

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



THE SUPERINTENDENT'S INSIDER..... June 1, 2011

In the News:

- *THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS LOOKING FOR A FEW PARENTS AND OR COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SERVE AS AD HOC MEMBERS OF THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES: EDUCATION, FINANCE & FACILITIES, COMMUNICATIONS AND POLICY. THE NUMBER OF AD HOC MEMBERS ARE LIMITED. AD HOC MEMBERS ARE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN SERVING AS AN AD HOC MEMBER OF ONE OF THE COMMITTEES PLEASE CONTACT SUE SMEAL, SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT.*
- The district is saying goodbye to two staff members that have provided outstanding service to the district and our students. Joan Lies has been a special education teacher in the district for the past 19 years and has put the success of her students as her top priority. Fred Bidwell has been one of our custodians for the past 8 years providing quality dedicated service to the district and helping to create a positive environment in the district. **We wish them all the best in their retirement.**
- Congratulations to Cathy O'Rourke on her selection as "2011 Teacher of the Year". Cathy is currently teaching third grade and has been in the district for the past 22 years. Cathy is committed to providing a high quality education for all students and serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students.
- Several parents have been working to organize and establish the Holland Music Boosters. The Boosters will provide both financial and logistical support to the district vocal and instrumental music programs. The Holland Music Boosters were introduced to the board at the May 24th meeting and to the school community at the spring concert on May 26.
- Thanks to the hard work of Joanne Winn, Joan Lies and Kathy Stannard, the annual Tournament of Champions Event was held again this year. After finding out at the end of 2010 the event would no longer be held, our three staff members stepped up and organized the event for 2011. Kudos to them for their efforts.
- On Tuesday, May 17, our seventh and eighth grade students had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Jones Kyazze. Dr. Kyazze is the representative from the Rotary Club in Uganda that seventh grade works with on their service learning project. Jones was in the U.S. to attend a conference and took a bus from New York so he could meet our students and talk about the Rain Water Harvesting System they will be providing for a school in Uganda. The work for the project is being done by the Nateete-Kampala Rotary Club. Once the project is complete there will be a plaque placed at the Ugandan School identifying the Holland Township School and the rotary club as the sponsor of the project. Our seventh graders raised \$2500.00 for the project.
- The end of the school year is rapidly approaching. Eighth grade graduation will be held on Thursday, June 23. Also, the last three days of school June 21, 22, and 23 are early dismissal days.

Highlights from the May 24, 2011 Board of Education meeting:

- **Accepted the resignation of Joan Lies for the purpose of retirement effective July 1, 2011**
- **Recognized Fred Bidwell, retiring custodian, for his service to the district.**
- **Recognized Cathy O'Rourke as the 2011 Holland Township School District Teacher of the Year.**
- **Approved the 2011-2012 Professional Development Plan.**
- **Accepted the following NJQSAC results identifying the district as a high performing district by the Department of Education:**

DISTRICT PERFORMANCE REVIEW AREAS	INITIAL PLACEMENT
Instruction and Program	95%
Fiscal Management	99%
Operations Management	88%
Personnel	90%
Governance	100%

- **Approved Brad Bidwell as custodian beginning July 1, 2011.**
- **Approved the purchase of two Toastmaster Heavy Duty Electric Ranges for the cafeteria to replace one existing electric range and the one natural gas range in the cafeteria now.**
- **Approved the contract with the Hunterdon County YMCA to provide Before and After School Programs for the 2011/12 school year;**

Emil J. Suarez