



WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATES

May 29, 2024 Edition

Mental Health Awareness Month

Wear GREEN Tomorrow, May 30, 2024!

Mental Health Awareness Month, which occurs annually in May, dismantles stigmas and fosters a deeper comprehension of mental health. Through advocacy, education, and support, it facilitates discussions and initiatives prioritizing mental well-being for all.

Mental Health Awareness Month is not just about acknowledging the prevalence of mental health conditions; it's about challenging the stigma surrounding them. Mental health issues affect millions of people worldwide, irrespective of age, gender, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status. Yet, many still hesitate to seek help or discuss their struggles due to fear of judgment or discrimination.

Founded in 1949 by Mental Health America (MHA), this observance has grown into a global movement, rallying individuals, organizations, and communities to advocate for mental health awareness, support, and resources.

How can you help:

- Educate yourself about mental health.
- Start open conversations with friends and family.
- Support those facing mental health challenges.
- Get involved in local mental health initiatives.

Let's stand together, Team Teaneck! On Thursday, May 30th, let's proudly wear **GREEN** to conclude Mental Health Month on a positive note by demonstrating our support.



BE SEEN IN GREEN



ED School Climate Survey (EDSCLS)

Deadline to Submit the Survey is May, 31, 2024



Parents of students enrolled at **BFMS, TJMS, and THS**, you recently received an email from Mr. Paul Morgan. You received the email because we need your perspective on school climate as part of federally funded activities to improve the schools. Students and staff are also participating in similar surveys. Your opinion is important. Please make sure you check your email and follow the link to participate in the survey. **Please fill out the survey by May 31, 2024.**

Approved 2024-2025 District Calendar

The Board of Education has approved the 2024-2025 District Calendar. The calendar can be found on the District Website page or by [CLICKING HERE](#)



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Whittier's Museum of Art - May 30, 2024

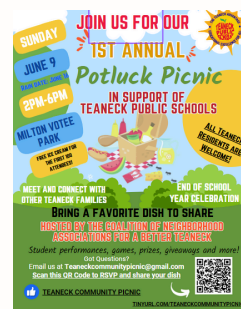
This event is a celebration of the artistic achievements of our students, who have poured their hearts and imaginations into creating stunning works of art.

Join us for an evening filled with creativity, inspiration, and community spirit. Meet the young artists behind the artwork, engage in lively discussions about their creative process, and immerse yourself in the beauty of their creations.



Coalition of Neighborhood Associations for a Better Teaneck

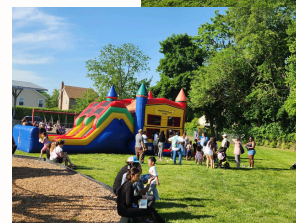
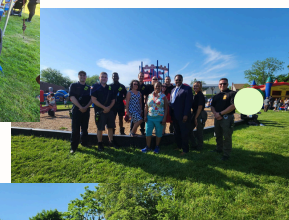
It's a potluck picnic in support of Teaneck Public Schools! Join the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations for a Better Teaneck as they sponsor their 1st Annual Potluck picnic. The event will take place on Sunday, June 9th, from 2pm to 6pm at Votey Park. Come and meet other Teaneck families. Enjoy an afternoon filled with student performances, games, prizes, giveaways, and more.



ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bryant School Spring Festival

Congratulations, Bryant School! Despite facing rainstorms not once, but twice, you all persevered and hosted an incredible Spring Festival that was worth the wait! Your resilience, dedication, and unwavering spirit truly shine through. Here's to the amazing team behind the scenes (Bryant PTO, Teachers, and Staff), the enthusiastic participants, and the supportive community that made it all possible. Here's to more sunny days ahead and countless more joyful celebrations! Next up ... PreK-4 Moving Up!



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Teaneck High School prom 2024
photos. See the full gallery

Teaneck High School Prom Show Off

Teaneck High School's Prom Show Off was a dazzling display of elegance and style as students showcased their finest attire for a night to remember. From sleek tuxedos to stunning gowns, attendees exuded confidence and grace as they celebrated this milestone event. The red carpet affair was filled with laughter, dancing, and unforgettable moments, culminating years of hard work and friendship. Congratulations to all the students for making it a night to cherish forever!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Bergen Record Photo Gallery

International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) Groundbreaking Achievement!

Whittier Elementary School is embarking on an exciting journey to become an International Baccalaureate (IB) Primary Years Program (PYP) school. Although the IB schools are plentiful in our neighboring state, New York, we will be only the second of its kind in New Jersey. What this means for us is that, after the two-year authorization process, we will have the honor of being official members of the IB World community. The premise of this endeavor is not that we are adopting a program, but rather a philosophy.

I'm sure you are wondering what exactly does this mean for my child. "The PYP offers an inquiry-based, transdisciplinary curriculum framework that builds conceptual understanding. It is a student-centered approach to education. The PYP focuses on the development of the whole child as an inquirer, both in school and in the world beyond. PYP learners know how to take ownership of their learning, collaborating with teachers to deepen understanding and increase their confidence and self-motivation. Schools who implement the PYP will develop students' academic, social, and emotional well-being, focusing on international-mindedness and a sense of belonging to local and global communities."

(<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/primary-years-programme/why-offer-the-pyp/>)

We are currently in the application process. Once the application is complete, we will enter into the authorization process. This process typically takes two years. The elements of PYP will slowly be rolled out to students throughout these next two years while we work towards full authorization. Some of those elements include the learner profile (attached) and IB themes and skills (that connect to Social Emotional Learning). We will host an IB Parent Night in the Fall, where you will have the opportunity to have a more in-depth conversation with an IB Representative. In addition, there will be ongoing communication throughout the year regarding our progress. Another exciting element is that we will be forging relationships with two other IB schools, one locally and one internationally. For further details, feel free to peruse the IB website (<https://www.ibo.org/programmes/primary-years-programme/>) and/or review the following documents.

The attached documents are the:

- IB Learner Profile
- IB PYP 10 Reasons
- IB Parent Pack



Congratulations to our Winter All League All County Athletes

To all our Winter All-League All County Athletes, congratulations! Your dedication, hard work, and sportsmanship have showcased our community's athletic talent throughout the season. You have exemplified the values of teamwork, perseverance, and excellence. Your achievements have not only earned you recognition but also inspired those around you. Remember to cherish the memories made and the friendships forged, and continue to strive for excellence in all your future endeavors. For a list of our Winter All-League All County Athletes, please **CLICK HERE**



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