



Superintendent's Report October 12, 2022

Congratulations to our eighth grader, William Kim, who has broken the Tenakill record of 15 years for the shuttle run! This track event is a test of speed, agility, and coordination as the runner runs a distance of 30 feet four times. The TMS record was formerly held by JT Kim at 7.99 seconds. Kudos to William Kim, who has set a new record of 7.92 seconds!

Our [district's plan for virtual or remote instruction for the 2022-2023 school year](#), as per state law, has been approved by the Executive County Superintendent, Louis DeLisio. This is the plan that our Board approved on September 22, 2022. Our plan is posted on the district website. We are approved to use this plan only if the school must be closed for more than three consecutive days.

Last week, both schools observed the New Jersey *Week of Respect*. The students participated in various activities, including wearing team jerseys to show they are team players, wearing tie-dye to celebrate uniqueness, listening to read-alouds, attending assemblies on preventing bullying, and learning ways to be respectful to all. Our goal is for everyone to be respectful every week, not just during the *Week of Respect*!

On October 4, 2022, Senator Schepisi and Assemblywoman DeFuccio, both representing the 39th Legislative District, visited Hillside Elementary School. After Senator Schepisi held a forum in Closter in August, I invited all of the legislators for Closter to visit our schools. I was happy that Senator Schepisi and Assemblywoman DeFuccio visited! They were impressed with Hillside Elementary School and all of the great programs we offer students. They were both also open to partnering in the future with our Board, administration, teachers, and community in determining how new laws will impact our district. The senator and assemblywoman both also said they will come back another day to visit Tenakill Middle School. They presented Principal Dianne Smith, Board Trustee Salamea-Cross, Board Trustee Puttiania, and me with a joint resolution of the Senate and General Assembly, paying tribute to the meritorious record of accomplishment shared by our teachers, administrators, and staff. The resolutions will hang proudly in each school!

Please be reminded of two PTO fundraisers that are taking place:

- The Family Portrait fundraiser is on October 14th and 16th at Closter Nature Center. There are still about seven timeslots available, and you can register through the PTO website.
- The Closter PTO Fall Social on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at Brasserie Memere, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased through www.ClosterPTO.org.

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