

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

**DECEMBER 22, 2015**

**REPORTS OF  
BUILDING PRINCIPALS FOR  
NOVEMBER 2015**

Conerly Road School

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

**I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Nov. 2	PD Meeting
Nov. 2	PTO Meeting
Nov. 5	NO SCHOOL Teacher's Convention
Nov. 6	NO SCHOOL Teacher's Convention
Nov. 9	Jeans for Troops Day
Nov. 12	GO Fund
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)

**Upcoming Dates**

Dec 1 - Parent Teacher Conference Night  
Dec 3 - Parent Teacher Conference Night  
Dec 4 - Parent Teacher Conference Day  
Dec 7 - CRS Functional Based Tiered Behavior Intervention  
Dec 8 - Fitness Pilot  
Dec 8 – Math Professional Development Meeting Grades K-1 and 2  
Dec 14 – CRS PTO Meeting  
Dec 14 – District In-service  
Dec 15 – Holiday Shoppe  
Dec 16 - Holiday Shoppe  
Dec 17 - PBS/Safety Meeting  
Dec 18 - Winter Festival /Pajama Day  
Dec 21 – Faculty Meeting  
Dec 23 - Holiday Festive Event

**II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – STAFF**

### **III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa  
Epsilon Alpha Chapter  
Citation Award  
Dr. Donna S. Burnett  
November 14, 2015

Jeans for Troops  
Letter of Appreciation to the CRS Faculty and Staff  
Recognized Donation of \$120.00

### **IV. ACHIEVEMENT TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**By June 2016 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:**

- November 12, 2015, MAP Training

#### **Meetings**

- November 2 and 3, 2015: Math Grade Level Meetings: Grades K-4
  - Problem Solving Task
- Visible Thinking-
  - pages 2-4
- What is visible thinking?
- Accountable Talk
- PARCC Accounts
  - [www.parcresources.org](http://www.parcresources.org)
  - Click on the person on the upper right hand corner to create an account
  - NJ's code: NJ 1787
- Math Coach Meeting:
  - November 13, 2015
- Coaching the Coaches:
  - November 20, 2015
  - Generation Ready with Coaches and Principals

Other

- Administer edConnect to grades 3 and 4
- Monthly Estimation Activity: How many feathers does Tom have?

**By June 2016 third and fourth grade students shall have scored at or ABOVE STATE BENCHMARKS IN PARCC FOR LITERACY**

**Lisa Cassell**

**Elementary Literacy Coach**

During the month of November 2015:

- Coaching Cycles with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> grades
- Ordered books to support read alouds, classroom libraries and units of study.
- Held grade level meetings

Held the following meetings:

4<sup>th</sup> Grade GLM

November 13<sup>rd</sup>, 2015

- How is the iReady work going
- Fitting in small group work

Follow up for next meeting:

How is iReady going? Do we need to make changes? Look at areas our students need help and provide some strategies.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade GLM:

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- Dawn share out what we have done across the week: Reflection
- Character Unit: What are your goals for the unit? Goals for each or group of students? Goal of your read aloud? How important is retelling?
- Coaching Cycles

Follow up: Kevin Davis will share out

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade GLM

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- Looked at the current NF unit and aligned it to the fiction and how to build off of that
- Start off with what we learn from NF features as opposed to main idea

**Follow up for next meeting:**

How is iReady going? Do we need to make changes? Look at areas our students need help and provide some strategies.

Attended the following meetings:

- Coaching the Coaches, November 13<sup>th</sup> with Ross.
- Meeting with David Heras on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Planned for grade level meetings.
- Attended a MAP training on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

***School-wide Activity:***

Kindness Week: "The Kindness Club"- Students performed Random Acts of Kindness (RAKS). Certificates were presented to students/staff

Individual and Group Counseling Topics:

Relaxation exercises  
Anger management  
Making good choices  
Handling conflict by using I-messages  
Empathy

Behavior:

Created charts with teachers to monitor/prevent behavior issues  
Worked with students to achieve goals and improve behavior

PARCC/NJ ASK:

Reviewed information for all 4<sup>th</sup> grade students-made adjustments as necessary  
Created testing groups (separate groups as needed)  
Counted and sorted headphones  
Collaborated with CST to ensure that accommodations are met

Safety/HIB:

Reviewed ODR reports/suspension reports  
Attended district meeting  
Created school safety Agenda

***Veteran's Day:***

Students and staff dress-up day- red, white and blue

Submitted by

*Dr. Donna S. Burnett*

Dr. Donna S. Burnett  
Conerly Road School, Principal  
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## ELIZABETH AVENUE SCHOOL

### Report To The Superintendent for the Board of Education Month of November 2015

#### I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- 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 17 ➤ Coffee w/the Principal 7:00 p.m.
- November 18 ➤ LifeTouch Picture Retake
- November 20 ➤ Pajama Day-PBS
- November 23 ➤ PTO Spirit Sticks Sale during lunch periods
- November 25 ➤ Minimum Session Day
- November 26-27 ➤ Thanksgiving
- November 30-December 4 ➤ Parent Teacher Conference Week – Minimum Session all week

#### II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – STAFF

- October SIOF Professional Development continues

#### III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- November 25 ➤ Mrs. Gibson's 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade presented The Meal Must Go On, a multicultural feast along with the country of origin.

#### November Students of the Month:

##### KINDERGARTEN:

Naurene Hoyos, Christian Grau, Emmanuella Amayke-Adu, Adriana Phillips, Ja'zyiah Harris

##### FIRST GRADE:

Eric Herrera Vasquez, Jeidimar Santos-Ramos, Sydney Echevarria-Martinez, Jiannah Bosmediano, Alexander Kokinos, Alycia Pinckney

##### SECOND GRADE:

Jaedon Tombler, Jennifer Zhang, Anthony Grau, Janelle Owusu, Victoria Gabryszewski

##### THIRD GRADE:

Selphie Estevez, Gustavo Xicohtencatl Avila, David Flores Plata, Patrick Delaney, Ikenna Chiemelu, Paola Meza Rosas, Eliza Valenzuela Vasquez

##### FOURTH GRADE:

Joseph Johnson, Degan Davis, Mayra Diaz, Mira Grealish, Carlos Vera Parra, Emily Novielli

#### IV. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 2-4 ➤ Minimum Session Days – Parent Teacher Conferences
- December 5 ➤ District Showcase @ FHS
- December 8 ➤ PTO Meeting in the Library- 7:00 p.m.
- December 8 ➤ Polar Express – Reading of the book and winter activities 7:00 p.m.
- December 14 ➤ Minimum Session Day – District In Service Day
- December 17 ➤ Barnes and Noble Night 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- December 21 ➤ PTO Spirit Sticks Sale during lunch periods
- December 24-January 3 ➤ Winter Recess

**V. ACHIEVEMENT TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**Elizabeth Ave School Monthly Report for November 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 thinkcentral and first in math.
- Assisted in planning lessons for observations
- Modeled lessons
- Co Taught Lessons
- Implement Coaching Cycles
- Assisted with I&RS Intervention Strategies

**Professional Learning**

- Curriculum Planning Meetings
- PDI Planning Meeting
- NWEA MAP Training

**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
- SCIP 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

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

**Coaching**

- Assisted teachers in planning their observations
- Book study with second grade teachers – Reading Strategies
- Continued with coaching cycles

**Professional Learning**

- Planning Meetings with coaches
- Planned Word Study PD for all derivational stage
- Coaching the Coaches

**Meetings**

- GLM – Vocabulary and word study

**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
- Attended I&RS Meetings

**Other**

- Attended Title 1 Grant Meeting
- Compiled and analyzed MAP and I-Ready data with teachers

Attended Map training

Respectfully submitted,

*John Haney*

John Haney  
Principal, Elizabeth Avenue School



# **Franklin Park School**

Report to the Superintendent  
for the Board of Education  
Month of November, 2015

## **I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

<b>November 2</b>	FPS Staff 60 Minute Meeting Literacy Grade Level Meeting (K & 2)
<b>November 3</b>	Literacy Grade Level Meeting (3)
<b>November 5-6</b>	No School – NJEA Convention
<b>November 9</b>	FPS Staff 60 Minute Meeting Soaring Words (4 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>November 10</b>	PTO Meeting
<b>November 11</b>	Literacy Grade Level Meeting (1 & 4)
<b>November 12</b>	Math Grade Level Meeting
<b>November 16</b>	FPS Staff 60 Minute Meeting Minimum Session - PreK – 6
<b>November 17</b>	First Marking Period Ends
<b>November 18</b>	Math Night
<b>November 19</b>	Math Grade Level Meeting
<b>November 20</b>	Birthday Recognition for the month Literacy Grade Level Meeting (K & 2)
<b>November 23</b>	Literacy Grade Level Meeting (3)
<b>November 25</b>	Report Cards Distributed Peacemaker Recognition Minimum Session - PreK – 6 Jerzy Jump Night
<b>November 26-27</b>	No School Thanksgiving Recess
<b>November 30</b>	Minimum Session - PreK – 6 Parent / Teacher Day Conferences Scholastic Book Fair

## **II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - STAFF**

November 5	Fourth Grade Teacher, Lindsay Sena attended a Rutgers CNJ PEMA workshop at Rutgers New Brunswick campus RUTCOR building
November 6	School Psychologist, Lisa Marquette, Ph. D. attended the NJEA Convention where she took for following two workshops: Advancing Integration: Merging Social Skills into the Curriculum and The Art of Social Skills
November 11	Special Education Teacher, Pam Jennings attended a Special Education PD for grades 3 & 4 at the Sampson G. Smith PD Room
November 12	Fourth Grade Teacher, Lindsay Sena attended a Rutgers Webinar Titled: NCTM conference turnkey info
November 17	Physical Education Teachers, Mary Riccardi and Megan Beebe-Clark attended CPR Training at Franklin High School

- November 18 Math Coach, Kim O'Brien and Fourth Grade Teacher, Lindsay Sena worked the Family Math Night  
Second Grade Teachers, Robyn Becker, Chelsie Baakman, Sue Kelly, Jennifer Napolitano and Resource Teacher, Pamela Jennings attended the Lunch and Learn: Interactive Read-Alouds here at FPS.
- November 19 Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, Dena Febus attended Improving the preschool classroom environment for young children with disabilities- (part 2 of 8) at NJDOE in Trenton  
Paraprofessional, Matilda Vajtay and Safety Officer, Caren Crawford attended NJEA Succeeding with Difficult Students at Hotel Somerset in Somerset, NJ

### **III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Month of October** During the month of October, PBS's fundraising efforts raised over \$1,400 and gave donations to three charities: Ronald McDonald House of New Brunswick, Cycle for Survival and Cancer Support Community of Central New Jersey. They also set aside funds to help families in our school.

#### **October 1- November 11**

During the month of October and part of the month of November, Grade Three students with their teachers Tracy Molinari and Deborah Walczyk held a school wide food drive. They also participated in Operation Gratitude which collects candy and toothbrushes that are sent to military serving overseas in honor of Veteran's Day!

- November 18** Math Coach, Kim O'Brien and Fourth Grade Teacher, Lindsay Sena in collaboration with our PTO hosted the FPS Math Night. Teachers, across all grade levels, participated in the planning, preparation and organization of FPS Math Night.

- November 20** Staff Members came together and enjoyed a wonderful breakfast spread where staff bought in various foods, drinks etc. and enjoyed pleasant conversation and company with one another.

- November 30** Roberta and Mike Straka present "Rocks, Minerals and Fossil Show." for the Franklin Park School 4th grade students. This curriculum-based show explained the geology and the formations of rocks. Sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic processes were covered. In addition, they explained how minerals are identified and formed, (their chemical elements). Everyday items were highlighted as well as explaining how minerals went into the creation of them. A special show & tell showcase of rare fossils and unusual minerals they were excavated. We will discuss the work as field paleontologist and background in geology. The presentation featured "Mr. Nixon," an eight-foot Triceratops skull discovered by their team in 1996. Mike covered the rock cycle in a unique way. Original music, a science experiment and the "Rocks and Mineral" game show rounded out the program.

### **IV. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

- December 1-4** Minimum Session Day

<b>December 1 &amp; 3</b>	Parent/Teacher Night Conferences Scholastic Book Fair
<b>December 2 &amp; 4</b>	Parent/Teacher Day Conferences Scholastic Book Fair
<b>December 5</b>	Franklin Fittest/Curriculum Expo
<b>December 7</b>	FPS Staff 60 Minute Meeting
<b>December 9</b>	Grade Level PD/Substitutes Math Grade Level Meeting
<b>December 10</b>	Junior Achievement Day Literacy Grade Level Meeting (K & 2)
<b>December 11</b>	Literacy Grade Level Meeting (3)
<b>December 14</b>	Minimum Session Day
<b>December 17</b>	Literacy Grade Level Meeting (1 & 4)
<b>December 18</b>	Birthday Recognition Day Math Grade Level Meeting
<b>December 21</b>	FPS Staff 60 Minute Meeting
<b>December 23</b>	Peacemaker Recognition
<b>December 24-31</b>	Winter Recess

## **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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For 2015-2016 administration will continue to conduct monthly focus walks as a mechanism for providing constructive feedback to teachers of math to establish and/or embellish math workshop environments within each classroom.

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 November 2015**

#### **I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

Nov. 2 – Faculty meeting  
Nov. 5 & 6 – No School – NJEA Convention  
Nov. 9 – Faculty PD specific to LAL/Math for Pre-k-grade 4  
Teachers of students with Autism will work with Nicole Demeter to specificities pertaining to the students they teach.  
Nov. 12 – Grades 3 & 4 will meet with Mrs. Pasqua and Mrs. Rutledge in anticipation for PARCC responsibilities/preparations  
Fire Safety Assembly  
Nov. 16 – Minimum Day Session  
Nov. 17 – End of first marking period  
Nov. 20 – Picture retakes  
District Showcase/Curriculum Expo Assembly  
Nov. 25 – Report Card distribution  
Minimum Day Session  
Nov. 26 & 27 – No School/Thanksgiving Recess

#### **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' 4<sup>th</sup> Grade class, Mrs. Wands', Mr. Sheffrin & Ms. Sutlics' 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes.

#### **IV. SAFETY DRILLS**

October 7 – Fire Drill  
October 21 – Shelter in Place  
October 30 – Emergency Shelter in Place

#### **V. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec. 1.  
Dec. 5 – District Showcase/Curriculum Expo

## **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  
for the Board of Education  
Month of November 2015**

**I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

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

**II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – STAFF**

**Mrs. Lenczewski and Ms. Yorlano's class**

For Veteran's day our class made thank you cards for service men and women to thank them for their service. The cards were sent to veterans at an American Legion Post in Brooklyn.

For Thanksgiving our class donated a turkey dinner to the Franklin Township Food Bank. Mrs. Lenczewski/Ms. Yorlano purchased a turkey and the students brought in all of the trimmings. Students also brought in additional food that the food bank needed. A representative from the Food Bank came to school to talk to the students about the work of the food bank and collect our donation of food.

**50th Anniversary Committee**

A MacAfee 50th anniversary committee meeting was held on Friday, November 13. A list of activities were planned. A meeting with Mr. Grippo and the PTO Executive Board will be held to coordinate dates and efforts to make the 50th Anniversary a success.

**November 2015 Board Report**



**MacAfee Road School  
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, scheduled and hosted Midland School
- Carried out an interactive lab/ lesson with a guest scientist for the science unit of study on sound.
- Updated website and newsletter weekly
- Completed report cards, conference reports, met with parents for I&RS and strategy meetings as well as parent teacher conferences

**Classroom:**

- Students practiced their first school evacuation
- Students wrote Thankful cards to soldiers overseas
- Students celebrated November Birthdays
- Students shared a Thanksgiving Feast and presented their Thankful projects
- 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 science lab lesson about sound to align with the standards for our science unit regarding soil and erosion. This will be one of 6 I will offer the students throughout the school year.
- 3 guest readers
- Students played math games in partnerships and groups to reinforce skills taught
- Students learned several ways to "use their time wisely". I created and introduced 13 multi , cross curricular options using large colorful classroom sign displays to encourage early finishers to make meaningful use of their time independently.
- Classroom Spelling Bees were held on Fridays
- Students created thank you cards for the 4H special guest that taught last month's special lesson in a "small moment" fashion in order to retell what they learned while politely thanking the guest for their time.
- Students created thank you cards for the special guest scientist including what they learned, what they thought, and what they enjoyed best about the special shared experience

**Mrs. Schnure**

The third grade students had a visit from a local veteran on Veteran's Day. Mr. John Selenko a resident of Franklin came to talk to the students about World War II and his experiences. The students were very attentive during his visit. The students wrote thank you notes telling Mr. Selenko what they had learned from his visit. They even had more questions posed in their letters.

**Mrs. Oliveira & Mrs. Spicuzzo's 2nd Grade class** studied the First Thanksgiving as part of Social Studies. The class then prepared a play about the history of the holiday. They made traditional foods that were served on the First Thanksgiving. On Wednesday November 25th they perform their production for family and friends & served their prepared foods to their guests.

**MacAfee School Nurse**

Epipen delegates have received re-certification in CPR  
I have started health screenings on 1st graders. I was audited by New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services Vaccine Preventable Disease Program for immunizations. My overall compliance was 100%.

**III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS****Growing a Garden of Readers**

The Growing a Garden of readers program is off to a great start. To date the MacAfee students have read 2,510 books. We have set a goal of 50 books per student for our 50th anniversary. That should bring us to almost 25,000 books!

**Franklins Finest**

On Saturday, December 5th, over 72 MacAfee students will join their peers from all over the district to sing as one in the Franklin's Finest student performance of "I'd like to Teach the World to Sing", at the 3rd Annual Curriculum Expo held at Franklin High School.

**Friday, November 13- MacAfee PTO along with RTS hosted our first Bingo Night.** We had a fun filled evening with lots of winners.

**Friday, November 20th- the PTO hosted their annual Fall Harvest Dance.** MacAfee students and their parents had a lot of fun dancing to the tunes of DJ Rob.

**IV. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec 1-4        Minimum Session Days  
Dec 7 – 11    Holiday Shoppe

Dec 9            Holiday Concert  
Dec 14          Minimum Session Day  
Dec 18          Ugly Sweater Contest  
Dec 24-31      Winter Recess  
Dec 1           Parent Teacher Conferences  
Dec 5           District Showcase  
Dec 14          Minimum Session Day  
Dec 24 -31     Winter Recess

## **V.      ACHIEVEMENT TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

**MacAfee Road Elementary School Monthly Report for November 2015**

**Crystina Cardozo, Math Coach**

### **Coaching**

Conducted Grade Level & Assessment Meetings  
Assisted teachers with PARCC Resources

### **Professional Learning:**

November 12, MAP Training

### **Professional Development:**

November 23, Instructional Rounds

**MacAfee Road Elementary School Monthly Report for November 2015**

**Jaime Means, Literacy Coach**

- 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.
- She conducted an after school professional development on making balanced literacy "balanced"

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 November 2015

**I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**November**

- 3 – 1<sup>st</sup> Day-Rutgers Reading Club in tutorial /Genesis Window Open for 1<sup>st</sup> MP
- 4 – NJ CARES Program volunteered their time at PGM/PACER Program
- 5-6 School Closed for NJEA Convention
- 9-11 State LRE Monitoring 2015-2016 –Site visitations
- 11 – PACER Program
- 12 – PTO Meeting
- 16 – Reporting Achievement/Minimum Session Day
- 17- Piscataway Elks Lodge Dictionary donations for 3rd graders/End of 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period
- 20 – Title1 Breakfast for Parents
- 21 – Point Community Church Rummage Sale
- 23 - Franklin Finest Assembly for PGM students
- 25 – 1<sup>st</sup> MP Report Cards sent home/Minimum Session Day
- 26 – 27 School Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 30 – PT Conference Week thru Dec. 4th

**II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – STAFF**

**November**

- 2 - Principal's Meeting/Faculty Meeting
- 9 – Principal's Meeting/Faculty Meeting
- 16– Principal's Meeting/Faculty Meeting

**III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT**

None

**IV. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

**December**

- 1-4 Scholastic Book Fair
- 1-4 Parent Teacher Conference Week
- 5-Franklin Finest Assembly at FHS
- 7- Faculty Meeting
- 8- I&RS Meeting
- 10- I&RS Meeting/PTO Meeting
- 11- I&RS Meeting
- 14- Minimum Session Day for Students/Faculty Meeting
- 14-18 PTO Holiday Shop
- 21- Faculty Meeting
- 24-31 School Closed for Holiday Break

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

- Met with teachers to help plan units/lessons.
- Worked with teachers in Coaching Cycles in which I: visited classrooms and/or met with teachers daily, provided feedback on teaching practice, modeled lessons and small group work, co-taught and planned lessons/units.
- Assisted teachers in selecting texts to use for instruction (Read Alouds and Nonfiction Articles).
- Met with teachers to provide them with reading and writing strategies for students based on individual student needs.
- Assisted teachers in completing pre and post observation forms and uploading artifacts into Teachscape.

**Grade Level Meetings**

- Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Conducted grade level meetings for teachers in grades Kindergarten through Fourth Grade in which we discussed MAP and iReady data as well as a Reading Strategy book study that we will begin in December.

**Presentations/Teacher PD**

- Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> – Presented to Staff on Balanced Literacy at the regularly scheduled Faculty Meeting.

**Other**

- Served as the Coordinator and teacher at PGMs Extended Day Program that began on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> – Attended MAP training.
- Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – Attended Coaching the Coaches in which I received Professional Development from Ross Linegar from Aussie.

**Beth Benjamin's Principal Report  
Elementary Math Coach  
Monthly Board Report for November 2015**

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.

Also during the month of November 2015:

- \*Visited classrooms and co-taught with teachers on coaching cycle
- \*Assisted 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> teachers in giving Quarterly I on EdConnect
- \*Met with teachers individually to discuss curriculum concerns

Professional Development to teachers after school:

- \*Visible Thinking

Meetings:

- \*Math Coach Meeting
- \*NWEA Map Training Meeting
- \*Coaching the Coaches Meeting

Other:

- \*Hillcrest on B days due to coach out on leave
- \*Placed Math Order
- \*Planned for upcoming grade level meetings
- \*Created schedule for upcoming professional development
- \*Researched best practices for upcoming professional development.

## **GUIDANCE UPDATES**

In November we were thankful and learned to work in teams!

Classroom Lessons: October's theme was teamwork. Kindergarteners read *The Crayon Box That Talked* by Shane DeRolf and learned that every person is an important part of a team because they each contribute something different. In 1<sup>st</sup> grade, students worked together to complete a collaborative drawing. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students teamed up to see who could make the tallest tower out of various materials. In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, students worked in groups to save Sam, a gummy worm whose plastic cup boat was capsized, without the use of their hands. 4<sup>th</sup> graders played the game See, Run, and Draw and learned the power of communication when working in groups.

Jersey Cares Volunteers Day: On Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Jersey Cares collaborated with PGM to host a group of about 20 volunteers from a local Bank of America. The volunteers built benches and painted a mural of our school mascot, Tuxedo.

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

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

Small Groups: Two social skills groups continue to meet once per cycle.

I&RS Meetings: Counselor scheduled and held three initial I&RS meetings.

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 and hosted both a PGM Safety Team and CPR Response Team meeting. The PGM Safety Team successfully conducted a lock down and a fire drill.

Upcoming in December:

I&RS Meetings

Kindness Lessons

**Miguel Rivera**  
**Principal**



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

**I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

- November 2 Principals' meeting
- November 4, 11, 18 Musical Rehearsal (2:30-5:00)
- November 5,6 NJEA Convention
- November 9 Parent Workshop- 6:00 pm-  
Topic: A Day in the Life of an SGS Student
- November 12 Bus of the Month Celebration
- November 13 Student of the Month Breakfast  
5th Grade Fall Fun Day (2:30-4:30)
- November 17 Extended Day Program begins
- November 18 PTO meeting 7:00pm
- November 20 Science Fair with Evening activities  
for Parents and Students (6:00-8:00)  
Annual SGS Food Drive
- November 30 Parent Teacher Conferences

**II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – STAFF**

- Functional Behavior Interventions Work Shop given by Sharon McNeil.
- The Teacher Academy PLC continued to provide monthly professional development for the teaching staff
- The Instructional Rounds PLC continued monthly focus on instructional practices.
- The coaches met each cycle with the grade level teachers focusing on literacy, math, and assessment

**III. SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Students were honored at the monthly Student of the Month Breakfast.
- Five buses were honored at the Bus Celebration and received a trip to FHS to see the school play.

**IV. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

- December 1-4 Parent Teacher Conferences  
Book Fair
- December 7 Principals' Meeting
- December 14 Winter Concert- Band & Orchestra 7:00pm
- December 15 Winter Concert- Conservatory Band & Chorus 7:00pm
- December 16 Principal/ Directors' Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

*Gary Mattia*

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Interim Principal

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

## **SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

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

8th Grade Read 180 students are doing character analysis on the three doctors in the book *We Beat The Streets*. Students are writing their opinions about characters' strengths, weaknesses, potential for success, and the positive and negatives of their family and home life. Then, they are going into the book and finding evidence to substantiate their opinions, and including page numbers of where the evidence was found.

❖ **Ms. Sanabria's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Spanish 1A FMS**

7th grade students work in pairs to practice speaking in Spanish asking and respond about their personal information. The cultural focus for the month of November included "El Día de los Muertos", a Mexican tradition. My students created "cavaleras" (skulls) or "flores" (flowers) using "papel picado" (paper mache). The colorful results blew me away, which I proudly have displayed in the classroom. In addition to the paper mache activity, the students completed a writing activity honoring someone special who has passed on by completing sentence stems. This assignment gave the students the opportunity to write about someone that they love, and words cannot express how it felt to read the student's work. All that I can say is that I feel privileged to be their teacher.

❖ **Mrs. Debra Osman, Dean Of Students - FMS**

On Tuesday, November 24, 2015, 100 young leaders from Franklin High School served as inspiring role models to students at Franklin Middle School through their participation in the JA High School Heroes Initiative. 100 FHS volunteers impacted 50 classes 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th grade reaching a total of 1,100 students.

FMS will hold 1st marking period Honor Roll Assembly.

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

The Student Assistance Newsletter was posted on the website and included information for parents, staff and students on bullying, violence prevention among other topics.

During the month of November mentors from the Middle Earth mentoring program continued to work with their students. We have four mentors serving seven students. Some of the issues discussed include using conflict resolution as opposed to violence when dealing with conflicts in school and at home.

During the month of November morning announcements read by the Connections students included daily messages from the Words of Wisdom with the theme of violence awareness and peaceful resolutions. (Entire school)

On November 12, 2015 I presented a PowerPoint on depression, suicidal ideation and the process to the new teachers here at FMS  
Rutgers and Kean Graduate students conducted 28 conflict resolution sessions with students during the month of November.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES - STAFF**

### **Ms. Andrea Olarte, Spanish Teacher FMS**

During the month of October, the Diversity Club assisted the Spanish department during the Hispanic Fiesta Night. Our members helped to set up decorations and performed a dance to entertain the community.

Ms. Olarte

### **Mrs. Quiyon N. Peters, School Counselor / Anti-Bullying Specialist Parent Involvement Coordinator FMS**

Parent HIB / Cyber bullying workshop was held on the Monday, 11/9/15. This workshop was facilitated by Mrs. Quiyon Peters and Officer Dawn Flanders in support of the Parent Involvement Initiative.

### **Ms. Maha Ghanem – Literacy Coach, FMS**

The LAL Department is currently working on their second units of study. In Grade 7, the students are reading fantasy novels in book clubs and writing companion books. In fact, Ms. Auguste, our librarian, hosted most of the Grade 7 classes to teach them what a companion book really is through exemplars. In Grade 8, the students are reading dystopian short stories and novels, thinking about author's craft and how the moves of the author connect to the themes of their texts. The Literacy Coach is starting up Writers of the Unit program, in which the LAL teachers will select 1-3 students per unit who composed at grade-level or above-grade level writing. Those students will receive a certificate, their names will be announced over the PA system, and they will be honored at our second annual Writing Expo in February and in May. Ms. Ghanem will organize this event with a committee of teachers, inviting parents and administration to come read and listen to student writing.

### **Ms. Margaret Auguste, Librarian FMS**

This month I was awarded a \$3000.00 dollar grant for foreign language books from the ESL Dept. for the FMS Library. This grant has allowed me to purchase Spanish, French and Chinese language books for our students and teachers to use for both classroom and independent reading.

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

Ms. Murray and I are meeting with the 7th and 8th grade students after school to prepare them for the St. Joe math competition in January. Meetings for December are Dec. 1st and Dec. 15th. The kids are excited and our meetings are going great.

### **III. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ✓ Dec.8                7<sup>th</sup> Grade I&RS Meetings
- ✓ Dec. 9               8<sup>th</sup> Grade I&RS Meetings
- ✓ Dec. 11              FMS-Holiday Semi-Formal
- ✓ Dec. 14              Minimum Session
- ✓ Dec. 17              Parent University Administrative Mixers
- FMS-Strings & Choral Concert
- ✓ Dec. 22              FMS Winter Band Concert
- BOE Meeting
- ✓ Dec.23              FMS Food Bank Drive

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## **FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Report to the Superintendent For the Board of Education For the Month of November, 2015**

#### **I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

The FHS Marching Band finished 5<sup>th</sup> out of 15 bands in the Group 4A competition at the US Bands New Jersey State Championships at Rutgers University with the group's highest score of the year with a score of 89.763.

Ms. JeriLynn Flynn arranged for The Art Institute to come to speak to all of the culinary classes about careers and to prepare a recipe for the students to sample.

Teen PEP Family Night was held on Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup> 2015. Teen PEP Family Night was attended by approximately 70 people. The attendees were a combination of parents, students, and administration.

The Junior Classical League went to Christian Brothers Academy on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> for the JCL Central Regional meeting. Students participated and competed in various events. Heather Attanasio and Jada Abdullah won the Latin scavenger hunt! Students enjoyed playing trigon which is an ancient Roman ball game.

Amnesty International club members once again completed their annual teach ins with the freshmen class. Our club members, led by Sonia Gupta, were invited into the U.S. History I classes over the past two weeks to deliver their presentation on human rights. There were over 8 volunteer instructors who were trained to deliver an introduction to human rights. Members showed a short video on the history and definition of human rights. This was followed by an interactive game of prioritizing rights. Amnesty International members closed their presentation with a quote by Eleanor Roosevelt explaining the importance of human rights and how it starts with each individual. Amnesty International members wish to thank Mr. Mayer, Ms. Gammage, Mr. Dobis, Mrs. Trautmann, Mr. Young, Ms. Ben Nacef, and Mr. Porter for inviting them into their classes for this presentation.

SAC in school activities include:

Boys counseling

Substance education counseling (ASG group)

Managing anger (TACT group)

Connections mentoring program November

Girls Circle Group Counseling

Project Wisdom

Dawn Flanders Staff Education on Cyber Bullying November 2<sup>nd</sup>

STFL Naviance Training 11/12

STFL Toys for Tots 11/13-12/14

REBEL Great American Smokeout Lunch room event November 20<sup>th</sup>

HBCU Malcolm Bernard tour with STFL students 11/19/15

Sexting Awareness announcements and email to staff and through Naviance

See attached SAC newsletter

## **II. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES – STAFF**

Association of Student Assistance Professionals Somerset County 11/12/15

Franklin High School teachers gave a presentation on Youth in Action (YiA) at The National Council for Social Studies - College & University Faculty Assembly (CUFA) in New Orleans, LA. Ms. Maureen Guzman, Ms. Fran Bardusco and Ms. Hussain were very well-received by our colleagues at Rutgers University and beyond, and we owe this to the wonderful efforts and support of our students, co-facilitators, Ms. Sana Ben Nacef and Mr. Steve Virgone, and our administrators, Dr. Tom DiGanci, Mr. Frank Chmiel, Ms. Julie Ochoa. Our presentation represented a refreshing and honest perspective on youth participatory action research conducted over the past three years, in the midst of a highly academic conference. We were given various accolades by fellow teachers, academics and researchers, and were even invited to present our district's good work abroad at Hiroshima University in Japan! We are excited to present to both the Franklin High School faculty and our Board of Education. I look forward to an opportunity to further build on and share Youth in Action with our school community.



## **III. SPECIAL ACHEIVEMENTS**

Mr. Jason Marchitto received NJ license in clinical and alcohol drug counseling (LCADC).

## **IV. MAJOR UPCOMING EVENTS**

On November 18, 2015, the Franklin High School Guidance & Counseling Department hosted an Instant Decision Day with Rider University. Nine seniors were admitted on the spot for admission to Rider's Class of 2020 based on their SAT scores, transcripts, letters of recommendation, essays and interview with admissions representative Susan Makowski. In addition, all nine students were awarded scholarship money ranging in

\$19,000 - \$22,000. Congratulations to Jasmine Cunningham, Danielle Drayton, David Gray, Alex John, Daniel John, Zalikatu Kamara, Neha Makwana, Justin Orsini, and Renuka Venkatesh.

Rebel Elementary school outreach 1/15/16,1/26/16

Association of Student Assistance Professionals Feb 25&26 2016

SAC program and Franklin Municipal Alliance present student and communities activities in the "Social Norms Campaign" to prevent underage drinking

**V. ACHEIVEMENT TOWARD ANNUAL GOALS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Respectfully submitted,

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## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

## STUDENT ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

## NEWSLETTER

2015-2016 Youth Suicide Prevention Edition

Jason Marchitto MA, LPC, SAC, ACS



Superintendent M. E. DeAngelis

Principal Thomas J. VandenBerg

*"Connecting Students and Parents with Student Assistance Counselors"*

The New Jersey Strategy for Youth Suicide Prevention became effective January 2015. New Jersey recognizes that "one suicide or suicide attempt is one too many." This newsletter was developed to provide suicide prevention strategies to educate, empower, and strengthen youth, families, and our community.

## Youth Suicide Prevention

- ⑤ Suicide is the third leading cause of death for youth age 10 - 24
- ⑤ Each year, approximately 157,000 youth between the ages of 10 and 24 receive medical care for self-inflicted injuries at Emergency Departments across the U.S. (CDC)
- ⑤ Between the years 2010 - 2012, there were 233 youth suicides in New Jersey
- ⑤ Between the years 2010 - 2012, there were 2,248 youths in New Jersey hospitalized for attempted suicide and/or self-inflicted injuries
- ⑤ Male youth attempt suicide at a rate of 30.6 per 100,000
- ⑤ Female youth attempt suicide at a rate of 57.0 per 100,000, double the rate of male youths
- ⑤ Male youth are more likely to complete suicide (7.1 per 100,000 youth) than female youth (1.8 per 100,000 youth)

## Seasonal Affective Disorder

- Also known as SAD
- Mood disorder that is associated with symptoms of depression
- Many times this is seen to occur during the winter months
- People feel much better in the spring and summer
- Females are more likely to have SAD
- Can occur as early as age 15
- Can be caused from lack of sunlight; messes up your biological clock that involves your sleep wake pattern
- Symptoms include feeling grumpy, moody, gaining weight, lost of interest in activities

December 22, 2015

Exhibit R-01.a

# Referrals For Parents

Should you observe any students who you have concern for, please contact the Student Assistance Coordinator, either **Mr. Jason Marchitto (Room C235)** or **Mrs. Stacey Hale (Room B233)**. From there, they will be able to meet with the students and discuss the steps needed to be taken to get the student help inside of school and outside of school if necessary. Listed below are some of the core suicidal prevention programs that currently provide services to youth and families in New Jersey. The Student Assistant Coordinators here at Franklin High School can refer a student and the family to these services if needed.

## Traumatic Loss Coalition (TLC)

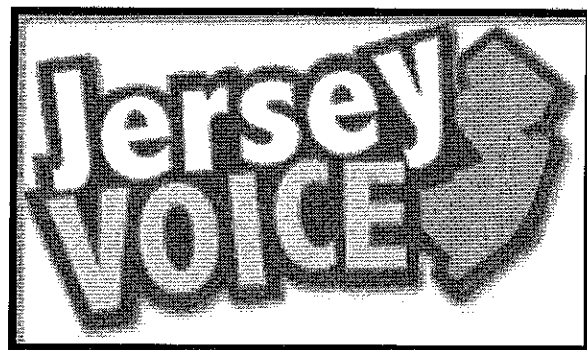
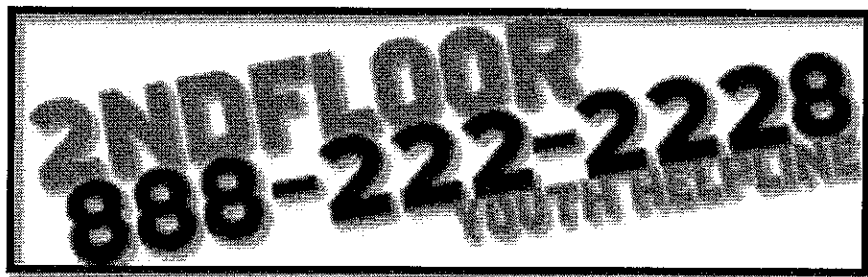
- At University Behavioral Healthcare at Rutgers
- Statewide network that offers opportunities and support to professionals working with school-age youth
- Mission of TLC is in suicide prevention and trauma response assistance to schools following suicide, homicide, and deaths
- You may contact Naomi Persaud; 908 - 253 - 3167

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Youth Helpline

- 1-888-222-2228; [www.2ndfloor.org](http://www.2ndfloor.org)
- Serves youth and adults (10-24) in New Jersey
- Help assist with daily life challenges by professional and trained staff

## Jersey Voice

- [www.Jerseyvoice.net](http://www.Jerseyvoice.net)
- Peer - to - peer website for teens and young adults to use if they have ever had a bad day, struggles with mental health problems, or has lost a loved one
- Encourages teens and young adults to use their own voice to help, recognize strengths, and inspire hope





## Mobile Response and Crisis Screening

- Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to help children and youth are experiencing emotional or behavioral crisis
- Designed to defuse an immediate crisis, keep children and their families safe, and help stabilize children in their homes

## New Jersey Suicide Prevention Hopeline

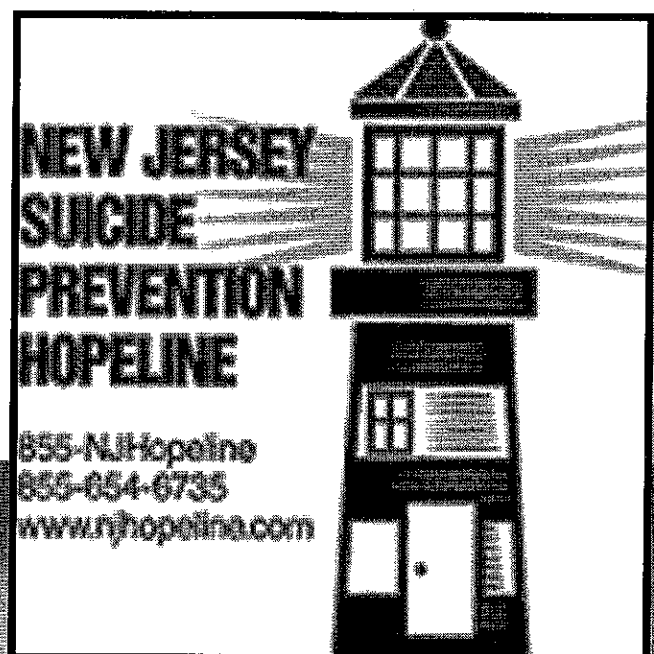
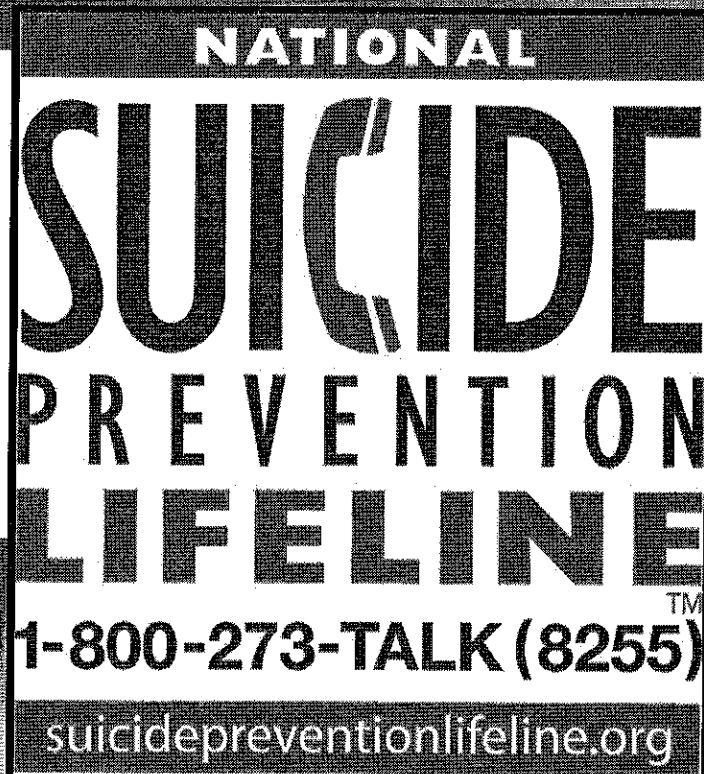
- 1-855- 654- 6735; [www.njhopeline.com](http://www.njhopeline.com)
- New Jersey's peer support and suicide prevention hotline staffed by mental health professionals and peer support specialist

## Screening and Screening Outreach Programs

- Available to individuals in emotional crisis who need immediate attention and cannot wait
- Located in a general hospitals and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- May come in without an appointment; if person refuses to come, an outreach team can be sent

## National Suicide Prevention Lifeline

- 1-800-273- TALK (8255); available 24 hours, 7 days a week
- Free and confidential emotional support for those in suicidal crisis or emotional distress



# Student Assistant Counselor Programs

The National Strategy for Suicide Prevention has provided a list of goals and objectives that would have a major role in preventing suicide. The Student Assistant Counselors (SAC) here at FHS provide a number of services addressing these goals and objectives. Several things the SAC department addresses include:

- Addressing the needs of vulnerable populations, while being culturally sensitive
- Using the most up - to - date knowledge in prevention and postvention
- Combating misconceptions about suicide to reduce shame silence, and build resiliency in individuals and communities
- Promoting safe messaging while reporting and discussing suicide
- Coordinates with Franklin Township Municipal Alliance for effective programs addressing youth suicide
- Promotes wellness
- Provides crisis intervention for families and students
- Provides group counseling
- Provides training for teachers
- Provides materials at back to school night, parent - teacher conference, and community programs
- The SAC department continues to work with administration on policies to assist students dealing with suicidal behavior
- Participates in the Yearly Teen Summit - students meet and participate in speaker presentations on a variety of different topics including addressing mental health, suicide, and working on healthy behaviors

