

Teaneck Public Schools
Superintendent Report
January 25, 2017

The Thomas Jefferson Middle School 5th and 6th grade students held an Inauguration on Friday, January 20, 2017, as a culmination of a unit of study on the election process. Senator Loretta Weinberg presided over the oath of office for President Ruth Ramos and Vice President Kayla Pettaway. CBS News provided coverage of the event which can be viewed at <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/video/3610275-teaneck-students-hold-inauguration/>

Chloe Abbruzzese, a seventh grade student at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Bee and moves one step closer to a chance at a \$50,000 college scholarship. Mr. Frank Piccininni facilitated the school-level Bee, in which over 500 students participated. This was the first round in the 29th annual National Geographic Bee, sponsored by National Geographic Society. Chloe will soon take a qualifying test and based on her performance, may move on to the next round, the State Bee. Only the top 100 scorers in the state of New Jersey will qualify. We wish Chloe all the best!

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 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 Teaneck Police Department presented a plaque to Teaneck Board of Education today, in recognition and appreciation for our support and sponsorship of the Teaneck Police 2016 Junior Police Academy, which was held at Eugene Field last summer. Many of our students participated and learned about a police officer's role in the community. We look forward to continuing the program in summer 2017.

Whittier School reinstated the "Star of the Week" Program which recognizes students who show respect, kindness, compassion and citizenship at Whittier School. Students are nominated by teachers or any staff member. Chosen students receive a certificate signed by the Principal. Check the Whittier School website for the names of recent recipients.

January 2017 is School Board Recognition Month. On behalf of the students, parents, teachers, staff members and administrators in Teaneck, thank you for your selfless dedication to the students of Teaneck and for ensuring that our students have the resources they need to be successful learners.

Vincent Mc Hale