



Superintendent's Report

February 16, 2022

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"District: Superintendent's Updates/Monthly Reports to BOE": [BOE Monthly Reports](#) .*

Black History Month

February is designated as "Black History Month" and our district is celebrating - and educating - on this annual event in many ways. Throughout this report, you will see the many school activities planned. Additionally, we posted a special BHM graphic on our website slideshow and our District Facebook cover photo. We also reached out to our local community organizations for information on their respective Black History Month events and received a strong response! These events can be found under the "Communitywide Black History Month Events" on our district website: [Community BHM Events](#). These community partner events have been promoted on our district Facebook and mobile app too.

COVID-19 Update

Reminder: Our Weekly COVID-19 Dashboard - updated every Thursday - provides an at-a-glance view of positive cases, by school, and the total number of students and staff in quarantine. We are pleased to report that the number of cases continues to trend downward at a significant pace.

<https://www.teaneckschools.org/COVID-19Resources.aspx>

This dashboard is also posted on the school websites.

Mask Requirement: NJ Governor Murphy recently announced that effective March 7, all schools and child care centers in New Jersey can remove the mask requirement when inside the school buildings - but also noted that the final decision on this can be made at the school district level. To that end, and per the discussion that took place at last week's Board meeting, the district has released (via email) a parent, staff, and student survey to hear everyone's thoughts on this topic. This input along with guidance from our local health department and school physicians, will be used as we make a decision on whether to lift this restriction or make any other changes in our COVID-19 protocols. It should be noted that school buses follow federal regulations and the mask mandate will not be lifted yet on school buses. We hope everyone will participate in this survey which is due on Monday, February 21 by 8 pm.

Preschool Applications Now Available

The Preschool registration process will be held from February 14 - March 31. Applications can be downloaded from the district website at <https://www.teaneckschools.org/GradesPK3PK4.aspx> or picked up at the Teaneck Early Learning Center, located at 479 Maitland Ave. Completed applications can be emailed to prekregistration@teaneckschools.org or by scheduling an appointment by calling 201-347-3486. All applications are due by March 31, 2022.

[PK Flyer English](#) and [PK Flyer Spanish](#)

Family Engagement Workshops

As one of the district's Internal & External Communication Plan objectives, the District is pleased to announce that TPS has partnered with Learning Alliances to offer a series of five virtual workshops for our parents/guardians. These "Family Engagement Workshops" will begin on March 1. Each workshop will be presented in English & Spanish simultaneously. It is our intention to offer additional workshops in the 2022-2023 school year with topics selected based upon input from our families. For more information about this year's topics, and workshop dates, please visit the district website: [Family Engagement Workshops](#)

No Homework Weekend

With the mental health of our students, staff and families in mind, last year we introduced several "No Homework Weekends" and even over specific recesses/breaks. We heard from many of you about that desire to have this once again and I am pleased to announce that with the President's Day Weekend nearly upon us (the district is closed on Monday, February 21), we have announced that this weekend is a No Homework Weekend. We hope everyone enjoys this well-deserved break!

Curriculum & Instruction

● ***Visual and Performing Arts***

- A number of our fine arts students in grades 1-12 are participating in this year's national art contest sponsored by The Bergen County Chapter of Links, Inc. titled "The Art of Social Justice to Transform Communities." Students are encouraged to reflect and artistically express the work of social justice leaders and their impact on their community. Classroom discussions will be centered around issues like equal rights, violence and racial justice.
- In addition, on February 5th, the beautiful sounds of music filled Whittier Elementary school by our amazing students at our first ever Fourth Grade Saturday Instrumental Music Program. On May 21, 2022, these young instrumentalists will perform and showcase their hard work for their friends and families to conclude the program.

● ***Computer Science Department***

- The Teaneck High School Computer Science Department is proud to announce that 5 of our 10th and 11th grade computer science students have been selected by the Fairleigh Dickinson University Gildart Haase School of Computer Sciences & Engineering (GHSCSE) to attend a level one computer science course on the Python Programming Language. The students will be attending the course for 15 weeks on Saturdays and upon completing the course successfully, the students will earn 3 college credits at no cost to the students.

● ***Science Department***

- To celebrate and honor Black History Month, all **Teaneck High School** science classes are highlighting the contributions that Black Scientists have made in recent and past history. From the first treatment for leprosy to the foundation of the global positioning system, Black scientists have long been involved in major scientific developments, despite being pushed to the margins, refused jobs, and denied credit for their discoveries. The Teaneck High School science teachers are taking opportunities to share and celebrate

the Black Scientists that have contributed to their science subject as well as their current unit of study.

- All science teachers from **Thomas Jefferson Middle School** and **Benjamin Franklin Middle School** are taking part in a Door Decorating Contest that will honor and acknowledge the great contributions that Black Scientists have made in the past and continue to make today. The door decorations will display multiple Black Scientists, a small bio of each as well as the contributions that those scientists made and in many cases continue to make today. There is a decorative design component to the contest and a winning prize will be awarded to the best design.
- The Science Department has provided the opportunity for eleven science teachers ranging from grades K through 12 to attend professional development sessions offered by The Science Education Institute at Raritan Valley Community College. This Profession Development Series focuses on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and how to support students as they **Investigate Phenomena** and use **Phenomena** to guide the science instruction. The workshop sessions model what NGSS-aligned instruction looks like in the science classroom and lab. The teachers that attend also turnkey what is presented to the rest of the science teaching staff. The first of these turnkey opportunities came on December 6th, 2021 Professional Development Day and will continue as the year progresses. Moreover, some school administrators have been leveraging the staff that have attended the workshops and have allowed them to present their training to the respective building teaching staff as in the case of Whittier Elementary School.
- The 7th and 8th grade science teachers from both **Benjamin Franklin Middle School** and **Thomas Jefferson Middle School**, in partnership with **The Nation Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF)**, participated in the Teaneck Watershed STEM Launch Event on Thursday February 10, 2022. This event initiated a number of activities that all 7th and 8th grade science students will allow them to learn science not only in the classroom but also study the real world impact on the environment in our community. Every Wednesday during this period, the students will be taking part in "Watershed Wednesdays." During the "Watershed Wednesdays" science activities, the students will be studying science related to water quality as well as macroinvertebrates. These activities will lead to a field trip to the Teaneck Creek where the students will be able to apply what they have learned in the classroom and generate data driven lab reports. The final activity will be a culminating project to showcase their work and findings.
- **English/ Language Arts**
 - Elementary students will be participating in The National 33rd African American Read-In hosted by The National Council for Teachers of English (NCTE). As the website notes, "During the month of February, schools, churches, libraries, bookstores, community and professional organizations, and interested citizens are urged to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month by hosting an African American Read-In. Hosting an event can be as simple as bringing together friends to share a book or as elaborate as arranging public readings and media presentations that feature professional African American writers. It was established in 1990 by the Black Caucus of the National Council of Teachers of English to make literacy a significant part of Black History Month. This initiative has reached more than 6 million participants around the world." Additional information can be found here: <https://ncte.org/get-involved/african-american-read-in>
- **English as a Second Language (ESL)**
 - On February 8, 2022, the department held its first Teaneck English Language Learner Parent Advisory Committee (TEPAC) meeting of the year. Committee members discussed

the district's language assistance program, and parents/families provided suggestions for family meetings to be added to the upcoming months. Suggestions included: Understanding the District's Technology Resources, Meet-and-Greet, and Learning about the Teaneck Community. Keep up-to-date with everything happening in our department by visiting the district's English Language Learners page on the District's website:

<https://www.teaneckschools.org/EnglishLanguageLearners.aspx>

Special Services

- **[Social Emotional Learning and Executive Functioning Virtual Support Center](#)**- Special Education and General education staff members across the district have been participating in the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Coaching Support Center facilitated by the Department of Special Education and Innovative Design for Education (IDE). These professional learning experiences focus on specific skills and strategies educators can use to build executive function and SEL skills, both linked to higher student achievement and emotional well being. The content is presented across the following modules that can be navigated in any order:
 - Conscious Control
 - Engagement
 - Collaboration
 - Empowerment
 - Efficacy
 - Leadership

This allows educators to get just-in-time support and ideas as well as to expand their knowledge and possibilities for instructional innovation as they support the social emotional needs of their students.

School Counseling Department

- **National School Counseling Week**- Teaneck Public Schools will recognize National School Counseling Week from February 7-11, 2022. Sponsored by the American School Counseling Association, the goal is to focus public attention on the unique contribution of school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. The 2022 theme is "**School Counseling: Better Together.**" Click [HERE](#) to see the full list activities for National School Counseling Week
- **High School**
 - **Seniors** - Scholarship opportunities can be found in the "Senior Guidance Info" Google Classroom and on the [Scholarship](#) tab. For more information please see Ms. Dockery in the School Counseling office.
- **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

2022-2023 District Calendar – During last week's Board Workshop, the Board requested a minor change to the proposed 2022-2023 District calendar (which was on the Workshop agenda). A revised calendar has been included in tonight's agenda for the Board's approval.

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Community News

Be sure to check out the special Black History Month events planned by many of our local community partners. Visit the "Communitywide Black History Month Events" section on our district website: [Black History Month Community Events](#)

Teaneck in the Media

On February 13, Teaneck's Benjamin Franklin Middle School was featured on CBS-NY for their participation in this coming Friday "No One Eats Alone Day". You can watch the full media segment featuring Principal Williams here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pzlrutrZLGO>

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*.

Bryant School

- This month, our students transitioned to the Medical Theme. Students are engaged in creating props and enjoying Make Believe Play in various areas of medicine, from the hospital to the dentist's office, to the eye doctor, and even veterinary fun. Stay tuned for photos of our students in action.
- On February 1, 2022, the Bryant/TELC community celebrated the Year of the Tiger by welcoming the Lunar New Year with decorative artwork and inviting guest readers to the classrooms to read books about Lunar New Year traditions. Click [HERE](#) to see our Lunar New Year fun.
- Throughout the month, Bryant School/TELC will commemorate Black History Month. Teachers will incorporate topics and materials daily as part of the classroom instruction. Stay tuned for more wonderful artwork that will be showcased on our hallway bulletin boards throughout the building. Please click [HERE](#) for some of our student's work.
- On February 3rd, Bryant School/TELC held Virtual Parent-Teacher conferences from 2 pm to 7:30 pm.
- February Fun Themed Fridays kicked off with Winter Boots Day on February 4th! Students came to school showing off their favorite winter boots. Fun Themed Fridays will continue throughout the month of February. Please click [HERE](#) for our February themes.
- Bryant School/TELC celebrated the Week of Kindness from February 7 to February 11, 2022. Each day during the week the children wore a special color and each day was represented by a special word of the day. For activities surrounding the Bryant School Week of Kindness, please click [HERE](#)

- On Monday, February 14th, Bryant School/TELC celebrated Valentine's Day/Friendship Day by dawning Red, White and/or Pink!
- On Tuesday, February 15th, Bryant School/TELC celebrated the 100th Day of School! Photos to come.
- Help support our Bryant School PTO by participating in the SchoolStore.com Fundraiser. Bryant School earns money when families and friends shop on SchoolsStore.com. Fundraising packets were distributed to the families with detailed instructions. For more information on the Bryant/TELC Fundraiser, please click [HERE](#)
- The Bryant School PTO is on Social Media. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram. Stay connected with all things Bryant School and all things PTO.
- The February School Calendar may be found [HERE](#)
- We encourage our families to visit the website for information on the February events hosted by the Bergen County Council for Young Children. Flyers and details may be found [HERE](#)

Theodora Smiley Lacey School

- Lacey School held Parent/Teacher conferences during the week of 2/7. Conferences were held virtually.
- On Tuesday, February 1, students celebrated the Lunar New year by wearing red and participating in [making lanterns and coloring tigers](#).
- NJEA's film crew came to Lacey School on February 9 to film their production of Making the Grade. The series focuses on all of the positive, creative lessons that educators are doing in NJ public schools everyday. They interview our very own Mrs. Theodora Smiley Lacey and documented Mrs. Lacey's interaction with students in the classrooms, talking about Black History Month and many of the wonderful contributions of African American leaders, artists, scientists, etc. [PHOTOS](#). The airing date of the segment is to be announced.
- Students are still participating in our [Spread the Love Kindness Bag project](#). Students have been bringing in ziploc bags filled with supplies as part of this school service project. This project will conclude on Friday 2/25/22.
- Our Lacey School PTA is hosting two fundraisers: [Coin Wars and Krispy Kreme Donuts](#). All proceeds will go to Lacey School end of year and moving up activities.
- On Monday, February 14th Lacey School will celebrate the 100th day of school. Here are a few of our [student projects](#).
- The Scholastic Book Fair will take place 2/14 - 2/18. Lacey School will host a late night browse and buy for parents on Thursday, 2/17.
- Lacey School is celebrating Black History Month with each classroom creating a live museum of famous historical and current African American leaders. Here are a few [PHOTOS](#). Each class will choose a person to honor and exhibit. A celebration and presentation is scheduled for February 25th where our special guest speaker will be Ms. Theodora Smiley Lacey.

Hawthorne Elementary School

- Happy Lunar New Year to those who are celebrating.
- On Friday, January 28, students and staff participated in our Respect Dance. Our students showcased the dance which was taught to them by our PE teacher, Darlene Bagnuolo. Aretha Franklin sang about "Respect" over the loud speaker.

- On Tuesday, February 1, we celebrated recipients for Student of the Month for the month of January. The character theme for January was perseverance and resilience.
- Our teachers are honoring Black History Month in many ways. Our teachers collaborated and shared ideas to commemorate and Black history in our classrooms such as: creating story quilts, self portraits, living legends projects, and social justice activities. During announcements, students will be learning about young and influential black people who are making their mark on the world such as Amariyanna "Mari" Copeny who is also known as Little Miss Flint. Additionally, many of our classes will be participating in a National African American Read-In hosted by the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) in collaboration with The Congressional Black Caucus.
- Students took the second administration of the Star Assessment during the week of 2/7.
- Students and staff celebrated Colette Brantley, our school counselor, by writing messages to affirm our gratitude for the work that she does.
- On Wednesday, February 9, third graders from Ms. Thomas and Ms. Burns' class were recognized by the School Board and Dr. Irving. These young authors' writing pieces were published in Teaneck Tomorrow Junior. Additionally, our PTA Reflections winners were celebrated during that meeting.
- Our National Elementary Honor Society Induction was held on Thursday, February 10th. Our inductees affirmed their committee to the ideals of scholarship, responsibility, service, and leadership in front of their loved ones in person and virtually.
- February 14 is the 100th Day of School. We look forward to celebrating this milestone in our school year.
- Congratulations to our PTA for winning a \$1,000 grant to support a math event where families can enjoy math games, sponsored by Mathnasium! This event is scheduled to take place in April.
- Hawthorne School is hosting a family virtual math night on Thursday, February 17th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. We are excited to share information about math resources and how to support math education at home. The topics, such as Old Math v. New Math and how to show your math thinking, were selected based on feedback from our families.
- Friday, February 18 is LIT day! This day will be a celebration of literacy and more specifically, the power of guided reading. Students are encouraged to wear pajamas.
- The Hawthorne PTA will be commemorating all twos day by hosting a canned food drive on Tuesday, February 22 and Wednesday, February 23. The proceeds will go to Helping Hands and the Center for Food Action.
- The PTA is also hosting a sneaker drive
- Our Parent/Teacher Conference is on Thursday, February 24.
- The PTA will be hosting a healthy snacks sale on Friday, February 25.
- Please stay tuned for the Scholastic Book Fair during the week of March 14 - March 18.

Lowell Elementary School

- Lowell had several activities occur in honor of Black History Month.
 - There was a Flipgrid Live event with author Tami Charles on Wednesday, February 2. This event was in honor of National African American Read-In as well as World Read-Aloud Day. The author presented her book *All Because You Matter*, a contemporary picture book and the attendees had a discussion and asked questions. Through the lyrical poetry of Charles' words, the message that all children matter, regardless of their race, color, religion, or circumstance, shone through.
 - A second Flipgrid Live event occurred on February 15. It featured New York Times bestselling author and political leader, Stacey Abrams, and illustrator Kitt Thomas. There

was a discussion on their new book *Stacey's Extraordinary Words* and the importance of perseverance and the power of words.

- Mrs. Giannikos is in the process of trying to obtain some more invitees to host virtual read-aloud events.
- The 3rd graders had a read-aloud event for Jacqueline Woodson's *The Day You Begin*.
- In Phys Ed, different influential African American athletes were and will be highlighted.
 - February 4-8: Jackie Robinson & Hank Aaron
 - February 9-11: Michael Jordan & LeBron James
 - February 14-16: Serena and Venus Williams
 - February 17- 22: Jesse Owens & Wilma Rudolph
 - February 23-25: Bill Russell & Arthur Ashe
 - February 28-March 2: Charlie Sifford & Tiger Woods
- In Mrs. Williams' class, the students studied the work and life of Dr. Maya Angelou. They viewed [Oprah's Master Class](#) and discussed "Be a Rainbow in Someone Else's Cloud." It was followed by the students discussing ways in which they can be someone else's rainbow. Mrs. Sandvig and Mrs. Williams provided texts and other literature to research information about her life. The hallway outside of the classroom was decorated.
- There will be an African-American History virtual concert sent out on March 3rd.
- The portals to schedule the Parent-Teacher Conferences were opened on Thursday, February 10. They will remain open until Tuesday, February 22.
 - They will be virtual from 2pm - 5pm; 6 pm - 8 pm.
 - It will be an early dismissal day for Lowell.
- In Ms. Ryerson's PE class, she continued with the Golden Sneaker Award that she gives out at the beginning of each month. The Golden Sneaker was given to the homeroom with the most points won based off of the behavioral chart Ms. Ryerson follows.
 - The winner for December/January was Ms. Dubon. They received a Golden Sneaker trophy that was kept in a display case in their homeroom.
- Ms. Ryerson selected PE Stars that were revealed along with the Golden Sneaker winner.
 - PE Stars were two students from each grade that exhibited role model qualities and excelled in class.
- During the week of February 7, Mrs. Giannikos and Ms. Park started a Reading Buddies program that paired first and second grade readers with third and fourth grade readers.
 - They benefited from an opportunity to enjoy great books. They were able to practice their word-solving, fluency, and comprehension strategies.
 - The program will continue by having partnerships of two students reading together at least once a week during the school day.
 - This program will be a great way for the third and fourth grade students to take on positive leadership roles by means of the reading partnerships.
- The Lowell PTO held a candy gram sale through the homerooms. Students placed orders with personalized messages that were distributed on Valentine's Day. Each message was delivered with a lollipop. The candy grams were sold for \$1 each as well as \$15 for a class set. The sale was a big success.
- There were a couple of Greg Tang math events hosted by Mrs. Lopez and Mrs. Ahearn.
 - A virtual help session with a Valentine's Day challenge was held on February 9.
 - A party was held at the end of January in which the students received Certificates of Achievements for the New Year's Challenge.
 - A live event was also held at the end of January.
- The next PTO meeting will be on Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30 pm.

Whittier Elementary School

- Setarah Torres Luna, a Kindergarten student at Whittier School, was selected as the winner for her grade in the Tang Math's New Year's Challenge -- which had over 2000 entries nationwide. Ms. Kim Sullivan, Whittier's mathematics enrichment teacher, spearheaded Whittier's participation in the challenge this year. Congratulations Setareh!!!!
- The Whittier School National Honor Society, under the leadership of Nina Lionetti, is supporting the Never Alone Again Domestic Violence Center of Teaneck by collecting new, much-needed children sized masks and mittens. The collection ran from January 19 through February 14
- The PTO will hold their Scholastic Book Fair from February 22 through February 25. They also held a fundraiser at Panera Bread on Tuesday, February 15.
- The PTO held a meeting on February 8 with the fourth grade parents to discuss end-of-the-year activities to celebrate their moving up to middle school.
- Whittier School is celebrating our School Counselor during the week of February 7 - 11. We are so thankful for Ms. Dannette Coston and all of the support she provides for our school community.
- Whittier School will be celebrating the 100th day of school with festivities for all grade levels on Monday February 14.
- Whittier School is celebrating Black History Month.
 - Every morning on the Whittier News Channel (morning announcements) there will be presentations on famous and not so famous African Americans as part of a "Did you Know....?" segment. A sample of the daily announcements is [here](#).
 - Whittier School will participate in the National African American Read In (AARI) which encourages communities to read together centering on African American books and authors and promoting diversity in literature. From February 18 to February 28, students will participate in read alouds across all grade levels.
 - Every Friday in February students will participate in theme days focussed on celebrating acceptance, pride, unity and justice.
 - Whittier students are creating a virtual Black History and MLK performance under the direction of music teacher Ms. Christine Taylor and media center specialist Mr. Eric Johnson. The video performance will be shared with the entire school community once completed at the end of the month.
- Parent Teacher conferences will take place (virtually) on Thursday, February 24.
- The Whittier School Read-A-Thon will take place from February 28 through March 4 to encourage and reward students for reading.

Benjamin Franklin Middle School

- Benjamin Franklin Middle School (BFMS) launched Black History Month by highlighting cultural icons during morning announcements using the following themes:
 - Week 1 -History of BHM/Activism/Rosa Parks Day
 - Week 2 -Math & Science in African American History
 - Week 3 -Literacy Greats
 - Week 4 -African Americans and the Arts
- The Art Classes will work throughout the month in coordination with the Bergen County Chapter of the Links, Inc. The Theme: The Art of Social Justice to Transform Communities.
- The 6th Grade Social Studies classes will be created for the Tribute to the Elders program scheduled for later in the month (2/25/2022).

- On Friday, February 4, BFMS celebrated Rosa Parks Day with lessons in Social Studies classes for creating posters signs in Grades 5 and 6; Focus on Activism in Grades 7 and 8. Students from all grades participated in a Kahoot game about Rosa Parks.
- On Monday, February 7, a building-wide drumming and libation ceremony was held and recorded for our *Tribute to the Elders* event.
- On Friday, February 18, a Black History Month panel discussion will take place virtually for grades 7 and 8.
- The week of February 7, was National School Counselor Appreciation Week. BFMSI highlighted the work of school counselors at the school and also around the district.
- On February 8, the monthly Student of the Month ceremony was held with an emphasis on celebrating learners for their stellar decision-making.
- On February 9, BFMS staff met with Innovative Design for Education (IDE) to continue its work to provide staff with strategies to build executive functioning skills in the learners at the school.
- On Thursday, February 10, Benjamin Franklin Middle School, Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Teaneck Creek Conservancy, and the National Environmental Education Foundation launched their Greening STEM initiative between both middle schools. The students of BFMS and TJMS will embark on a place-based learning experience that explores three-dimensional learning, project-based learning, and community-based learning with other partners in our area. This initiative was made possible by a grant from NEEF and Bayer for \$20,000.00 to support the collaborative work of both middle schools.
- Friday, February 18, is [National No One Eats Alone Day](#). BFMS will participate in this program to celebrate our school's diversity while also ensuring that all students have access to a lunch partner during the lunch period. The goal of the initiative is to promote inclusivity among our learners and ensure that students are checking in with one another.
- Friday, February 25, BFMS will celebrate its 3rd Annual *Tribute to the Elders* where they will honor the work and accomplishments of a select group of elders from the Teaneck community. This event will be virtual but include special guests who were past honorees.

Thomas Jefferson Middle School

- TJMS acknowledges Black History Month with resources for educators to utilize in academic lessons.
 - [DC Area Educators 4 Social Justice BLM](#)
 - [Middle School Mini-Lessons BLM](#)
 - [Promoting Social Imagination Through Interior Monologues](#)
 - <https://www.zinnedproject.org/>
 - https://www.zinnedproject.org/search?_keywords=black%20lives%20matter
 - https://www.zinnedproject.org/search?_keywords=black%20history%20month
- On February 8, TJMS held a virtual PTA meeting at 7pm
- On February 10, TJMS organized Parent-Teacher conferences from 2-5 and 6-9 by appointment only.
- On February 17, TJMS acknowledged the 2nd marking period Awards Ceremony students in the auditorium.
- On February 18, TJMS recognized the Principal's Honor Roll scholars with breakfast in the cafeteria at 9am. 10. Reminder, on February 21, there's no school for Presidents' Day.
- Heroes & Cool Kids Presentation in 6th grade classes are held on February 25 at 9 am.
- On February 25, TJMS encourages DEAR time during 7th period as reading is fundamental towards our educational goals.

Teaneck High School

- Four student-athletes have committed to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level. Jayden Hibbert will play soccer at Connecticut University (UConn). Kenneth Castro will continue his baseball career at The College of New Jersey. Julian Salinas-Bernal will continue playing baseball at Salve Regina University. Sebastian Jusma will continue playing football at Rutgers University.
- Rachel Gordon scored her 1000 career point on February 10
- HIB meetings held with the Junior and Sophomore classes
- February Spirit Week running from February 11 through February 18
- BYO Show on Friday, February 18 at 6:00 in the high school auditorium
- BQMT Meeting will be held on Monday, March 14 at 6:00
- PTSO Meeting will be held on Monday, March 14 at 7:00, with Project Graduation meeting to immediately follow.
- The FORUM is presenting multiple workshops related to employment for students (mentioned last month)
- The Looking Glass (Teaneck High School's Literary Magazine) is available for download on the High School Website, <https://joom.ag/Ci3l>
- Preparations for *The Wiz*, the High School Spring Musical, are underway.
- The following students were selected for the Fairleigh Dickinson University Spring 2022 "Python" Computer Science STEM Program: Mirza Ahmed, Rawda Elbatrawish, Amanda Gerena, Breyan Matthews, Claire Purdue.
- Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, March 1, from 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, in the Elizabeth Avenue Gym.
- The Senior Store is ready to go: <https://teaneckhsserniors2022.itemorder.com/shop/sale/>

Human Resource Management

Staff Vacancy Updates – see attached document

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VACANCIES as of 02.14.2022

DISTRICT

Certificated:

English as a Second Language (ESL) Teacher
Supervisor of Mathematics (C&I)

Non-Certificated:

Manager, Human Resources & Compliance
Director of Technology
General Mechanic III / Grounds Foreman (O&M)
Substitute Safety Officer

TEANECK HIGH

Certificated:

Special Education (Mathematics) Teacher (2)
Special Education (Science) Teacher
Computer Science Teacher
Mathematics Teacher
*Athletic Trainer

Non-Certificated:

Receptionist / Clerk (FORUM) (anticipated: May 2022)

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Certificated:

Special Education Teacher

THOMAS JEFFERSON

Certificated:

Special Education Inclusion Teacher

BRYANT

Certificated:

*CST Social Worker
Special Education Teacher

LOWELL

Certificated:

*Special Education Teacher
Grade 4 Teacher

*Anticipated for the 2022-2023 School Year

Interim positions filled until recommendations are confirmed for permanent appointment: School Business Administrator/Board Secretary & Middle School Assistant Principal, Thomas Jefferson Middle School