

## Sunday with the Interim Superintendent

### **Teaneck Public Schools Superintendent Report January 18, 2017**

This week is No Name Calling Week. Bryant School is celebrating with an interactive game called "Freshen Your Words," positive morning messages and wearing red for respect on Friday. Hawthorne School is observing this week with a poster design content that invites students to create a superhero that showcases the superpowers of using kind words and being a good and respectful friend. Whittier School students will view an anti-name-calling video and then will create a collage that includes positive names, phrases and pictures. The collage will be hung near the main entrance to remind everyone that Whittier is a no-bully and no-name calling zone.

Hawthorne School will hold the annual winter concert on Friday, January 20, 2017 at 9:00 am in the school gym. Everyone is invited to come hear our students sing!

The Thomas Jefferson Middle School 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students have been studying the United States election process. In this unit of study, they created a country which followed the same election process. Since Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, is Inauguration Day in the United States, the country developed by the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will also have its inauguration on that day. State Senator Loretta Weinberg will be at Thomas Jefferson Middle School to swear in the President and Vice President. The TJ Inauguration begins at 9:45 am.

Teaneck Community Chorus will sponsor the *2017 Teaneck Teen Idol* competition on Saturday, January 21, 2017, at 8:00 pm in the Teaneck High School auditorium. This annual event, showcases the amazing talent of the teens that live in Teaneck or attend schools in our town. Fourteen teens, selected from auditions held in November, will compete on January 21, 2017, for the title of Teaneck Teen Idol 2017.

We are currently conducting a survey about our district web site as part of a project to improve the way we provide information to the school community and beyond. I invite everyone to visit [www.teaneckschools.org](http://www.teaneckschools.org) and complete the survey, which is found on the right side of the page in the Announcements section. We have had a decent response from teachers, parents, students, and some community members so far. The survey will close on January 31, 2017.

Teaneck High School has launched a school mobile app. The app is intended to be a quick and efficient way for students and parents to stay connected with information from the school. The app can be downloaded from the Apple App store or from the Google play store. Congratulations to Mr. Heck and the team that worked to put this together.

The High School Guidance Department has been arranging Instant Decision Days for seniors. Today, Kean University visited Teaneck High School and accepted 15 of the 18 interested students. Of those not accepted today, two will have a second admissions committee review and one student must submit SAT scores to Kean University. On Friday, January 6, 2017, Morgan State University visited Teaneck High School and accepted 20 of 21 interested students. Many of the twenty accepted students were also offered scholarship incentives.

The next Sunday with the Superintendent will be held this Sunday, January 22, 2017, at 3:00 pm at Eugene Field.