



Superintendent's Report

December 8, 2021

*This report is posted monthly on our district website -
"District: Superintendent's Updates/Monthly Reports to BOE": [BOE Monthly Reports](#) .*

COVID-19 Update

The District & Holy Name Medical Center co-hosted a Pediatric Vaccine Clinic on November 30 at BFMS. This event was highly successful, with 97 children receiving their first of two shots. The second shot will be administered at the school on December 21.

With the latest variant (Omicron) in several states, including New Jersey, we strongly encourage everyone to get vaccinated or get their booster shot. The District is already experiencing an increase in cases - including "breakthrough" cases in staff. Ms. Corallo, our Director of Community Relations, has already spoken to Holy Name. We have scheduled an additional pediatric clinic held on January 10, 2022 (more information will be coming soon). She is also exploring a path to offer booster shots and COVID-19 testing for our staff (NOTE: Testing recommended before everyone returns to work in January). Thank you to Holy Name Hospital and the Township for their partnership and help and support during this past year.

National Teacher Shortage/HR Virtual Fair

Virtual Fair November 23:

The District's virtual job fair held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 3:00 pm-6:00 pm. The District's website advertised the virtual job fair and used other platforms, including the District's Facebook and LinkedIn profiles. There were a total of 16 candidates that registered for the job fair. Of the sixteen (16) registered candidates, eleven (11) candidates confirmed their participation and met virtually with the participating Administrators for the following positions:

- Nina Odatalla, Thomas Jefferson Middle School Principal
 - Assistant Principal
- Antoine Green, Lowell Elementary School Principal
 - Secretary (Grade B)
- Natasha Pitt, Hawthorne Elementary School Principal
 - Substitute Teacher
- Shellian Mirander, Assistant Director of Special Education
 - Substitute Nurse
- Dawn Tennent, Kelly Services Account Manager/Special Services Coordinator
 - Paraprofessional

During their scheduled times, the Administrators met with multiple candidates to determine if any candidate should be invited to interview. Based on the information gathered and candidates holding the required certifications for the applicable positions, four (4) candidates have been invited to officially interview. The four (4) candidates that have been invited to formally interview include two (2) Substitute Teacher candidates, one (1) Paraprofessional candidate, and one (1) Assistant Principal candidate.

Employee Referral Program: This is just a reminder that our Employee Referral Program runs through December 30. A flyer with more information was sent to all staff and posted on our district website: <https://www.teaneckschools.org/SpecialMessages.aspx>

January Job Fair: The District intends to host an in-person Job Fair in January at the District Office. More information will be coming soon.

Thank You & Happy Holidays

December 8, 2021, will be our last Board meeting of the calendar year, and I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful holiday break. Next month, we will be welcoming two new Board members - Mr. Jonathan Rodriguez and Mr. Dennis Klein, and this month, we are saying "farewell" to Mrs. Sarah Rappoport and Mr. Gerald Reiner, who have served this District and their Community during some of our most challenging years.

As a reminder, the schools will be closed December 24 - January 2, and the District office will be closed December 24, 27 & 31. On behalf of all of us, we wish you a wonderful and safe holiday and a very Happy New Year!

Curriculum & Instruction

December 6 Professional Development Day - The District held its second professional learning day. Sessions included a range of topics, such as: Science Instruction based on Phenomena, Supporting Social and Emotional Learning in the Writer's Workshop, Strategies for Differentiating Mathematics Instruction, Curating Library, and Media Resources on Destiny and Teaching Language using Total Physical Response Strategies. We were especially enthusiastic to partner with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History for our secondary social studies professional development. Teachers will now have access to all of the rich instructional resources shared by the Institute.

All 25 sessions were carefully curated by the instructional supervisors and administrators to match the data that has recently been analyzed from both the Start Strong Assessment and Star Assessment. These sessions reaffirm the District's commitment to providing timely and relevant professional learning opportunities to our teachers and certificated staff members, especially as we look to recover from the health-related closure. For a look at Teaneck Public Schools' Professional Development Catalog, click here: [TPS: December 6, 2021 - Professional Development Catalog](#). For questions about specific learning initiatives, please visit the Curriculum and Instruction Website: [TPS: Office of Curriculum and Instruction](#). Administrators listed on the page can answer questions regarding these exciting learning initiatives.

- *Language Arts/ English* - Students in kindergarten and first grade have shifted to a multisensory, systematic reading foundations skills program that emphasizes: phonemic awareness, phonics/word study, reading fluency, comprehension, handwriting, and spelling. This

multisensory approach engages visual, auditory, kinesthetic, and tactile activities to enhance learning and memory. Because of distance learning, the District wanted to ensure that our youngest readers and writers have the opportunity to engage in structured, multisensory literacy learning, which ensures that they have the requisite literacy skills needed to be successful readers and writers. For more information, please visit the Parent Tab on the Wilson Language website: <https://www.wilsonlanguage.com/parents>

- *Science* - Eleven K-12 Science teachers and the Science Supervisor attended two of five professional development sessions on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), learning how to support students as they investigate phenomena in the science classroom. The professional development modeled how Next Generation Science Standards-aligned instruction should look using Disciplinary Core Ideas to construct explanations for natural phenomena. Teachers also learned practices for engaging students in performance tasks.
- *Technology* - Two Whittier Elementary School special education teachers were provided professional development in the use of 3D printing technology and 3D modeling software, and online resources. The two teachers immediately used what they learned and implemented the 3D printers and the 3D modeling software with their students.
- *Gifted and Talented* - The Teaneck Academically Gifted Program is currently in full swing. In September, 5th-grade students in both middle schools universally took the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAt), which helped further identify students for the 5th Grade Junior Great Books and 5th Grade Advanced Math Seminar programs. TAG Elementary teachers also began in-person enrichment classes for all 1st and 2nd-grade students once every 6 days. Plans are to introduce in-person enrichment for Kindergarten classes beginning in February 2022. In November, a total of 77 3rd & 4th-grade students were identified and invited to participate in extended services in Mathematics and Reading.
- *Humanities / Social Studies* - On December 6, grades 7-12 Social Studies teachers and the Humanities Supervisor attended a PD with the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History focusing on the Teaching Literacy through History approach where they learned a series of integrated literacy skills and tools for using primary sources in the classroom that directly benefit student performance and understanding. In addition, High School teachers have started to design new lessons based on the Inquiry Design Model. An inquiry design lesson is where students analyze historical evidence in order to investigate problems or scenarios, where there is not a straightforward answer but one requiring students to form and test hypotheses to evaluate historical events and developments. This mode of inquiry will soon be introduced in middle schools.
- *Visual and Performing Arts* - The Teaneck Public School District is proud to announce our new Fourth Grade Saturday Instrumental Music Program that will provide fourth-grade students the opportunity to receive instrumental music instruction on Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Violin, Viola, Cello, and Percussion. The program will run from January to May and conclude with a concert to celebrate our students' accomplishments. Parents can fill out the Saturday Instrumental Interest Form by December 20. The form can be found [Here](#). Additionally, our Fine Art teachers are providing students in grades 3-12 the opportunity to enter the 2022 Aviation Art Competition. This year's theme is "Design your perfect aircraft." More detailed information can be found [Here](#).

Special Services

1. *The Learning Ally Reading Solution* - The Learning Ally solution strives to improve literacy outcomes for students with dyslexia and other learning disabilities through early identification and intervention. The Learning Ally Solution includes:
 - a. Two (2) year enrollment for a complete site license (75% subsidized by NJ Education Department; 25% to be funded by Teaneck);
 - b. Professional learning services for administrators and educators;
 - c. 24/7 unlimited access to the Learning Ally online library of 80,000+ human-read audiobooks, including titles with highlighted text, available on iOS (iPad, iPod Touch, iPhone), Android (version 5.0 and higher), MAC, PC, and Chromebook;
 - d. Educator Portal for progress monitoring and reporting of student reading data;
 - e. Customized resources based on individual needs analysis for every enrolled educator.
2. *District-Funded Orton Gillingham (OG) certification initiative with Fairleigh Dickinson University* - The department of Special Education is partnering with FDU to certify 30 staff members in the 12 credit certification program based on The International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council (IMSLEC®). The cohort are anticipated to be as follows:
 - a. Cohort 1 - 15 staff members January 2022 - Fall 2023 - Orton Gillingham Teacher Certificate (12 credits)(program accredited at IMSLEC Teaching Level) - 19 staff applied for this cohort;
 - b. Cohort 2 - 15 staff members September 2022 - May 2024 - Orton Gillingham Teacher Certificate (12 credits)(program accredited at IMSLEC Teaching Level) - 18 staff applied for this cohort;
 - c. Staff members have until December 10 to apply. Staff members who are selected will be notified on December 15.
3. *NJDOE Systematic Change Facilitation Grant - Update*

In partnership with the New Jersey Inclusive Education Technical Assistance (NJIETA), New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education (NJCIE), and Montclair University, the Department of Special Education and Hawthorne Elementary School launched an NJDOE fully-funded (non-monetary/ no cost to Teaneck) school-based systematic change initiative. The initiative is a three to a five-year partnership that includes:

 - a. Onsite training and coaching to address the high rate of special education students placed in separate classes and separate schools;
 - b. Quarterly updates to district leadership on action plan progress.
4. *Special Education Parent Advisory Group Upcoming Event*

The current structure of Teaneck's SEPAG is in a transitional phase from a District led group to become the more traditional, parent-led group. To that end, the Special Services department has been in contact with and made available to our special education parents, the SPAN Parent Advocacy Group Network. Special Education parents were invited to attend a workshop on November 10 entitled: "Starting and Running an Effective Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)." At least one parent showed interest in leading the transition from a district-led group to a parent-led group existing with district support. The next meeting will be scheduled for January 2022.
5. *Strengthening Staff Training Session - Through CarePlus New Jersey*

The Department of Special Services, Nurses and the School Counseling Department facilitated a

healthy mind healthy body staff workshop around the following topics:

- a. The basics in understanding how to cope during the pandemic, and how this stress differs from other stressors and can lead to trauma in youth and the adults who support them.
- b. How to identify signs of distress in themselves as educators and support staff.
- c. Strategies staff can implement to assist students and themselves in managing stress related to grief, loss and staying socially connected to build resilience.

School Counseling Department

- **District Professional Development**
 - School Counselors will participate in the "Strengthening Staff Training Session" - provided by CarePlus New Jersey with the Department of Special Services and Nurses. The focus will be on delivering strategies for supporting themselves while continuing to support students and families.
- **The Mental Health Initiative** - Students and families in grades PreK-8 have access to licensed mental health clinicians. Telehealth sessions are conducted utilizing Google Meets. Parents can access these services by contacting their child's counselor or completing the [Confidential Counseling Referral Form](#)
- **High School**
 - November 30- Israel Delgado from Fairleigh Dickinson's Latino Promise provided an in-depth presentation to the 11th and 12th grade ESL students regarding the programs, admissions process, and financial assistance afforded to students.
 - Virtual Cosmetology Career Fair - Wednesday, December 8 (4:00pm - 5:30 pm). In collaboration with the FORUM, representatives from Parisian Beauty Academy/Paul Mitchell Partner School in Hackensack will provide information on careers in Cosmetology.
 - College representative visits are in-person and virtual. Students are notified via Google Classroom and Naviance of the schools scheduled to visit. Students register via Naviance
 - Scholarships- Information can be found in the Google Classroom and on live the [Scholarship](#) tab on the department website.
- **Communication** -
 - "THS Connections" Newsletter - THS Counseling Department will publish a monthly newsletter to share information with students and families.
 - YouTube Channel- All webinars will be posted for viewing. (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDw7prx6aDcxJmeyAo5sgQw>)
 - Follow @TeaneckSchoolCounseling on Instagram and Facebook

Communications & Community Relations

In the News

The District's recent vaccine clinic was featured in *Teaneck Patch*:

Teaneck Public Schools, Holy Name Partner for Vaccine Clinic: [Vaccine Clinic at BFMS](#)

Successful Vaccine Clinic

After our highly successful pediatric clinic on November 30, we are planning our next clinic for January 10, 2022 (more details to follow soon). Parents considering having their child vaccinated are encouraged to review the following resources:

- 1.) Frequently Asked Questions for Parents/Guardians About COVID-19 and the Vaccines: [FAQ on Vaccines for Children](#)
- 2.) COVID-19 Vaccine for Children & Teens (CDC Information): [Vaccine for Children & Teens](#)

New Communication Tools

Be sure to download the district's **Free Mobile App** from the Apple or Google Stores: *Teaneck Public Schools*. And be sure to join over 1300 followers of our district **Facebook** page: *Teaneck Public School District*.

Technology Department

Over the last few weeks, the Technology Department started implementing a new security system for Bryant Elementary School, Whittier Elementary School, Hawthorne Elementary School, and Lowell Elementary School. The new security system will include brand new cameras, card access, and door buzzer systems in each building. This is the first year of our three-year project, and we plan to address the middle and high schools in the following two years. These upgrades are possible as Teaneck Public Schools received a grant from the School Violence Prevention Program with the maximum amount of \$500,000 for this project. [Grant Award List](#)

Bryant School

- Students are engaged in creating props and enjoying Make Believe Play in various Grocery Store Centers (Loading Dock, Florist, Check-Outs, Deli, etc.) The transition to the Restaurant Theme will begin around the holiday break.
- We commemorated Veteran's Day by having a special guest visitor - Chief Warrant Officer 2 Avino, Joseph Avino's father, on November 16. Chief Avino is an officer in the United States Army. Ms. Barrett's and Ms. Bermeo's classes enjoyed learning about what his job entails in the US Army. He made connections to our everyday learning here in Preschool. He is an engineer with the Army, and he pointed out that building with blocks, constructing with Legos, and listening to your teachers all help prepare anyone to work for and help protect our country.
- Bryant School/TELC Pre-School Team hosted two Muffin and Donut Meet and Greets. The first Meet and Greet was held on November 15th. The second event took place on December 2nd. Parents had the opportunity to meet with the Pre-School team to learn more about the preschool curriculum, meet the team members, and ask questions about the program.
- On November 17, Bryant School PTO launched their Food Drive benefiting the Center for Food Action. The Food Drive will run until December 15. Click [HERE](#) for more information.
- On November 29, Bryant School recognized staff members for the Governor's Educator of the Year and Educational Service Professional of the Year. This year's Honorees continue to go above and beyond, providing their dedicated services to Bryant School, the District, and our Community. Congratulations to *Mrs. Bonnie Meneely*, our Educator of the Year and to *Ms. Jan Girgan*, our Service Professional of the Year! Thank you for being an important part of our success! Click [HERE](#) for photos
- Bryant School/TELC congratulates Ms. Lee for achieving a FULLY FUNDED project on Donors Choose! Ms. Lee requested donations to help purchase gardening tools for her students to cultivate the Bryant School garden. Please click [HERE](#) to learn more about Ms. Lee's project and to view photos of students as they began work on the Bryant School garden.
- Bryant School/TELC will kick off December Fun Themed Fridays. The first three Fridays and the Thursday before the holiday break will be dedicated to fun themes, allowing the students to

dress in Disney outfits, show off their school spirit, celebrate winter, and wear their cozy pajamas. Please click [HERE](#) for details.

Theodora Smiley Lacey School

- December PTA fundraiser- Picture Day Makeups (12/6)
- The Lacey Kindness Cart/Harvest for Kindness concluded on November 10. Helping Hands Food Pantry helped our class's box over 10 boxes of non-perishable food items, before taking the items to their local pantry.
- Students participated in a free assembly from Barn Hill Preserve. The animal trainer shared with the students a variety of animals from the preserve including an owl, bearded dragon, armadillo and snake. The children really enjoyed the FREE show and many parents purchased items to support the Preserves mission.
- Students enjoyed an anti-bullying Magic show from Educational Productions' Mr. Jim Varigas. The show titled "Bullyproof Your School: The Magic of Character" showed students, through magic tricks, how to exemplify Respect, Responsibility and Caring. The show was part of the district's SEL initiatives.
- Ms. Mei Linh La-Mui attended the first of five sessions at the Science Education Institute. The first workshop session will focus on Phenomena and Core Ideas. We look forward to the continued professional development in STEM and NGSS,
- PTA meeting held on November 9. Working with the NJPTA, we were able to complete the formation of the new Theodora Smiley Lacey PTA Bylaws.
- Lacey Learning Lab after-school program began on November 16. Twenty-five students were identified to attend and participate in instructional support in Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, SEL and STEM (robotics).
- Lacey recognizes staff members for the Governor's Educator of the Year and Educational Service Professional of the Year. This year's Honorees continue to go above and beyond, providing their dedicated services to Lacey, the District, and our Community. Congratulations to *Ms. Mei Linh La-Mui*, our Educator of the Year.
- Report cards and Star Renaissance (December 1) reports were distributed to parents.
- Picture retake day took place on 12/6/21.
- Lacey Literacy Monthly Newsletter was distributed and received over 250 views and counting.
- Lacey School initiated its 1st annual Sock Drive. Collected items will be donated to Never Alone Again Resource Center located in Teaneck.
- Lacey School is preparing for our Winter Sing-Along Concert on December 20.

Hawthorne Elementary School

- Our PTA Double Good fundraiser was held in November and was quite successful.
- Our annual gift drive, Hawthorne Cares, is underway. Some of our students will be receiving anonymous gifts from generous staff and community members.
- We are all about celebrating our students and staff at Hawthorne School. On November 30, we honored our November Student of the Month recipients during an evening virtual ceremony.
- On December 1, Principal Pitt honored the nominees of the Governor's Educator of the Year and Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year in a ceremony which was held in our gym. Congratulations again to *Darlene Bagnuolo, Amanda Meller, Allison Norris, and Kristin Nunez* for being nominated for Governor's Educator of the Year. *Kara Lindner* will represent Hawthorne School as the Governor's Educator of the Year. Additionally, *Kellie Costa* was

nominated for Educational Services Professional of the Year. *Jennifer Cortez* will be representing Hawthorne School as the Educational Services Professional of the Year.

- Our Star parent reports were distributed on December 1. The Star assessment provides information about areas of strength and areas in need of refinement for our students.
- The Hawthorne Scholars after school program began on December 1. Selected students will be receiving reinforcement and academic support for reading and math in our program on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- The Hawthorne PTA meeting took place on December 2. The Hawthorne PTA is on social media. Please visit TeaneckHawthornePTA on Facebook and/or Teaneck Hawthorne PTA on Instagram.
- The PTA will also sell healthy snacks at school on December 17.
- This month, students and staff are showing their school spirit by participating in themed attire. On December 3, they wore all things sparkly; December 10, something festive; and December 17 will be something red, green, or blue. On December 23, it's pajama day!

Lowell Elementary School

- Lowell School completed another Greg Tang Math Challenge! The Thanksgiving Challenge kicked off the week of November 16. Students who complete the challenge will participate in a recognition ceremony on December 3rd. Please click [HERE](#) for details.
- During the week of November 15, Lowell School's third graders learned all about the Electoral Process in a week-long event that culminated in an election with votes being tallied. The teachers took the students through the entire process from registration, candidate research and selection, debates, and the vote. Please click [HERE](#) for details.
- The Lowell PTO held its first Cherrydale Fundraiser of the year. The event was successful, with the PTO earning funds that will go toward the end of year activities.
- Lowell PTO Picture Make-Up day took place on November 30th
- The Lowell Breakfast Club is now OPEN. Under the supervision of Ms. Ryerson, the Breakfast Club allows parents to drop off their students at 8:30 AM. Students have breakfast and prepare for their day. Please click [HERE](#) for information on the Lowell School Breakfast Club.
- Lowell School will be kicking off the Afterschool Math and Literacy Support Program on December 16. Students identified as benefitting from additional support in Math and Literacy will be contacted directly by email. Parents who receive the email must register upon receipt to ensure their student's placement in the program. The sessions will take place virtually from 7 PM to 8 PM, 2 days a week (TU and TH). The program will run until April 28, 2022.
- Lowell School Third Grade Teachers will host "*Baby it's Cold Outside*", a Hot Chocolate and Favorite Book Party on Monday, December 22, 2021. Students will enjoy a cup of hot chocolate while reading their favorite books. The event aims to celebrate the season while promoting the love of reading. Calendar event can be found [HERE](#)
- Each year, Lowell School recognizes staff members for the Governor's Educator of the Year and Educational Service Professional of the Year. This year's Honorees continue to go above and beyond, providing their dedicated services to Lowell School, the District, and our Community. Congratulations to *Ms. Lisa Sgambati*, our Educator of the Year and to *Dr. Kristine Thielman*, our Service Professional of the Year! Thank you for being an important part of our success!

Whittier Elementary School

- Dannette Coston, School Counselor, started social emotional learning classes for all Whittier Students. The program began with the Week of Respect in October and is now being taught during the third A-F block each month in the media center. This month students learned how to recognize the difference between small problems and big problems. The Kelso's choice conflict

resolution program helps students recognize problems and make good choices to solve problems. Students are able to apply these skills to decision making in real life situations through practice.

- The PTO sponsored a school wide Scavenger Hunt for all students. Pictures of Mr. LoGiudice were "hidden" throughout the school. Classes were asked to locate all ten photos placed throughout the building. After locating all ten, the class submitted their findings to the Whittier PTO. The first class to submit the exact ten locations to the Whittier PTO won a class party of their choice and wolf bucks; the teacher of the class was automatically approved for the PTO Teacher Grant.
- Congratulations to the 2021-2022 National Elementary Honor Society members. Students were inducted at a ceremony on November 18 in the presence of school personnel and their families. Each of the 13 inducted students represent the four pillars of NEHS; scholarship, leadership, responsibility and service.
- Picture Retake Day was held on Friday, December 3.
- Whittier School recognizes staff members for the Governor's Educator of the Year and Educational Service Professional of the Year each year. This year's honorees continue the tradition of providing a great educational experience for our students. Congratulations to *Mrs. Camille Silverman*, our Educator of the Year and to *Mr. Eric Johnson*, our Educational Services Professional of the Year! Thank you for all that you do for the Whittier community.

Benjamin Franklin Middle School

- Benjamin Franklin Middle School celebrated "World Kindness Day on November 12.
- In November, BFMS launched, "First Chapter Fridays" for learners at BFMS, the event took place on Friday, November 5, 2021, with our Media Specialist, Mrs. Erin Lafond hosting. The goal of this initiative is to engage our learners in literacy by creating a circle of their peers to discuss literature they've been reading.
- The learners at BFMS organized and held a rally on the school grounds on November 19 called the "Rally Against Hate." The rally featured speeches that were written and delivered by students who are a part of the school's Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Committee.
- BFMS hosted a vaccination clinic for students ages 5 and up with the support of the district and Holy Name Hospital. The event yielded 100% participation for all who registered.
- BFMS will have 4 of our students graduate from the Teaneck Public Schools and Fairleigh Dickinson University partnership -Girls Exploring Engineering (GEE). The event continues to inspire our young ladies to shatter stereotypes by teaching them how to build bridges, explore science and engineering related learning experiences.
- The Leadership Team and School Counseling Office started a Recess Focus Group to elicit suggestions from learners about how to best support their needs during recess.
- BFMS started its annual "BF Cares" program that pairs students with needs during our holiday season with an adult in the building who will support those needs.
- Benjamin Franklin Middle School and BFMS PTO along with Kastle Fundraising hosted an acrobatic basketball exhibition for students involved in the PTO fundraisers.
- The Leadership Team at BFMS hosted a Pre-Thanksgiving "Apple Dipping Station" on November 23 for the staff with apples, hot caramel, melted chocolate, and a host of other toppings to give thanks for the work they do for the learners in our Community.
- The Drama Teacher at Benjamin Franklin Middle School, Ms. Kelly Blessing, and Media Specialist Erin Lafond School Safety Team Lead and Assistant Principal Jahari Jacobs, provide a space and opportunity for learners to script and record videos to review and demonstrate safety protocol

and expectations during our drills. These videos will be used to show how members of the school community might respond to the many safety drills held at our schools -providing best practices for our learners and staff.

- On Wednesday, December 1, BFMS' English Teacher, Mrs. Jean McVerry, was accepted to participate in the **TEDEd** Student Talk program. This one-year program will provide professional learning opportunities for Mrs. McVerry to support Student Talk, Idea Journaling and allow students to tap into resources available to them in the **TEDEd** global student community.
- The BFMS I-Team is hosting a Sock Drive to support the homeless. The drive will run from December 1-14, and the homeroom that donates the most socks will be announced during the school's Winter Pep Rally.

You can find pictures from these events at @bfmsteaneck using Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.

Thomas Jefferson Middle School

- TJMS acknowledges Mr. Enoch Nyamekye who has been our assistant principal for the last 4 years and has been a Teaneck Public Schools educator for 14 years. December 13th will be his last day at TJ. Congratulations and thank you for your years of service and care to the students, families, colleagues and communities of Teaneck. We wish you all the best in your new role closer to home!
- On December 3, TJMS 7th graders learned from the Pathway to Addiction presentation hosted by Bergen County Prosecutor's office.
- On December 6; TJMS officially launched the Qualifying Round of the Spelling Bee.
- On December 9, TJMS Awards ceremony for the first marking period honor roll students was held in the Auditorium.
- The Principal's Honors breakfast was held on December 10 for student recognition.
- On December 13,
 - A. Round 1 of the TJ Bee was held during lunch/recess in the Media Center.
 - B. TJMS initiates holiday spirits with Ugly sweater contest to be judged by the administration.
- December 14 - PTA meeting at 7pm was held via Zoom.
- December 15 - BQMT meeting at 7:45am was held via Google Meets.
- December 16 - TJMS's winter concert is held in the auditorium at 7pm.
- December 17 TJMS encourages DEAR time during the 7th period.
- The Lion King show is held on December 21 at 6pm in the auditorium hosted by the Drama Club.

Teaneck High School

- Teaneck High School Choir performed at The Township of Teaneck's Menorah and Tree Lighting on December 6, 2021 at 6:00pm.
- BGMT Meeting December 13, 2021 from 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- PTSO Meeting December 13, 2021 From 7:00pm - 8:00pm
- Project Graduation December 13, 2021 from 8:00pm - 8:30pm
- Teaneck High Choral Concert Sunday December 19, 2021 @ 4:30pm

Human Resource Management

Staff Vacancy Updates – see attached document

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VACANCIES as of 12.07.2021

DISTRICT

Certificated:

English as a Second Language (ESL)
Teacher
Supervisor of Mathematics (C&I)
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Non-Certificated:

Manager, Human Resources & Compliance
Coordinator of Institutional Advancement &
Grant Procurement
Transportation Coordinator
General Mechanic III/Grounds Foreman
(O&M)
Safety Officer

TEANECK HIGH

Certificated:

Special Education (Mathematics) Teacher (2)
Special Education (Science) Teacher
Computer Science Teacher
Mathematics Teacher

THOMAS JEFFERSON

Certificated:

Assistant Principal

