

# HOLLAND TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



## THE SUPERINTENDENT'S INSIDER..... December 6, 2011

### In the News:

- *THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONTINUES TO SEARCH 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 SMEALL, SECRETARY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT.*
- The Holland Township Education Association and the Holland Township Board of Education have agreed to a settlement of the contract. The Board of Education approved the agreement at the November 22, 2011 board meeting and the HTEA membership approved the settlement on November 30, 2011. The new contract will be in effect from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013.
- Our security camera system is up and running. We now have cameras in many of the hallways in the school. The monitors are located in the school office and the system retains the digital recordings for approximately 45 days. The Holland Township Police Department will also have access to the images as the system is a web based system. Cameras have also been installed around the exterior of the building.
- Thursday, 11/17 was our annual Thanksgiving/Veterans Day Luncheon. It was a huge success. We changed the format a little from last year to increase the emphasis on our veterans. A short speech honoring our veterans was given and in between the introduction of a group of seven veterans' students read Veterans' Day poems.
- Due to the cancellation of Community Day the Board of Education will be holding the Savings Bond drawing at the December BOE meeting. The school will create entries for all the students in the school and all students enrolled in the district will have one entry in the drawing. You are encouraged to attend the December BOE meeting.
- The Middle School Winter Concert will be held on Thursday, December 15, beginning at 7:00 pm. You are encouraged to come out and hear the vocal and instrumental selections of the season performed by our 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade music students.

**Highlights from the November 22, 2011 Board of Education meeting:**

- Accepted a donation of eighty (80) atlases from Telecordia Pioneers Chapter 99 in Piscataway
- Accepted a donation of two bird houses by Harry Carr to be placed in the Discovery Garden.
- Accepted a donation of tickets to Liberty Science Center to be applied as a class trip for Mrs. Jill Conti's 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Accepted a first place award in the amount of \$500, received by G&T class at the Thomas Edison Invention Challenge at NJIT
- Accepted a grant in the amount of \$604 from Source of Excellence in Educational Development (S.E.E.D.) Foundation to be utilized for the membership into Technology Student Association
- Approved a contract with Innovative Designs for Education for the purpose providing teachers with onsite professional development in Project Based Learning.
- Accepted the resignation of Ms. Heather Bazarnicki (Special Education Teacher) as of January 17, 2012.
- Approved Melanie Martin as Long Term Sub for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade LAL Teacher
- Approved Shelli Deckert as replacement kindergarten teacher through June 30, 2012.
- Approved additional payment of \$22.50 per day for Carmelina Delasey for serving as Acting Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent from September 8 to October 21, 2011 (32 days).
- Approved a contract for the Rental House Roof Repairs with Strober-Wright Roofing Inc;
- Approved participation in and adherence to the guidelines of the three-year Sustainable Schools Research Project beginning with the 2011-2012 school year.
- Ratified the Memorandum of Agreement between it and the Holland Township Education Association covering the period from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013.

As always, if you have any questions or would like more information regarding this information please do not hesitate to call me at 908-995-2401 extension 312.

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