

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



THE SUPERINTENDENT'S INSIDER.....

July 12, 2010

Congratulations to Holland Township School District's 93 Eighth Graders who graduated on June 25, 2010. We are proud of their accomplishments and wish them the best of luck in high school. We expect great things from all of you.

Kindergarten teacher **Chris Regan** was named **Holland Township School District's Teacher of the Year**. Mrs. Regan was selected by a committee of teachers, administrators, and parents. Mrs. Regan has been teaching in the district for 12 years. She is a dedicated professional that makes learning fun. Mrs. Regan was honored at a county-wide luncheon on June 4, hosted by the Hunterdon County Executive Superintendent. Congratulations Mrs. Regan!

Mary VanLieu, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, retired on July 1, 2010. Mrs. VanLieu spent 38 years of her professional career in the Holland Township School District. She served in many positions including teaching kindergarten, Reading Recovery, and academic support among others. She also served as Supervisor of Special Services before taking the position of Supervisor of C & I.

The Holland Township Board of Education approved a resolution at the June 22, 2010, board meeting to dedicate and name the Middle School Media Center after longtime librarian Al Foster. Mr. Foster was the librarian for the district for 31 years from 1960 to 1991. Mr. Foster was known for instilling the love of reading and learning in the students of the district. Mr. Foster, who made providing the district with quality library services and serving our students with distinction his life's work, passed away in April 2010.

Highlights from the June 22, Board of Education meeting:

- Approved the 5-year Curriculum Revision and Textbook Replacement Plan
- Approved the revised first grade report card
- Approved the Superintendent's voluntary salary increase waiver
- Accepted the resignation of Michelle Hilke Academic Support teacher
- Approved the Department Chairs for the 2010-2011 school year
- Approved the coaches and extra-curricular activities advisors for the 2010-2011 school year
- Approved the following staff member transfers: Amber lazier to 4th grade, Wade Chilmonik to Academic Support 3, 4 and 5, Linda Breslin to Special Education grade 4, and Maria Perna to Academic Support K-2
- Approved a title and job description change from Principal to Principal/Curriculum Coordinator
- Approved the first reading of the following policies and regulations: Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils, Political Contributions, Budget Transfers, Reserve Accounts, Emergency and Crisis Situations, and Fire and Fire Drill Regulation
- Approved the purchase of new 6th through 8th grade LAL textbooks
- Approved the purchase of SuccessMaker Software
- Approved a capital project to construct a ramp to provide a barrier-free egress from the building
- Accepted a donation of Spanish textbooks from Del Val Regional High School

District Highlights

- **The HTS Chorale and Show Choir were in a competition in Kutztown, PA with choirs from 4 states. Our Show Choir took first place, and our Chorale placed third. Great job!**
- **Matthew Leidy won the medal for outstanding vocalist for his solo performance.**
- **Orli Spierer and Zach Lewis were recognized as the Holland Township eighth grade students with the highest overall grade point average over 3 years. They were honored at a ceremony hosted by Del Val Regional High School.**
- **Approximately 30 students competed in the Tournament of Champions event hosted by Del Val Regional High School on June 2. Many of our athletes received medals for their performance. Great job athletes.**
- **5th through 8th grade students received certificates and other awards at our annual awards ceremonies held on June 24 and 25.**

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