



Egg Harbor Township Education Association

What's great in our schools today?

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I always think of change at this time of year. As the leaves change color and the trees prepare for the long winter ahead, I think it is a good time for all of us to prepare for what lies ahead. Your child's report card and teacher/parent conferences are a great place to start to ensure a solid foundation for the year ahead. Teacher/parent conferences are a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and discuss your child's educational progress. I hope you will find the following tips helpful:

- Make sure you have read over your child's report card thoroughly.
- Make a list of the questions you want to ask.
- Arrive promptly
- Stay on topic to avoid lengthy discussions that are not related to the purpose of the conference.
- Take time to review what was discussed,

so that both you and the teacher are on the same page.

Teacher/parent conferences help in building the foundation that will help your child be successful in school.

On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to express a huge THANK YOU for all the support you give to the staff of the Egg Harbor Township Schools each and every day.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving,
Kathy Waszen



Good day to all and Happy November! I hope you are enjoying the change of season as much as I am. My family and I just returned from a weekend visiting the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland and one of the best parts of the trip was seeing the beautiful colors as the leaves changed along the highways and on the grounds of the Academy. If you have never been to the Naval Academy, I highly recommend it. The campus is very impressive, the traditions even more impressive and the over 4,000 students in uniform and their respectful and courteous demeanor the most impressive part of it all. What I also love about the Academy is that their message is crystal clear... you cannot walk away without seeing, hearing, and witnessing the passion they have for their vision and mission.

Please check our vision and mission found on our webpage in the BOE section. In last month's message, I shared how our mission is being played out in our professional development and our curriculum and how proud I am of how our district is moving forward to prepare the students for their future. As part of my own professional development I had the opportunity to attend the New Jersey School Boards Convention in Atlantic City. It was a great opportunity to attend workshops, see new products on the market, network with other educators and take a moment to continue my passion for learning!

On behalf of the Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff of the Egg Harbor Township School District we wish you a very Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!

Davenport School Makes a Difference!

Make A Difference Day, held annually on the fourth Saturday of October, is one of the most encompassing national days dedicated to helping others. This year, Staff, students, and parents from Davenport Elementary and Primary Schools decided to make a difference in the lives of many of their students. A sock drive was held in both build-

ings and several hundred pairs of new children's socks were collected. "We believe every child deserves warm dry feet when the weather gets cold," said Mrs. Girard, library media specialist at Davenport Primary School. This winter, any child who needs warm socks will receive a new pair. The children's socks will be distributed between the two schools and housed in the nurses' offices.



Pictured from Davenport Primary School are Ami Patel, Matthew Ayala, and Michael Oberman from Mrs. Guerra's Class, and Nathan Harte, Addelyn Parker, Jazmary Cruz from Mrs. Lukas's Class.

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Special points of interest:

Charles Dickens' **A Christmas Carol**
(adapted by Romulus Linney)
December 8, 9, 10, 11, 2011 in the new High School Theater
Doors open at 6 pm Thurs, Fri, Sat evening - curtain at 6:30 pm \$5.00 general admission
Saturday Holiday Dinner and Show \$15 (max 200 people)
5 pm dinner and 6:30 pm show
Reservations required - contact Mr. Guenther at guenther@eht.k12.nj.us or 609-653-0100 VM 5263
Sunday matinee: doors open at 2 pm / curtain at 2:30 pm \$5 general admission
Produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc. NY, NY



**A good teacher is like a candle -
it consumes itself to light the way for others.
~Author Unknown**

Joy D. Miller School News

Miller's Jostens Renaissance is continuing to promote student achievement, motivation and the pursuit of excellence. The Renaissance Action Team at Miller welcomed teachers back at the first in-service with raffle prizes of gift certificates from Wawa, Applebee's and Chili's, as well as coupons for a dress down day and extra computer classes. The teachers were motivated and appreciative.

Miller's students have been inspired as our Hard Work Café is underway! Each month a student from each homeroom is chosen as a Hard Work Café winner. As the winner, they are able to sit with a friend at a select table in the cafeteria, and choose a prize from the treasure chest of gifts from Five & Below. This has been a great success.

****Coming up for Miller's Jostens Renaissance, a fundraiser for teachers and parents to attend is on Friday, November 18, 2011 from 5:00-8:00pm @ DiOrios Circle Café in Somers Point. Tickets are \$25.00 which include food and raffles. The proceeds go directly to Renaissance for the students at Miller.**

****Next, on Saturday, December 10, 2011 will be the 2nd Annual Holiday Jubilee @ The Miller School. (Times to follow) Various crafts, face painting, games and fun to be had by all. Look for the flyers to come home.**

**Miller's Jostens Renaissance
Study, Try, Achieve, Recognize, Succeed**



Johns Hopkins University CTY 2011 Talent Search Alder Avenue School and Fernwood Avenue School

Johns Hopkins University CTY 2011 Talent Search –
“High Honors” Awards Ceremony
Rowan University – Wilson Hall – Pfeleger Concert
Hall
Sunday, October 23, 2011
1:00 PM

Alder Avenue Middle School:



- Walter Gawel 7 th (SAT) High Honors – Critical Reading and Mathematics **(710) Grand Ceremony – Johns Hopkins University (Nov. 13 th)**
- Parker Himley 7 th (SAT) High Honors – Critical Reading and Mathematics
- Kirstin Rontos 7 th (ACT) High Honors – Critical Reading
- Erin Howell 7 th (SAT) High Honors – Mathematics
- Brianna Wong 7 th (ACT) High Honors – Mathematics
- Mohaymenul Islam 6 th (SCAT) High Honors – Mathematics

Fernwood Avenue Middle School:

- Megha Andrews 7 th (ACT) High Honors – Critical Reading and Mathematics

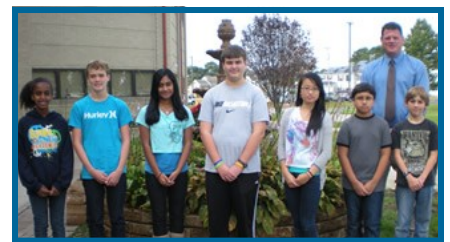
- Alexander Swankoski 7 th (SAT) High Honors – Mathematics
- Cindy Luo 7 th (SAT) High Honors – Mathematics
- Andrew Duff 6 th (STB) High Honors – Spatial Test Results
- Naati Hamda 6 th (SCAT) High Honors – Critical Reading
- Nicholas LeConey 6 th (SCAT) High Honors – Mathematics

Nil Patel 6 th (SCAT) High Honors – Mathematics
The Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth host Awards Ceremonies to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Talent Search participants who earn high SCAT, SAT, ACT, or STB scores. About 25% of 7 th and 8 th graders and 33% of 2 nd through 6 th graders who test qualify to attend Awards Ceremonies. Considering that all students who enroll in the Talent Search are very bright, scoring at these top levels is a great achievement, and should be a source of pride. The SAT and ACT tests are generally taken by college-bound juniors and seniors. “High Honors” is awarded to 7 th and 8 th graders who exceed the mean scores of college-bound seniors. The SCAT *School and College Ability Test* is a nationally-normed 9 th grade level test.

The STB *Spatial Test Battery* is one of the only exams of its type conveniently available for students this age. Special talent in this area can be of great benefit for later pursuit of mathematics, natural science, engineering, architecture, and other fields.

Proudly, Walter Gawel is the **first EHT student** to be invited to attend the *Grand Ceremony* held at Johns Hopkins University and to be a member of (SET)!! Walter's outstanding SAT score of 710 in mathematics

identified him for these prestigious opportunities. Students from around the world are invited to Johns Hopkins University for a special recognition ceremony where they receive a medal honoring their outstanding academic achievements. The Julian C. Stanley Study of Exceptional Talent (SET) was created to help extremely talented students achieve their full potential. Since 1980, SET has assisted students throughout the U.S. who exhibit extraordinary mathematical or verbal reasoning ability by scoring at least a 700 on either the Mathematical or Verbal (Critical Reading) part of the SAT Reasoning Test before the age of 13. Students who take the SAT after their 13 th birthday may qualify for SET by scoring an additional 10 points above 700 for each month of age after their 13 th birthday. SET's primary function is as a counseling service to its members. To help students find appropriately challenging academic opportunities, SET provides free academic advice both directly and through publications and web resources.



The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.

~William A. Ward



Eagle Academy News

On Wednesday October 12th, Mr. Smith along with 3 Eagle students spent the morning delivering flowers. About 60 chrysanthemums, mums for short, were donated by the Patcong Farms garden center to be given away. Students Max Finkbeiner, Victor Matias & Christian Simpson delivered the flowers to The Atlantic County Women's Center & the Atlantic Adult Day Care Center. Eagle Academy has been teaming up with our oldest community partner, Patcong Farms for the past 13 years to give away mums, pumpkins & poinsettias to members of our community that may need a floral pick-me-up.



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One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child. ~Carl Jung

A BIG Thank you to Mr. Bill Higbee and Mr. Mike Corbo

EHT High School hosts 9-11 First Responders

On Wednesday September 14, 2011 Egg Harbor Township High School held its first assembly in the building's new auditorium. The assembly was presented all day long to most of the student body population on the tragic terror attacks that took place on September 11, 2001. The Supervisor of Social Studies, Ms. Eileen Hannigan and Mr. Stephen Schweizer (history teacher) organized the assembly that brought Mr. Bill Higbee and Mr. Mike Corbo to the high school. These two gentlemen have been doing presentations on the September 11th attacks in Mr. Schweizer's classroom for the past five years. Bill Higbee and Mike Corbo are members of New Jersey Task Force One. They are two of the 200 members in the state of New Jersey who are responsible for responding to catastrophic events. These events include hurricanes, earthquakes, terror attacks as well as any natural disaster that presents itself.

This presentation was conducted by Mr. Higbee and Mr. Corbo in a power point format that showed the various pictures that they took while being at ground

zero from September 11, 2001 through September 21, 2001. The presenters showed images of what occurred on that Tuesday morning that would change the world forever. Our student body was very attentive and learned a great deal from these two wonderful presenters. Mr. Schweizer's classes will be doing a service learning project that will entail having the students write down on a large sheet of paper how they will help someone out in the name of all of the September 11th victims. The students will then have their pictures hanging on the walls in the hallways of the high school reminding everybody how they can make a positive difference in American society.

On behalf of the Social Studies Department and the High School, Ms. Hannigan and Mr. Schweizer would like to thank Mr. Higbee and Mr. Corbo for their efforts in keeping the memory of the September 11th victims alive.

