



Superintendent's Report

February 13, 2024

A huge thank you to the parents of the Korean Parents Group, the Lunar New Year Assembly Committee, and the teachers who helped prepare the students for the outstanding assemblies held on Friday, February 9, 2024! The assemblies included singing, instrumental music performances, drumming, dancing, and sharing information about the Lunar New Year and the Year of the Dragon. The assembly at both schools also included a performance by the Columbia University Lion Dance Troupe and the Top Mixed Martial Arts from Northvale. It was an exciting day that was both entertaining and educational. The assemblies highlighted the beauty of Closter's diverse cultures, making Closter a great place to live and learn.

The High Impact Tutoring Grant from the New Jersey Department of Education requires using a vendor from an approved list. Closter Public Schools received the grant and selected Catapult Learning to tutor our third and fourth-grade students. Unfortunately, Catapult Learning has been unable to secure tutors to begin the program. They are actively seeking employees to fill the positions and report that they may be able to begin in March. Until they can send the tutors, we will offer the students academic assistance through our after-school program. I thank Ms. Zanin for her resourcefulness in adjusting so we can provide academic support until Catapult Learning can begin its services.

Due to the snowstorm, our QSAC Fiscal monitoring that was supposed to occur today has been rescheduled to Friday, February 16, 2024. The QSAC monitoring in Instruction & Program, Board Governance, Operations, and Personnel will occur on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. We are ready!

Save the date!! The Closter PTO will host a Gatsby-themed party on Saturday, April 6, 2024. It promises to be a fun evening of elegance and jazz. More information will follow soon. Check out the [Closter PTO webpage](#) for information on this event, the upcoming Spelling Bee, some author book signings, and more.

The school district will be closed from Monday, February 19, 2024, through Friday, February 23, 2024, for winter break. Schools will reopen on Monday, February 26, 2024. Please enjoy the time off and be safe!

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