certified as a therapy dog in March 2010, said he is a natural for this sort of work: "This dog has a gift. He loves to be around people and they love to be around him. Sammy is very sweet, very bright, and he's calm and mellow."

The students watched as Sammy followed commands and they learned to respect people with disabilities and differences.

First grade had 4-H come in and do a lesson about the importance of worms in the earth. The children learned why worms are important to the soil, their role in the soil, and characteristics of worms.

They were also afforded the opportunity to handle worms and try to figure out which worms were babies, teenagers, or adults based on their traits.

Mrs. Schnure arranged for the first and second grade of MacAfee Road School to be treated to a special puppet show called Maggie and the Good Character Band Wagon. The show was presented by the Experiential Theatre Company. The show taught the children about respecting others. A big thank you to Christopher Parks, the Producing Artistic Director who so generously provides us with a spectacular show every year.

Growing a Garden of Readers Kick Off

On Friday, October 16th the Growing A Garden of Readers Program celebrated a new year of reading at the fall kick-off event. The night was filled with fun activities for students which included; face painting, pumpkin decorating, popcorn hands, scarecrow activity, and a scary book and goals station. Students set reading goals for this year and are displayed in a pumpkin patch bulletin board. As a school since it is our 50th Anniversary we came up with the idea of us reading 25,000 books by the end of the year, 50 books per student. Each student that reads 50 books will put a hand print on the wall above our newly painted 50th year mural. This event promoted reading and engaged students in fun activities. The book fair also took place that night and was a wonderful way for parents and students to shop for books together.

Let's Be Friends Assembly

Students at MacAfee learned from this program how to be kind to one another and the program also included a powerful anti-bullying message as well as a fun approach to encouraging healthy choices. Movie clips, lots of action and fun music engaged and captivated the kids and teachers alike!

Stacey Resnick Grade One

Professional:

- Attended Faculty, Grade Level Meetings, Collaborative and Speech Meetings
- Scheduled readers for the MacAfee Road School Guest Reading Program
- Coordinated Halloween Party with Homeroom Captain
- Coordinated, scheduled and hosted Midland School
- Coordinated, scheduled, and planned a lesson with a guest scientist for the next unit of study

Classroom:

- Students attended the Fire Prevention Assembly
- Students attended the Bully Week Assembly
- Students practiced their first school bus evacuation
- Students wrote Thank you letters to the Firemen
- Students wrote cards and letters to the Veterans at the Lyons (to be mailed and received for Veteran's Day)
- Students celebrated October Birthdays
- Halloween Party
- Students took turns taking home the class mascot MacGiraffeAfee for the weekend. They took a photo with him and wrote about their experience in the Mac Journal.
- Students participated in an interactive discovery special guest lesson for 4H about worms, soil, and composting to align with the standards for our science unit regarding soil and erosion.
- Students participated in "Outdoor Classroom"-Class was held in the garden courtyard for writing workshop, reading workshop and science. Students then went on a scavenger hunt for items found in nature to fill their baggies. The contents of the baggies were later used as a recall and visualization strategy to encourage and support them to use all their senses as when writing a small moment piece for our writing workshop unit of study.
- Students attended the Book Fair

MacAfee 50th year Celebration for Halloween.

Yesterday, Halloween, was an amazing day for MacAfee! As usual our staff rose to the occasion and created an event for our kids that is noteworthy, extremely well organized, safe and fun for all students and parents. The entire day, from the early morning walk a ton, during the sports fun events hosted by MacAfee Alumni and of course, the record breaking Trunk or Treat with 90 registered decorated cars was spectacular!!!

Besides the Fun, this event proves the growing commitment of our staff to the life and welfare of their school community. For you, it is not just a job, you gave up an entire Saturday, anything left of it was spent recuperating, lol. The parents and the students admire you, dozens of staff, for your dedication to your role as Teacher!

Many of you took amazing strides in core Leadership development. Jay Hooper and your entire team with the leadership of Sarah Oliveira, Marisa Torre, Sue Lenczewski, Torrie Hurd, Sharon Seiwert and so many connected committees like table participant registration, food distribution, security and parking, sports and zumba activities, the walk a thon with our PTO and of course the organization of all those cars. Just amazing!!!

A special thank you to Rebekah Solomon, Supervisor of Health and Phys Ed, so her direct involvement in a neighboring school and facility to run seamlessly. We thank the custodial and security staff of FMS for their cheerful and helpful attitude.

This is a great beginning to all the coming events and activities for the 50th Anniversary! At the Walk a Thon I gathered the walkers at the Warrior Rock a site where the athletes touch to build team spirit in the Warrior Tradition..... You certainly demonstrated that Warrior spirit on October 31st.... Mr. Grippo (Mac the Giraffe also thanks you!!)

IV. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 3 – 17	Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser
Nov 3	Vote for Board of Education Members
Nov 5 – 6	No School – NJEA Conference
Nov 9	Fall Pictures Retakes
Nov 10	PTO Meeting
Nov 11	Veterans Day Lunch
Nov 13	Vera Bradley Bag Bingo
Nov 16	Minimum Session
Nov 18	Dictionary Giveaway
Nov 19	Showcase- December 5th Curriculum Expo/Franklin's Finest-school assemblies
Nov 20	Fall Harvest Dance
Nov 25	Minimum Session Day
Nov 26-27	No School – Thanksgiving Recess
Nov 30	Minimum Session Day – Parent Teacher Conferences

V. ACHIEVEMENT TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

Crystina Cardozo, Math Coach

Coaching

- Assisted teachers with writing their SGOs
 - Assisted teachers with understanding their data from the MAP and i-Ready assessments
- Professional Learning:
- October 12, SGO In-service & ST Math Training
 - October 16, First in Math Training
 - October 23, 3rd Grade PD
 - October 29, 4th Grade PD

Professional Development:

- National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Fall Seminar: Shifting Beliefs and Mindsets
October 21, 2015

Jaime Means – Literacy Coach

In month of October,

- the literacy coach continued to pursue her Orton Gillingham Certification.
- the coach attended district wide coaches' meetings.
- she assisted in the analyzing of Map and I-ready diagnostic assessment.
- she continued to hold her regularly scheduled Grade Level Meetings and Literacy Coaching Cycles.

Respectfully submitted

William Grippo

William Grippo, Principal
MacAfee Road School

Pine Grove Manor School
Report to the Superintendent
for the Board of Education
for the Month of October 2015

I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

October

5 – 9 Week of Respect
6- Science Enrichment Program Begins
8 – PTO Meeting
9 – PBS Rally; Family Game Night
16 – Fire Prevention Assembly
17- PGM PTO Community Yard Sale
23 – Rutgers Reading Club: Author Reading for 4th Grade at the Hyatt Hotel in New Brunswick
26-30 Red Ribbon Week
28 – Life Touch Picture Day for PGM; PACER Program
30 – PTO Fall Festival

II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – STAFF

October

5 - Principal's Meeting/Faculty Meeting
5-9 I&RS Meetings
12 –Principal's Meeting/Faculty Meeting
19 – Principal's Meeting/Faculty Meeting

III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT

None

IV. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

November

2 - PLA Faculty Meeting, Open Genesis for 1st Marking Period Grading
3 - Rutgers Reading Club in tutorial
4- Pacer Program, Jersey Cares Program
5-6 School Closed for NJEA Convention
9 - PLA Faculty Meeting
11 – PACER Program
12 – PTO Meeting
16 – Minimum Session Day for Students, PLA Faculty Meeting
17 – End of 1st Quarter
21 – Point Community Church Sale
25 – Minimum Session Day
26 – 27 School Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
30 – PT Conference Week

**Giselle C. Rodriguez – Literacy Coach
Pine Grove Manor Elementary School
Monthly Board Report for October 2015**

The literacy Coach provides resources, materials and strategies to teachers to help guide them in the implementation of the Reading and Writing Workshop to improve student achievement. This month the Literacy Coach:

Coaching

- Provided teachers with resources and answered questions about Words Their Way for spelling, phonics and vocabulary instruction.
- Met with teachers to help plan units/lessons.
- Worked with teachers individually to analyze student data so that they could develop their SGOs.
- Met with teachers to provide them with reading and writing strategies for students based on individual student needs.
- Guided teachers in the scoring and analyzing of student On Demand writing pieces.

Presentations/Teacher PD

- Monday, October 12, 2015 - In-Service: SGOs – Met with all Grade Levels to aide teachers in analyzing student data so that they could form preparedness groups for their SGOs. Assisted teachers in knowing how to fill out the SGO form.

Grade Level Meetings

- Wednesday, October 21, 2015 – Conducted grade level meetings for teachers in grades Kindergarten through Fourth Grade in which we discussed the structure and benefits of Guided Reading.

Professional Learning

- Monday, October 12, 2015 – Attended iReady training about pulling reports and analyzing data.
- Friday, October 16, 2015 – Attended Coaching the Coaches in which we discussed the implementation of Coaching Cycles.

Other

- Assisted in all K-2 classrooms with the set up and administration of the NWEA Map Assessment and proctored make-up assessments.
- Worked collaboratively with other literacy coaches to plan for the implementation of the Rutgers Reading Club in tutorial.
- Organized and created a checkout system for a new Guided Reading library for teachers to share.

The Mathematics Coach provides resources, materials and strategies to teachers to help guide them in the implementation of the Math Workshop to improve student mathematics achievement and understanding.

Professional Development

- *Instructional Walk
- *National Council of Supervisors of Mathematics Fall Seminar
- *3rd grade district professional development
- *4th grade district professional development
- *First in Math consultation
- *i-Ready training
- *Coaching the Coaches
- *Math Coaches Meeting
- *Two Grade Level Meetings for all grades
- *Student Growth Objectives District Professional Development

MAP and i-Ready Testing - continued to assist in administration

First Family Game Night at PGM

- *25 families and over 75 participants
- *Announced Math in Art contest winners
- *Raffles and guesstimation prizes

Math in Art Contest

- *6 grand prize winners and 20 student entries – all received certificate and treat
- *Sent our top art contest entries to AMTNJ contest

Worked with teachers on:

- *Student Growth Objectives
- *Number Talks
- *First in Math pretests and introductory lessons
- *Two Grade level meetings
- *Curriculum planning and ideas

- *Getting students on Think Central
- *Possible ideas for Power of 10 day, October 10
- *ST Math support
- *Providing parent information for computer initiatives
- *Began to formulate order for math supplies
- *Began coaching cycles
- *2 days spent at Hillcrest assisting teachers with SGOs and other math classroom concerns.

GUIDANCE UPDATES

PGM had A LOT going on in October! Not only did we observe the Week of Respect and Red Ribbon Week, but we also had our local firemen come in to teach us about fire safety and the counselor visited all classes to do lessons on bullying prevention.

Classroom Lessons: October's theme was bullying prevention. Kindergarteners watched a short Sesame Street video and learned the difference between being a bully and being a buddy. In 1st grade, students listened to the story *The Recess Queen* by Alexis O'Neil and learned that being mean on the playground is not cool. 2nd grade students read the story *The Juice Box Bully* by Bob Sornson and Maria Dismondy and made their own juice box promises to be upstanders and speak up against bullies. In 3rd grade, students read Patty Lovell's *Stand Tall Molly Lou Melon*, learned to proud of who they are, and played a game to see who knows how to handle bullies in many different situations. 4th graders welcomed a new, fictional student in their classrooms and learned the power of their words and how they affect others.

Week of Respect: PGM celebrated the 2015 Week of Respect from October 5th-9th with plenty of classroom activities such as creating respect chains and signing anti-bullying pledges, a school wide assembly on "being more awesome," and daily morning "shout outs" from students wanting to acknowledge others with a positive message. Students also "chalked it up to respect," by writing and illustrating messages of what respect means to them on the blacktop outside. The week concluded with our first PBS rally of the year.

Red Ribbon Week: October 26th-30th was the national violence, alcohol, and drug prevention week. PGM celebrated with daily classroom activities and special dress up days.

Fire Prevention: The East Franklin Fire Department came in to speak with all our students about staying safe and what to do if and when a fire occurs.

Student of the Month: Counselor and teachers acknowledged and recognized superstar students from each homeroom.

PBS: We concluded the Week of Respect with our first PBS rally of the year. Students reviewed the school-wide expectations and rules with our school mascot, Tuxedo, and watched a staff-made video on how to always "do the right thing."

Individual Counseling: Counselor worked with many students for individual counseling for a variety of personal and social issues.

Small Groups: Two social skills groups have started meeting once per cycle.

STAR Program: Two students are formally on the program and a few others have modifications that meet their personal needs.

Safety Meetings: The counselor attended the District Safety meeting. The PGM Safety Team successfully conducted a lock down and a fire drill.

Upcoming:

Jersey Cares Volunteers Day: November 4th

Respectfully,

Miguel Rivera
Principal

Sampson G. Smith School
Report to the Superintendent
for the Board of Education
for the Month of October, 2015

I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- October 1 6th grade Back to School Night
- October 2 SIP Meeting
Student of the Month Breakfast
PBS Launch for students
Play call-backs for speaking rolls
- October 5 First day cast list posted
Staff Meeting
- October 7 Musical Rehearsal
- October 8 Grade 5 Picture Day
- October 9 Grade 6 Picture Day
- October 12 Teacher In-Service
I-Ready Training
Complete SGO's
- October 13 Teacher Academy
Week of Respect Program with OFC Dawn Flanders for Grade 5
- October 14 Week of Respect Program with OFC Dawn Flanders for Grade 6
Musical Rehearsal
- October 19 COR Survey for Teachers
- October 21 PTO meeting, 7pm
Musical Rehearsal
- October 22 Generation Ready for Math grade 5 &6
- October 23 Ed Connect Internal PD for 5 &6
6th Grade Fun Day
- October 28 Musical Rehearsal
- October 30 PBS Incentive Day

II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – STAFF

- Teacher Academy PLC provided professional development to our staff on preparing for pre –conferences and post-conferences.
- The district behaviorist Sharon McNeil provided training to all staff on Functional Behavior Intervention.
- The Math Department participated in instructional rounds.
- The SIP committee-
The school improvement plan was approved by the NJ department of Education and four (4) goals were established for the school year.
- The coaches met each cycle with the grade level teachers focusing on the literacy, math, and assessments.

III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Students were honored at the Monthly Student of the Month Breakfast
- On Friday, October 23, 2015, the 6th grade class trip committee held a fundraiser to support the end of the year class trip, in which over \$1,500 was raised. Over 200 students stayed after school and enjoyed pizza and social time with friends before participating in specific activities. The activities that the students had to choose from were; dance, crafts, outdoor and indoor sports, laptops, and a movie. Over 20 staff members volunteered and everyone had a great time.

IV. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 2 Principals Meeting
- November 9 Picture Re-Takes
 Parent Workshop
- November 10-20 Annual Food Drive
- November 20 Annual Science Fair

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Mattia

Gary Mattia
Interim Principal

**FRANKLIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
Report To The Superintendent
For the Board of Education
For the Month of November 2015**

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

❖ **Mrs. Linda Taliercio 8th Grade Read 180 / FMS Yoga Club**

In 8th Grade Read 180, we are reading We Beat The Street, by Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt. The doctors are from Newark, NJ, who made a Pact to stay together in medical school and succeeded. We are reading the book together in Independent Reading and logging our responses together.

❖ **Ms. Ellen Beattie, FMS Theatre Arts**

The FMS Applied Theatre class under the direction of Ms. Beattie and Mr. Ramos performed an original performance piece, "Love Me when I'm Most Unlovable." (Based on the book by Robert Ricken) It was part of the PBIS Assembly Program.

"Love Me when I'm Most Unlovable addresses the challenges and joys of the Middle School year".

❖ **Mrs. Holly M. Harris-Vadell, M.Ed., 7th grade Special Education – Science**

Many 7th and 8th grade science students are enjoying the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Program. It started on October 24th. For the first class, students were so excited to see a heart, brain and liver.

EdConnect training October 23rd to attach lesson plans and improve analysis of student comprehension of NJ state standards.

❖ **Ms. Sanabria's 7th and 8th Spanish 1A & 1B:**

Ms. Sanabria's Spanish 1A 7th grade students, the student's learned the Spanish alphabet, completed a quiz on edConnect, and they performed well. They are able to ask and respond to how do you write a word in Spanish. The students are participating in paired activities where they engage in brief conversations that include the topics of the greetings, feelings, names, origin, age, b-day, farewells and courtesy phrases. The student's had fun completing these dialogues and it was fun to watch them get into the spirit of speaking in Spanish.

To get the students in the mindset of following rules, Ms. Sanabria's Spanish classes created posters. Students created posters with three rules to follow if you are at a museum, library, aquarium, or a location of their choice. The posters will be displayed in the classroom for all to see.

❖ **Ms. Monica Smith and Eva Baranowski, FMS Club Advisors**

The Spelling Club was introduced this year in preparation for the school-wide spelling bee competition in January 2016. The winner of the FMS competition will move onto the regional competition held at Montgomery High School on March 4, 2016 at 7pm. The winner of that event will be eligible for The Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington DC.

❖ **Ms. Paola Kushi and Ms. Andrea Olarte, FMS Diversity Club**

Our Diversity Club members helped to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by performing at the assembly on October 30th. They put together a choreography that included traditional dances of the Hispanic Culture.

❖ **Ms. Gadek, FMS Math Teacher**

Arnav Tolat, a 9th Grade student at FHS, was honored as a guest speaker at the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association Stock (SIFMA) Tribute Dinner on Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at the Ritz Carlton, New York. Arnav was one of only two students recognized at the dinner for his extraordinary work while participating in 8th Grade in the FMS Stock Market Game and Investwrite competition. Arnav who won the NJ State Investwrite contest and placed 5th nationally made a lasting impression on the BNY Mellon & SIFMA finance executives who said "they were very impressed with how mature, intelligent and confident he is." The annual dinner raised over \$1 million for youth financial education.

❖ **Mrs. M. Francis, FMS Student Council Advisor**

The FMS Student Council elected officers on Friday, October 16th. The following students will serve this school year: Gabriela Delgado - 8th Grade Vice President; Joshua Johnson - 7th Grade Vice President; Estefany Erazo - Treasurer; Staicy Baez Duran - Secretary. They will join previously elected President Skylar D'Angiolillo. Officers will be officially inducted at the next PTSO meeting on Monday, November 9th.

❖ **Ms. Kathy Kansky and Ms. Jessica Murray, FMS Math Dept.**

FMS Students working after school for the St Joe's math competition. We had one meeting so far and had a great turnout. The competition is open to 7th and 8th graders. Our next meeting will be Nov 18th after school.

❖ **Mrs. Shena Samora, FMS Social Studies Teacher**

I am so delighted to inform you that last year, I nominated Natasha Ishaq for Upstander of the Year through Facing History & Ourselves. Natasha's excellent work led to numerous interviews and she made it up to the top 3 students Nationwide. She impressed the board so much that she and I have been invited to attend the gala this year. We will be attending the gala with her father on Thursday, November 5, 2015. Cipriani Wall Street, 55 Wall Street, NY

❖ **Ms. Valerie Northey, LCSW, LCADC - FMS**

October was an extremely busy month for the SAC Program here at FMS. We began with the first week of October with Week of Respect. The theme this week with the morning readings from the Words of Wisdom was RESPECT: respecting self, respecting others, respecting differences, the school and environment. Students from Connections shared these readings. On October 6th the Student Assistance Program participated in Back to School Night by highlighting the various programs offered here at FMS in conjunction with the Franklin Township Municipal Alliance for the Prevention of Substance Abuse and the Franklin Youth Initiative. A table was set up in the cafeteria for all parents/guardians to obtain educational materials for bullying and cyber bullying. Additionally applications for the annual Poster contest sponsored through the Student Assistance Program and the Alliance titled TO LIVE ABOVE THE INFLUENCE were distributed. Students for the connections program also distributed to all parents a survey regarding the availability of alcohol to underage youth in our community.

On Wednesday, October 7th both the 7th and 8th grade students were provided with an excellent assembly through the 3screens Production Company, titled Epic Ability where students learned that we all have the ability to do things that are "epic". There are some incredibly important "abilities" that can guarantee a great life including Accountability, Responsibility, Adaptability and Possibility.

On Wednesday October 14th I participated in the monthly District Safety Meeting. During this meeting I distributed information and educational materials for student, staff and parents to those staff in attendance on the upcoming November monthly theme: Violence Awareness.

During the week of October 26th The Student Assistance Program recognized RED RIBBON WEEK (National Drug Awareness Week). Each morning information on the hazards of various drugs was read. Additionally on Wednesday, October 28th bracelets, stickers and pamphlets were distributed during all the lunches.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - STAFF

From the Guidance Office:

- October 1, 2015 Our new School Guidance Counselor, Surbhi Alaigh joined the FMS Guidance Team to Replace Aaron Kleinman. Surbhi has been part of the Franklin "family" as Mr. Wilson's Office Manager and we are very happy to welcome her here at FMS.
- October 1, 2015 One of our School Counselors, Precious Acolatse as well as Valerie Northey and our Guidance Interns attended a Conference/Workshop on "The Effects of Media Violence on Child & Adolescent Mental Health"
- October 6, 2015 Back-to-School Night; our counselors met with parents

- October 8, 2015 Another counselor, Quiyon Peters attended the annual Somerset County Vo-Tech Tea

- October 9, 2015 Our counselors attended the RIME/Raritan's Introduction of Minorities to Engineering Board Meeting at Colgate Palmolive Technology Center in Piscataway. The 2015-2016 year's events were discussed as well as other pertinent information.

- October 13, 2015 The 1st Marking Period Interims/Progress Reports were printed and mailed to parents

- October 14, 2015 Mrs. Peters attended the monthly District Safety Meeting with Mr. Wilson

- October 14-16, 2015 The Parent/Teacher Conferences were held at FMS. Our counselors met with many parents down in Guidance during that time.

- October 20, 2015 Our three School Guidance Counselors: Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Acolatse and Ms. Alaigh visited all of the 7th grade FMS students during their Social Studies classes. They introduced themselves and explained what their duties were in the Guidance Office.

- October 22, 2015 The counselors visited the 8th graders as per above.

- October 26, 2015 The 1st I&RS meeting of the year for Grade 7 was held in the Guidance Suite/Room 100L. Administration, teachers as well as Mrs. Donnarumma and Mrs. McNeil and the parents attended their students' scheduled meetings to discuss their progress in school.

- October 27, 2015 The RIME "Kick-off", the first trip of the 2015-2016 school year was held at Colgate-Palmolive in Piscataway. 29 eighth grade students attended along with our counselors to review the year's upcoming events. The corporate sponsors of the RIME Program – Colgate, DuPont and Ashland also provided our students with lunch.

- October 28, 2015 The 1st I&RS meeting for Grade 8 was held as per above.

Tracy Schwartz, Mathematics Coach Franklin Middle School

Teachers attended NCTM/NCSM math conferences in Atlantic City.
 Teachers in the math department participated in Instructional Rounds walk-throughs.
 The 7th grade students are working on Proportional Reasoning.
 The 8th grade students are working on Rational & Irrational Numbers.
 The algebra students are working on Linear Functions.

Ms. Katherine Labirt, FMS PBSIS

Franklin Middle School held two major events highlighting our Positive Behavior Support In Schools Program (PBSIS) this month. The first was our Meet & Greet PBSIS fundraiser. Our Meet & Greets, held twice a year, are excellent and fun-filled ways for our faculty, staff and

Franklin community to come together for a good cause. Participants enjoy a variety of food, drink and entertainment in support of our students. This year our Meet & Greet was held on October 23rd at Venue 1850 on Easton Avenue. We enjoyed live entertainment from 3 of our talented staff members Mr. Porter, on guitar and vocals, and Mrs. Francis & Mr. Johnson-Williams were vocalists as well. We even had a surprise performance from our very own Vice Principal Mrs. Nikkii Tatum. The event was DJ'd by our very own DJ Ramos (Aaron Ramos) and DJ Wahdo (Officer Al, FHS). Door prizes were won throughout the event and all that attended applauded our PBSIS team for another job well done.

The second event was our FMS Student Launch & Pep Rally. Students participated in trivia games reviewing the PBSIS universal expectations taught previously in class. Daily, Weekly, Monthly and Quarterly reward and incentive options for following the universal expectations were shared and discussed. Students were highlighted and recognized for their participation in dance, theater arts, diversity club, and fall and winter sports. Our school mascot, The FMS Knight, made a special appearance during our pep rally to encourage participation and school spirit. Prizes were given to students for winning Minute to Win It games and competitions between students and staff. Many students were rewarded with prizes for being selected in our PBSIS Knights Token Raffle. Kudos goes out to our FMS PBSIS Team.

Ms. Kathy Kansky, FMS Math Dept.

Ms. Murray and I will be running a math competition to be held at the St. Joe's High School in Metuchen in January. Practices will be starting in October for all who are interested. We will be handing out flyers to classes soon.



III. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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| ✓ Nov. 11 | FMS Parent /Staff Workshop |
| ✓ Nov. 12 | BOE Meeting |
| ✓ Nov. 13 | Hispanic Night |
| ✓ Nov. 17 | 7 th Grade I&RS Meeting / End of First Quarter |
| ✓ Nov. 18 | 8 th Grade I&RS Meeting / End of First Quarter |
| ✓ Nov. 19 | BOE Meeting |
| ✓ Nov. 20 | Talent Show |

IV. ACHIEVEMENT TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

We are pleased to announce that the FMS staff has successfully started the COR (Creating Opportunities for Relationships) online professional learning program on **Monday, October 19, 2015**. The faculty was given a presentation by the founder of the program study Dr. Anne Gregory from Rutgers University & The University of Virginia. Upon the start of the program, of the close to 120 staff members at FMS, 85 staff members completed the survey (71% rate). Yeah for the 85! We will be following the schedule below for the remainder of the school year.

COR PD Timeline & Program Evaluation

	Survey 1 Week of Oct. 19 th (45 minutes)	COR PD Oct 19 th to Nov. 25 (5.5 hours)	Survey 2 Week of Dec. 7 th (45 minutes)	COR PD Dec. 7 th to Jan. 26 th (5.5. hours)
7 th grade teachers	★		★	
8 th grade teachers	★		★	

Sincerely,

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FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Report to the Superintendent For the Board of Education For the Month of October, 2015

I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

October 14, 2015 was designated FHS Testing Day

Approximately 600 9th grade students participated in a practice PSAT exam, sponsored by Kaplan Test Prep. The practice test simulated an actual national assessment and mirrored the redesigned PSAT and is being used to provide students with a gauge of their skills and knowledge for future high school standardized assessments. The students were able to keep the exam booklets as a reference once their test results were obtained.

Approximately 924 10th and 11th grade students were administered the PSAT/NMSQT. This assessment has numerous benefits including the identification of 11th graders for the National Merit Scholarships, prepare students for SAT testing in the spring of their junior year, as well as to demonstrate proficiency in math and language arts as mandated by New Jersey graduation requirements. To fulfill the testing mandate, students must achieve a score of 40 or higher in those sub categories. Scores will be distributed and discussed on December 9, 2015 at 7 pm in the high school auditorium.

Approximately 320 12th grader students took the ASVAB. The ASVAB is a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success and is a primary tool employed by the military for applicants. The ASVAB will also serve to fulfill state testing requirements.

Teen PEP performed an outreach for the Freshmen PE classes entitled: "Let's Wait Awhile - Postponing Sexual Involvement."

During the outreach, Teen PEP was able to reach 325 freshmen within the PE classes.

The outreach helped the freshmen identify:

- i. Reasons to wait to have sex
- ii. Characteristics of a healthy relationship
- iii. Effective refusal and negotiation skills

Student Assistance Program (SAC)

Girls Circle Group Counseling

Boys Circle Group Counseling

ASG Group

Week of Respect Hallway Mural

REBEL Training and Learning Retreat 10/8/15

STFL "Respect Yo Selfie" Campaign 10/9/15

Michael Fowlin "You Don't Know Me..." Assembly Grade 9 10/22/15

Steered Straight Assembly Grade 10-11 10/20/15

Project Wisdom: "Words of Wisdom"

Inter-high Leadership Conference 10/7/15
Dating Violence Classroom Workshop by Gina Arnone, TAG Coordinator 10/5-8
Franklin Twp. Municipal Alliance Social Norms Campaign: Parent Survey Distribution (SAC Leadership Program Mentors)
Franklin Twp. Municipal Alliance Violence Prevention Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest
Week of Respect Poster Display
Red Ribbon Week Poster Display
Teen PEP Classroom Workshop 10/28/15
REBEL Anti- Tobacco Club Meeting
REBEL Safe Halloween Event
STFL Officer Elections Meetings
Connections Leadership/Mentoring After-School Workshop
Week of Respect Theme Week 10/5-9
Violence Prevention Week Poster Displays 10/19-23
Red Ribbon Week Poster Displays 10/23-30

See attached October SAC Newsletter

II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – STAFF

A study and discussion of Franklin High School's "Youth in Action" (Youth Participatory Action Research) will be presented at the upcoming conference, The College and University Faculty Assembly (CUFA) of the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) in New Orleans, LA on November 11 to researchers, teacher educators, teachers-in-training, and civic educators. Youth in Action has been a collaborative project that has involved the dedicated efforts of cross-disciplinary teachers— Farah Hussain (ESL), Maureen Guzman (ESL), Fran Bardusco (ESL), Sana BenNacef (Social Studies), and Steve Virgone (Social Studies)—students, and administrators over the past three years. Since its inception, it has empowered both our ELL and non-ELL students to have a stronger, more articulate voice in Franklin High School, and has been critical in training students to be young civic leaders. Our students have studied race theory, approached the problems they face from a complex perspective, and completed a deeply continuous and interactive action research project. Each year, the students have been invited to Rutgers University to present a focused final project to university faculty and key leaders at the NJ Department of Education. They also presented professional development, and gave a student-led workshop to Rutgers University teacher-educators and pre-service teachers on their experiences as ESL students and their engagement in FHS via Youth in Action, two years ago. This project brings together students of all experiences and backgrounds, and is not limited to our so-called "star-pupils." The experience garnered through this project has been invaluable to all involved.

Association for Student Assistance Professionals ASAP/NJ Somerset Chapter Meeting
Franklin Twp. Municipal Alliance Meeting 10/28/15
"Avoiding Prison to School Pipeline" Professional Development Workshop, Sheraton Hotel, Eatontown, NJ
"Anonymous People Project" Professional Development Workshop, Bridgewater Library Somerset County Safe Coalition
"Media Violence Effects on Children" Professional Development Workshop, Princeton House Behavioral Healthcare 10/1/15

III. SPECIAL ACHEIVEMENTS

Taylor Jordan was one of the outstanding recipients of the 2015 New Jersey Rising Scholars Student Recognition Award. The New Jersey Rising Scholars Student Recognition Program was established by the NJ Department of Education, in collaboration with the NJ Amistad Commission and the Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Fair of New Jersey, to honor the academic achievement of high school seniors from diverse backgrounds who are interested in attending a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) and are leaders in their school and community. Taylor will be honored on November 15, 2015 at a recognition awards ceremony at the War Memorial in Trenton, NJ. Franklin High School is extremely proud of Taylor and her accomplishments.

IV. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

FHS Play – "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, presented in the Theater at Franklin High School, November 20th and 21st at 7:30 pm and November 22nd at 2:30 pm. Tickets are \$12 at www.FHSNarnia.brownpapertickets.com and fhsvmd@gmail.com.

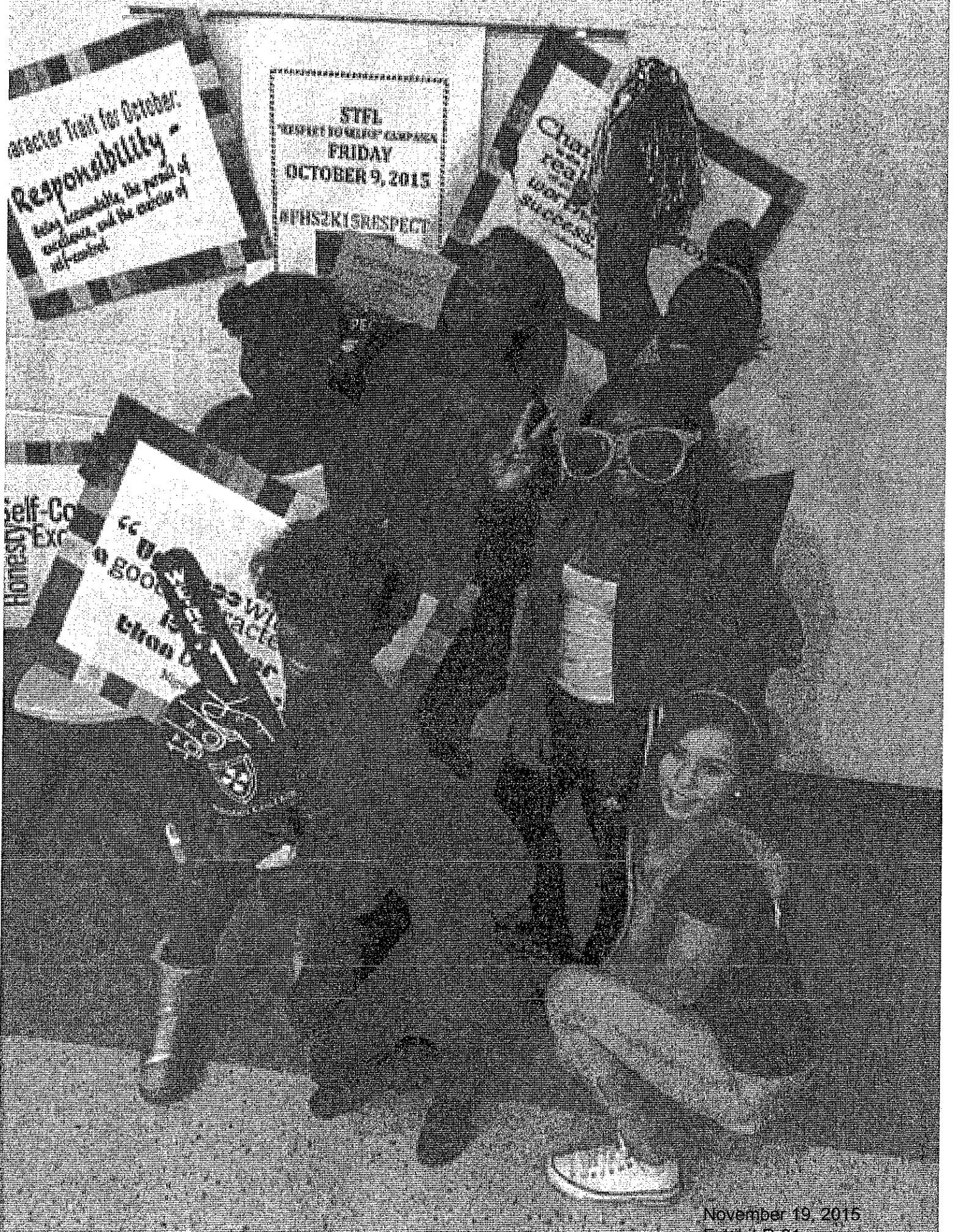
15 Minute Child-break Parent Workshop at Franklin Middle School 11/11 and 11/12 6pm
REBEL Great American Smoke-Out Lunch Room Event 11/20/15
Malcolm Bernard HBCU College Tour 11/19/15
STFL Naviance Training Session 11/12/15
STFL Empowerment Mini- Retreat TBA
STFL Annual Toys for Tots Toy Drive 11/13-12/14/15
REBEL Elementary School Outreach 1/15, 1/26/16

V. ACHEIVEMENT TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas F. DiGanci

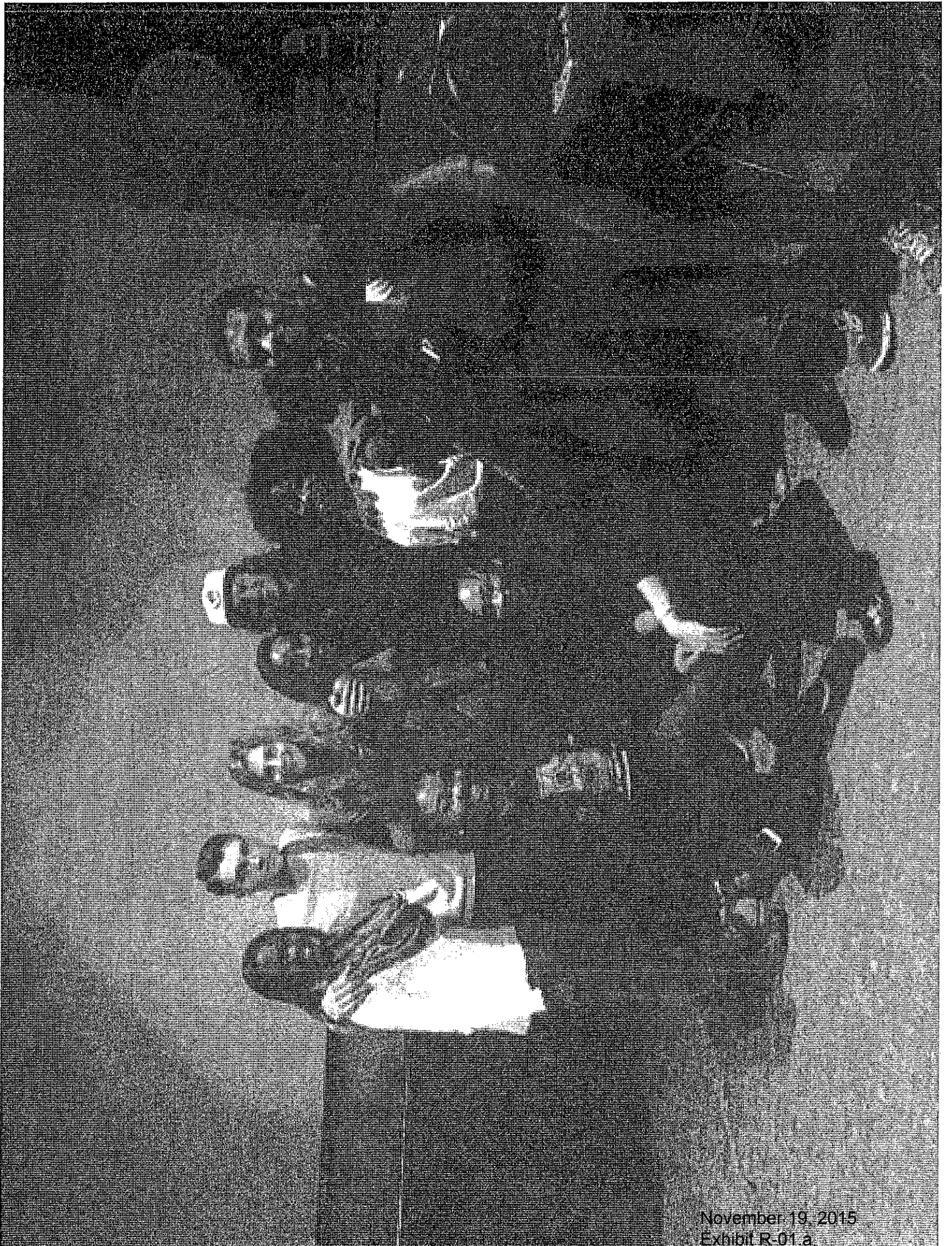
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Interim Principal
Franklin High School



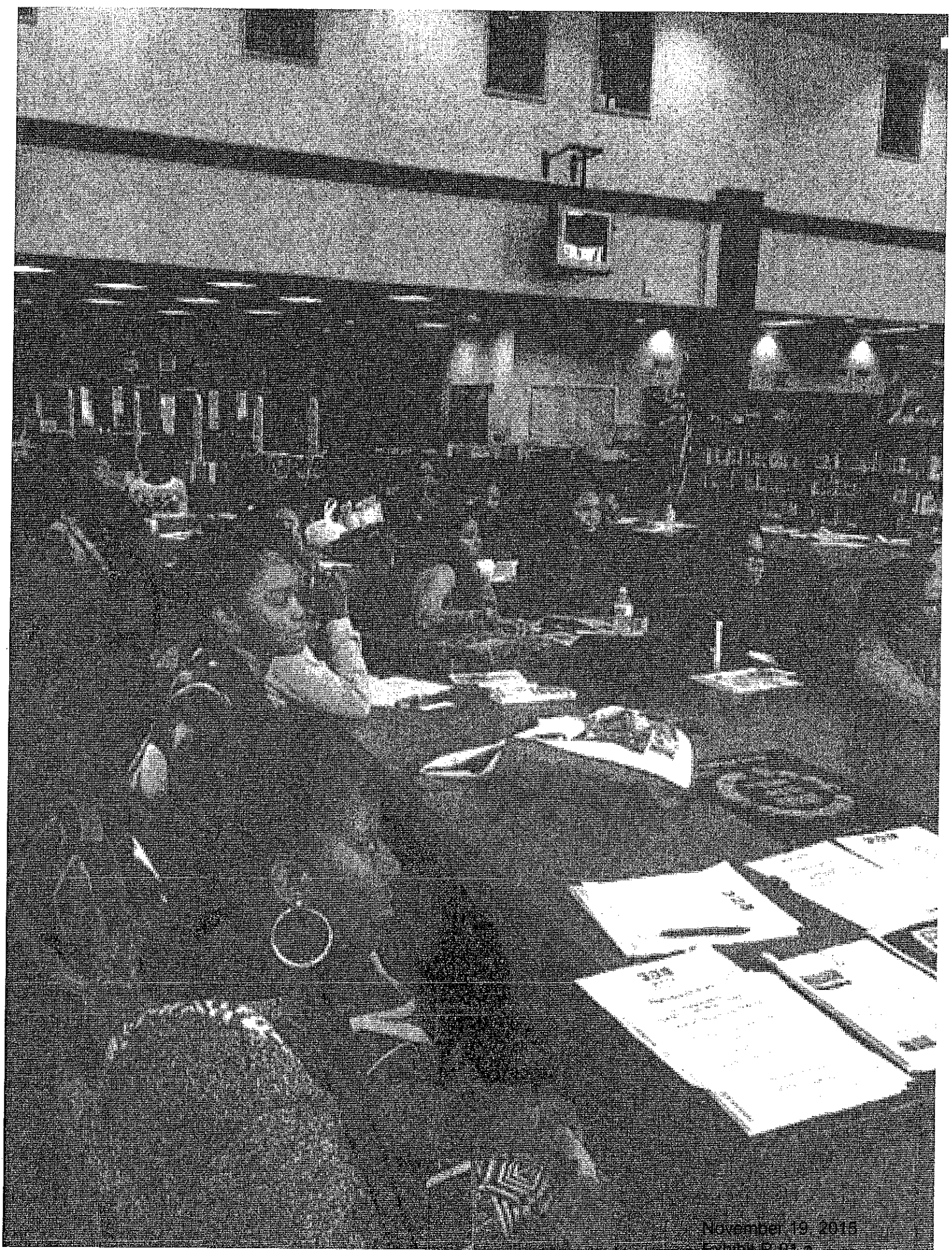




HOW WILL YOU LIVE



November 19, 2015
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STFL
"RESPECT YO SELFIE" CAMPAIGN
FRIDAY
OCTOBER 9, 2015

#FHS2K15RESPECT

WEEK OF
RESPECT



Honesty
Self-Control
Excellence
Responsibility
Courteous
Respect

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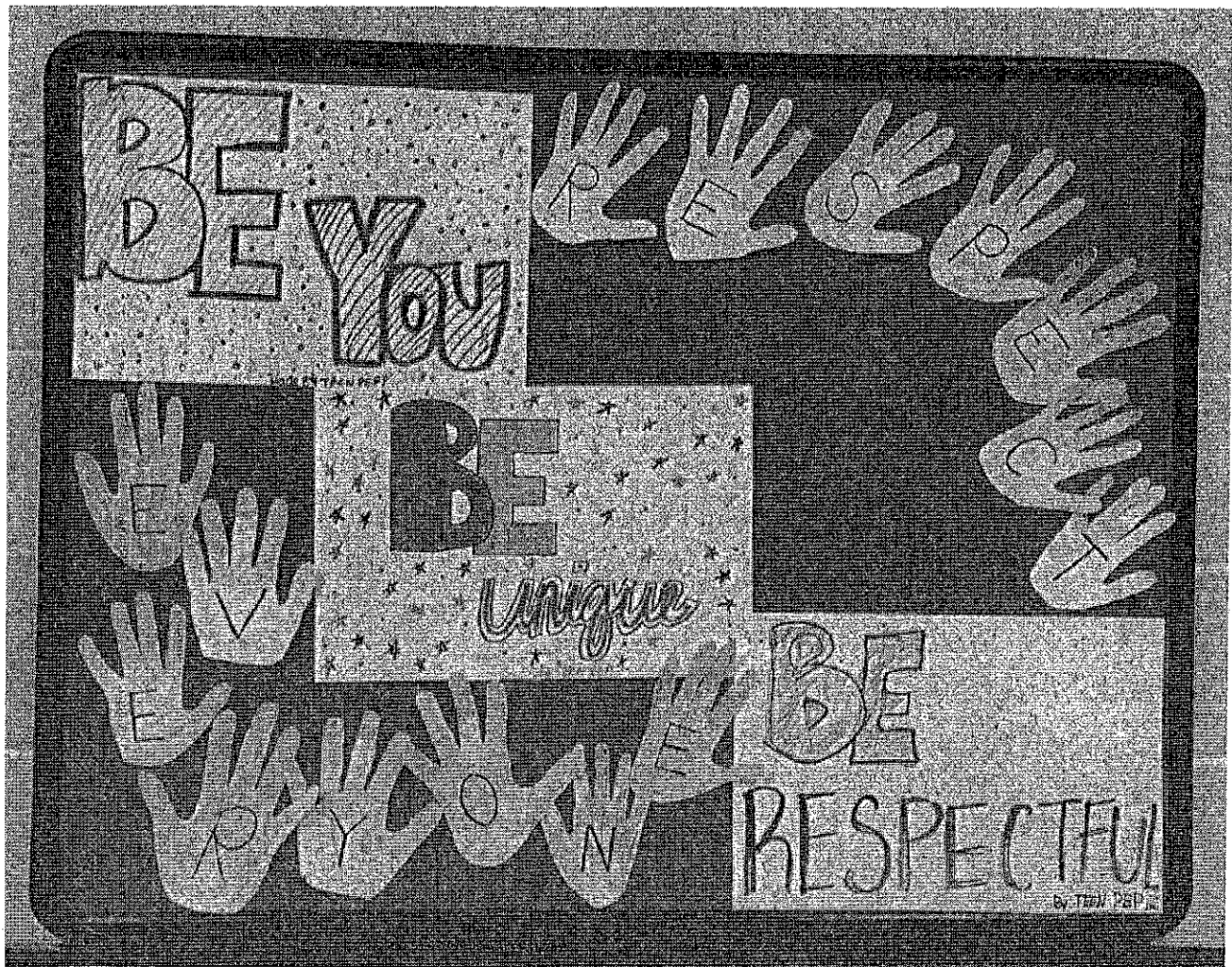
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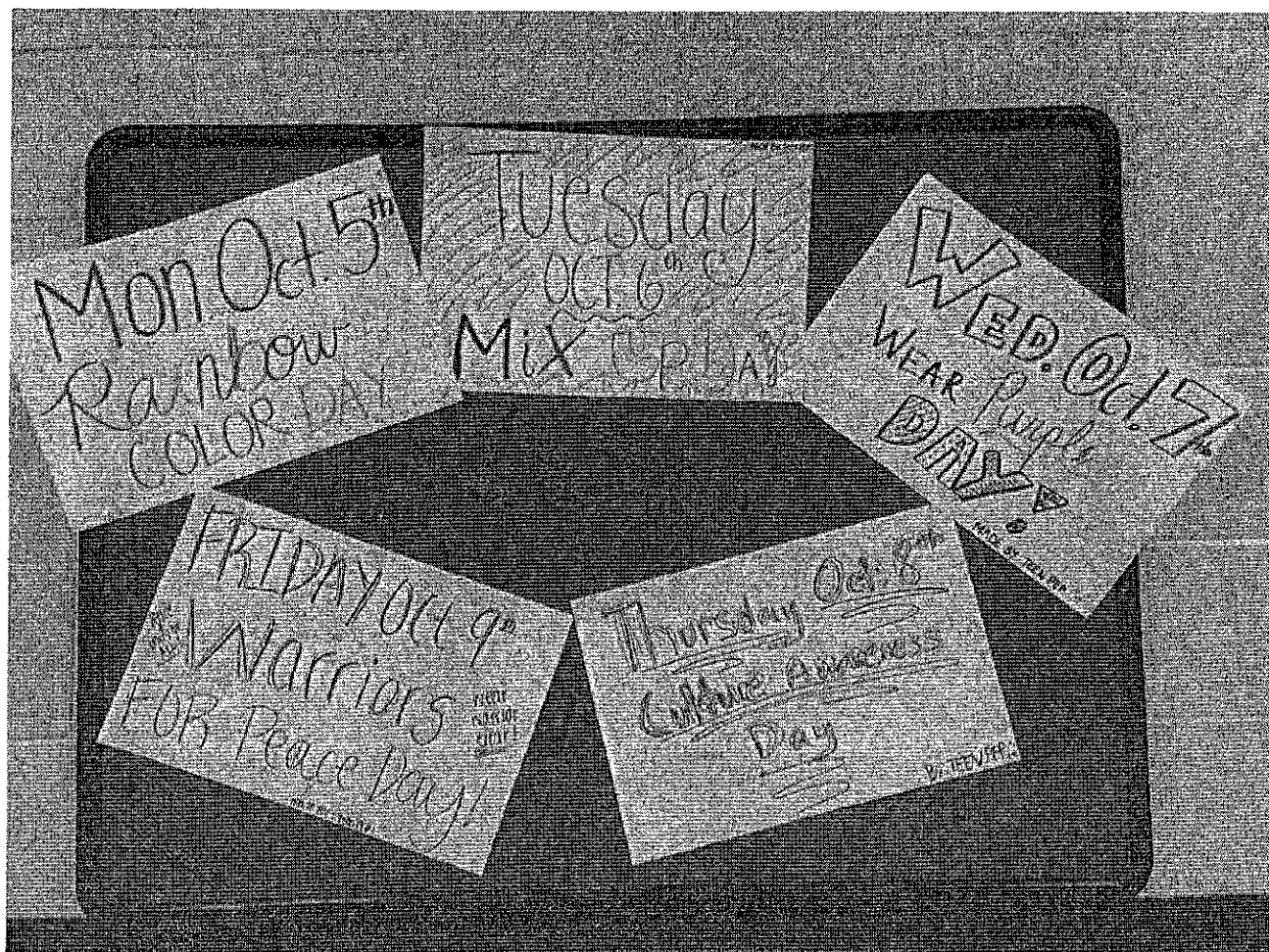
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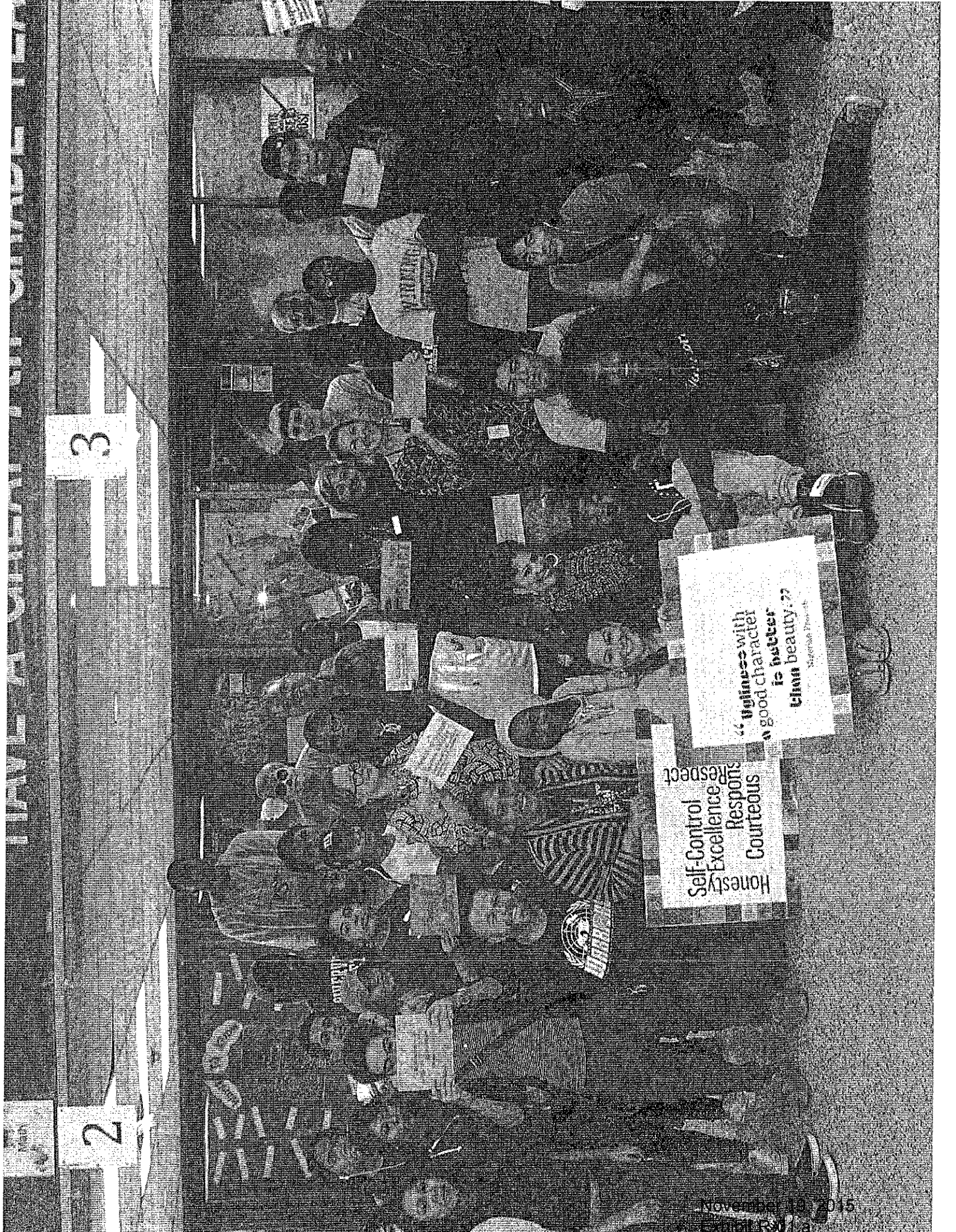
Character Trait for October:

Responsibility -

being accountable, the pursuit of
excellence, and the exercise of
self-control







HAVE A GREAT DAY!

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"Ugliness with
a good character
is better
than beauty?"
Suzanne Provost