

HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



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The opening of the 2010-2011 school year is just around the corner and our classrooms will again be filled with the faces of our smiling students. The staff has worked hard all summer to prepare for the opening of school and the newly waxed, shiny floors and teachers preparing their rooms are sure signs that a new school year is about to begin. I look forward to another challenging and successful year and hope that everyone has had a safe, relaxing summer.

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. The Board of Education, along with the Holland Township Education Association and the Holland Township Retired Teachers Association, will host a dedication ceremony on Tuesday, October 26, beginning at 6:30. All are invited to attend.

Mrs. Pat Palmer, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, has announced her retirement. Pat will work through September. Pat has served the Holland Township School District for 25 years and has been a valuable member of our staff. Her contributions to the success of our district are greatly appreciated, and she will certainly be missed by everyone. We wish her the best of luck in her retirement.

Highlights from the August 24, 2010 Board of Education meeting:

- Approved a revised 2010-2011 calendar (revision of the April and May early dismissal days).
- Accepted the resignation of Pat Palmer for the purpose of retirement.
- Approved the job description for Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
- Approved Susan Smeall as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent effective on or about September 27.
- Approved Thomas D'Angelo as Fifth Grade Mathematics teacher.
- Approved Claudia Wirkus as cafeteria aide.
- Approved the following policies: Eligibility of Resident/Non-resident Pupils, Political Contributions, Budget Transfers, Reserve Accounts, Emergency and Crisis Situations.
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement.
- Approved the district Emergency Management and Response Plan.
- Accepted the NCLB and IDEA grant monies and approved the submission of the NCLB and IDEA grant applications.
- Approved the district bus routes for the 2010-2011 school year.
- Accepted the Preliminary Eligible Costs for all ROD grants.
- Approved a contract with the Finesville Institute for Innovative Teaching for the purpose of providing professional development services for the 2010-2011 school year.

New staff members and changes in staff assignments are almost always a part of a new school year.

Our new staff members include:

- Thomas D'Angelo, Fifth Grade Math
- Susan Smeall, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
- Claudia Wirkus, Cafeteria Aide
- Jeanette Murphy, Applied Behavior Analysis (contracted services)

Changes in assignment include:

- Amber Lazier, from Academic Support teacher to Fourth Grade teacher
- Wade Chilmonik, from Special Education teacher to Academic Support teacher
- Eileen Brown, from Guidance Counselor to Physical Education teacher
- Linda Breslin, from Pre-school teacher to Special Education teacher
- Maria Perna, from Academic Support teacher 3 &4 to Academic Support K-2

Saturday, September 11, is the annual Holland Township Community Day from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Many community organizations including the school district will be participating. There are many activities of interest that take place at this event and a fireworks display to end the evening. Come out and show your Holland Township pride.

Emil J. Suarez