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Principals' Reports

Halsted Middle School - Kristi Greene

- Increase student achievement in English Language Arts and Math as shown by lexile/quantile growth.
- Specific Targets:
 - Students with disabilities and students who meet the requirements to receive ELA/Math support/intervention, and students at risk of failure.
- Progress:
 - 1st Marking Period universal screening set for ELA Support and Math Support Classes
 - Generation Ready Professional Development
 - October 16 - Harriette Grosvenor met with all staff to review four types of small group instruction. Explicit Teaching, Learning Cycle Groups, Cooperative Groups and Group Investigation
 - Staff given the assignment to try one of two types of small group instruction: Cooperative Groups or Group Investigation
 - Debriefing the experience will occur at next PD day in November 20th

Implement research based behavioral and social emotional multi-tiered interventions to improve climate and culture and increase academic achievement.

- Specific Targets:
 - Implement Tier II and Tier III behavioral interventions
- Progress:
 - October's behavioral intervention was receiving a Brave Ticket - [Pictured here](#).
 - Students received a Brave Ticket for being respectful which includes:
 - Giving Compliments
 - Using Kind Words
 - Using Respectful Language
 - Teachers were given 4 Brave tickets for the month
 - Postcards of congratulations were sent home to the student describing the reason their child was awarded the ticket.
 - November's behavioral incentive is the [Halsted 5 Flood](#)
 - Students are putting as many Halsted 5 tickets in their collection box in an effort to earn an extra recess period. The grade level with the most wins.
 - Kristin Will is now providing private counseling services to students

Other School News:

- October 30th: Met with our Annual School Planning Team to review our goals and action plan. The next meeting will be scheduled for January to review progress.
- October 31: Staff dressed in costume. [Pictured here](#)

Newton High School - Jeff Waldron

Provide regular opportunities for teacher collaboration

- Staff members have been invited to join a special committee to identify, research, and discuss specific

options for including professional collaboration time into our regular school day. Our first meeting is scheduled to take place this month.

Implement a research based academic intervention system to support at risk students

- On October 12th, I attended a Sussex County Curriculum Consortium workshop on the partnership between New Jersey's Tiered System of Support (NJTSS) and the Rutgers Positive Behavior Support in Schools (PBSIS). The workshop was conducted by Dr. Sharon Lohrmann who maintains a leadership role in the joint effort and assists Halsted with their positive behavior initiative. The workshop provided basic information on a tiered approach to student management as well as access to an abundant resource list.
- Michelle Herring (I&RS Coordinator), Brian Bennington (BC), and I met with Angela Dunbar to discuss the tiered approach Halsted has been taking with behavioral management and the steps they have taken to prepare for a tiered approach to academic instruction. Angela prepared a brief [presentation](#) and the meeting led to a basic understanding for our team provided a practical starting point for our work.
- As a first step in our progress, Michelle, Brian, and I have prepared a list of the interventions we currently offer. We will be meeting next week to determine the appropriate tier placement for each intervention on the list. We will then determine the percentage of students engaged in activities within each tier.

Other School News

- 163 of our 181 seniors have already met the state proficiency requirement for graduation, meaning they have passed PARCC or one of the alternative assessment options. The remaining 18 students will have at least one additional opportunity to pass the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) which is one of the alternative assessments accepted by the State of NJ. I will keep you posted on their progress. As in the past, students who do not pass the PARCC or an alternative assessment will have the opportunity to demonstrate proficiency through the portfolio process and after having done so, will be eligible for graduation in June 2019 if all other requirements are met.
- On October 24th I met with representatives from Halsted, Andover, and Green to discuss aspects of the transition from middle to high school. Specifically, we talked about freshman course programming, opening vertical articulation so middle school teachers have better insight into what is expected of freshman, and honors testing. We will be scheduling opportunities for HS teachers to meet with their middle school counterparts before the beginning of the third marking period
- As you know, we are a member of the Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference (NJAC). The NJAC principals meet three or four times a year to discuss a variety of educational topics. One of the topics we have discussed at length is the challenges associated with providing useful information to parents in our various communities. I am a member of a six person subcommittee tasked with investigating options for leveraging the strength of our 39 school members to address this concern. I will keep you posted on our progress.
- This year I began regular attendance at the Sussex County Chamber of Commerce education committee meetings. NHS has been a member of the Chamber throughout my time as principal but I have not participated regularly in the meetings until recently. I have found being an active member useful in developing connections that will help build relationships with our community partners. I am a member of a subcommittee that will be organizing a presentation to the Chamber about the need for additional substitutes in county schools. Our hope is the vast Chamber membership will provide exposure to this issue in ways that our school communities alone cannot. Hopefully, increased exposure will lead to increased interest in substitute teaching in our county schools.

Merriam Avenue School - Kevin Stanton

Foster social and emotional well-being and an academically engaged classroom environment through integration of research based character education and social / emotional interventions.

- Social / Emotional interventions are being provided through small group instruction for identified students during Choose 2 Connect.
- Our first Guest Reader for November will be Samantha Castro reading *Cara's Kindness*.
- Tier 2 & 3 Social / Emotional intervention groups have started.

Close achievement gaps through research based, student centered assessment and instructional practices for all students.

- Reading and Math Tier 3 intervention groups have been formed. Students are being progress monitored and benchmarking will be done at the end of January.
- The Schoolwide Committee has identified areas to discuss, including improving Back to School Night, reporting of grades and academic progress, and Family Involvement in academic programs.
- Analyzing assessment data and forming targeted intervention groups in the classrooms has been identified as an area of focus for professional learning.
- Identified students are receiving small group instruction in literacy during Choose 2 Connect.
- MAS is planning for English Language Learners to receiving Tier 3 Math support. Students are currently being identified.
- Kevin Stanton will meet with each classroom teacher in January to review mid-year Reading and Math running records, as well as the Math and Reading Intervention teachers to review student progress in Tier 3 intervention.

Increase family and community involvement in school programs.

- We are currently partnering with NORWESCAP and Sussex County Social Services to support families who find themselves in a food insecure situation. Each Friday 106 children receive food.
- There are currently 120 students enrolled in Choose 2 Connect.
- 22 students received Dental care in the mobile dental care program.

Directors' Reports

Facilities Services - Joe Van Kirk

- The trees along Ryerson Avenue were trimmed and one dead tree was removed in front of the Newton High School sign on November 8.
- The sidewalk at Halsted was repaired where Jersey Central had to replace a telephone pole that was damaged by a tree.
- The Local Government Energy Audit visit was conducted.
- The C-Level entrance was cleaned and retested. Test results on the air and surface came back clean. The area was reopened to staff and students.

Character Education - Samantha Castro

All three schools are moving on from the Month of Respect with new insight, strategies to help a friend, and how to be a productive member of our community. 9th graders were fortunate to have the Newton Police Department's PBA sponsor an assembly by Dianne Grossman, founder of Mallory's Army (anti-bullying/positive behavior management message). Halsted Guidance presented lessons on Anti-Bullying to all students across the grade levels. While Merriam continued weekly guidance second step lessons in Kindergarten and 1st Grade and began Unit 2, with a focus on empathy. The second step lessons in grades 2nd - 4th center on bullying and being an Upstander. The district is proud to announce two winners for the Center for Prevention, "What's Your Anti-Drug?" campaign: NHS - Nicolette Occhifinto; HMS - Ashley Alvarez. These district-wide events of respect have transitioned seamlessly into the month of November, during which our students are focusing on being thankful.

High School

- Pass It Along came for 3 days to visit freshman health classes at the end of October to present a mini-leadership series entitled "Discover your Passion and Purpose." The goal is for students to develop an interest to pursue a deeper understanding of leadership through PIA's [leadership series](#). PIA will return at the end of November to visit sophomore health classes.
- Pass It Along Club is conducting a coat drive for those less fortunate in Sussex County. Students wrote a note to put in the coat as a word of encouragement for the recipient
- The NHS SSCT met on 10/30 and reviewed the current action plan and team initiatives for the school year.
 - SSCT will meet next month to discuss the 11 Principles of Character and how to take inventory of the programs that are currently running here. This data will assist the SSCT team to identify areas of strength and focus for future Character Education Programming in the high school.

- The SSCT sponsored an Anti Foul Language poster contest via Mr. Bennington's Graphic Design class. The winning posters were then enlarged and hung in the hallways. The student winners were: Jake Felix, Skyler Conklin, and Abigail Gormley.
- Lisa Bechtel and Lisa Casamassina attended the School Support Network meeting, Empowering Youth, on 11/6
- Freshman Volleyball Tournament sponsored by the Action Alliance Committee and run by the Peer Leaders and #TAGS Mentors was held on 11/15

Halsted

- Halsted Guidance met with representatives from the TAGS Program. The Think, Act, Grow (TAG) is a no-cost program for Sussex County families. TAG provides individual case management and psychoeducational groups that includes topics such as anger management, healthy relationships, social media/bullying issues, life skills, and positive youth development.

Merriam

- School Climate Team will be meeting on November 16th. We will be talking about how we want to roll out our school-wide peer mentoring program. Students grades K-4 will be organized into groups and will meet as a family. This family will be led by a host teacher and a volunteer co-leader to facilitate an activity where older students can be a good role model and form relationships with younger students.
- The Veterans Day PTO bulletin board hung up in the front hallway as soon as you walk in the doors at MAS. Over a two week span, guidance collected pictures from students whose family member has served. Next to the picture was a small explanation of what the picture meant to them. It looks great!
- Pride Ambassadors have been meeting weekly and are becoming involved in a variety of school-centered activities, such as being responsible for the Project Wisdom morning announcements each day, the fall edition of the Junior Braves Newsletter, and the biggest project thus far is to fix up the garden.

Assessment & Professional Development - Kenney Lutz

Professional Development

- The plans for the January 21st In-Service Day are currently being worked on. A schedule for all three buildings and the district has been posted for all administrators to fill in at their convenience. Angela Dunbar will be taking over the reigns on the Professional Development component.
- We are 97% complete with our Safe Schools training component for full time staff. As a whole, we are 87% complete. The discrepancy in percentage resides in our substitute pool. We have many substitute teachers, bus drivers, etc. who have not yet completed the training needed to be compliant. The roster will be looked at and cleaned out in December so all substitutes who are not interested in working for us will not be reflected on our final percentage.

Assessment

- There is no update from the last report on Assessment. We will be meeting in early December to get our initial plan ready for the new year. Notes on that meeting will be reflected in next month's report.

Information Services - Mary Decker

- Data Collections:
 - NJSMART – State, Staff, & Special Education
 - Charter school enrollment
 - ASSA is being finalized
- Erin Marmara and Nik Lasso have been selected to present at the NJECC annual conference in Montclair in January.
- Report Cards have been sent home at Merriam and will be emailed at Halsted and NHS.
- The Tech subcommittees are working on their respective plans and will present to the full committee at the next meeting.
- Mary Decker has been working with C2C to help in streamlining data management. The state's PARS system is time consuming and retaining the data in PowerSchool has helped to keep accurate data for reporting to state.

- Many updates have been added to the district's symbaloo page with the goal to have a one stop resource for PD.
- The Technology Department is in the process of performing an internal security audit of the systems currently used and will be updating security as necessary.
- NHS has secured additional Apex licenses to aid our growing ELL student population.

Athletics/Co-Curricular - Ryan Hashway

- Girls field hockey won the North I Group I state sectional title by defeating Belvidere in overtime 2-1.
- Boys cross country finished 7th at the NJSIAA Group II Championship meet.
- Football competed in the North I Group II Sectional final at NHS on 11/16.
- The athletic department now has a Twitter account that is used to update important events and is linked to post to the website.
- Some winter sports have begun, and the rest will begin tryouts the week of Thanksgiving.
- Football won its second consecutive divisional title.
- Girls field hockey participated in the Friend to Friend 5k to help raise money for breast cancer awareness.
- Head coaches continue to meet every other month. They are now laying the groundwork for an athlete of the month program.
- The NJAC is in the process of planning its annual sportsmanship summit. NHS will send twelve athletes to this event on December 8th at Sussex Tech.
- The NJAC athletic directors have voted to add ski racing as a recognized sport in the conference. This would add opportunities for recognition for our athletes. This will now go before the board of governors.
- The HWS association has approved a girls bowling tournament.
- Members from the athletic teams as well as the co-curricular clubs helped set up and work for the PRIDE Foundation 5k.
- Fall sports ended with the following records:
 - Field Hockey 15-6-1
 - Boys Soccer 14-5
 - Girls Soccer 9-10
 - Football 9-1
 - Girls Tennis 5-10
 - Boys XC 9-2
 - Girls XC 1-11

Curriculum - Angela Dunbar

Goal: Develop curriculum that strengthens student-centered learning to increase student achievement.

- Halsted
 - Teachers were provided time to work on Phase II during the unit meetings on October 22nd and 29th.
- High School
 - Provided the business, technology, physical education and visual and performing arts teachers with curriculum training to understanding the Phase II curriculum components and expectations.
 - The Social Studies Department is working with Generation Ready to revise their curriculum and increase student centered learning in Social Studies.
 - Session # 2 occurred on November 2 with the agenda is listed below:
 - What do we know about planning backwards?
 - Creation of learning objectives
 - Creation of Newton learning expectations
 - Introduction to backwards design
 - Creating Understanding by Design units
 - The next session will occur on December 14th

C2C - Elysia Ochs

Goals

- To provide high-quality education and enrichment programs that will enable students to improve academic achievement and promote positive behavior and appropriate social interaction with peers and adults.
- To establish collaborative relationships that offer opportunities for literacy and related educational activities to the families of participating students.
- To measure participants' progress and program effectiveness through monitoring and evaluating.

Enrollment and Attendance

- Merriam: 128 students registered, average daily attendance = 103
- Halsted: 204 students registered, average daily attendance = 97

Community

- Lauren Sprich, a community health worker from NJ SNAP-Ed and the Zufall Health Center, is teaching Cooking Matters for Kids classes to C2C students in grades 3-5. 54 parents initially signed up. Lauren expanded from one class to three, and will teach 36 students.
 - Merriam: Classes are being offered on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:45 pm-5:15 pm for six weeks. One class will begin in November, one in December, both will continue until January.
 - Halsted: One class is being offered on Tuesdays from 2:45 pm - 5:15 pm from November until January.
- C2C November Family Activity Night will be on November 28 from 6:00 -7:30 pm at Merriam. All C2C parents, grandparents, siblings, and other family members are invited to play board games, participate in NJ-SNAP Ed Nutrition Demonstration, and enjoy light refreshments.

Building Coordinators Reports

Halsted Middle School - Sue Desautels, Megan O'Mara, Joanne Nieman, Jean Perrier

Goals:

1. Increase student growth for partially proficient students.
2. Implement researched based behavioral/social emotional multi-tiered interventions (Positive Behavioral Support In School) to improve climate and culture and increase student achievement.

Student Programming

- HMS Press is set to release its 25th issue of serving the school with newsworthy, entertaining, valid, and accurate information as well as achievements that capture all of the wonderful happenings at HMS.
- Seventh graders in ELA classes have been working in cooperative groups to finish *The Outsiders* with much success answering post reading questions in groups and teaching one another a variety of perspectives and insights into the novel. Moreover, at the conclusion of the novel, students were assigned to an investigative group to complete a presentation or poster on one of the literary symbols. Each student was assigned a separate task on which they were graded.
- In other news, eighth graders in ELA just finished publishing their heritage essays following a long-term project that navigates students through an exploration of their ancestry accompanied by numerous lessons on generating and following one's intellectual curiosity. Celebrations of the culmination of these written research reports took place in each section. Pride in multiple heritages was on full display with borrowed or personally designed graphics, and paragraphs heaping with information about a country's traditions, customs, culture, and landmark locations.

Student Achievement

- Students of the Month:
 - 5th Grade: Aidan Woortman
 - 6th Grade: Ashley Kiefer
 - 7th Grade: Skyler Murphy
 - 8th Grade: Alex Aponte
- Can an ice cube be kept frozen in a classroom where the average temperature nears 80 degrees? The answer, according to 7th grade students Avery Frank, Kailin Kane, Dazia Posey, and Jennifer Ellsworth, is

yes! The girls' successfully completed Mrs. Desautels' Big Freeze project. Avery and Kailin had an astonishing 45 grams of ice remaining while Dazia and Jen had 33 grams still frozen. Both groups successfully minimized each of the 3 methods of heat transfer to complete the challenge. How cool (pun intended)!

Professional Development

- The staff began professional development training with Harriet from Generation Ready. The training is focused on small group instruction, and Harriet quickly introduced 4 different models. Staff were asked to implement one of two, either cooperative groups or group investigation and to take note of what went well and concerns moving forward. Harriet was back on November 27th to discuss our observations and provide feedback and strategies, specifically with the cooperative learning small instruction approach.
- PBSIS implementation continues. Staff are investing various Teacher Try First strategies. Damien Patino will return to continue to facilitate further discussion and strategies.

Merriam Avenue School - Rose Lange, Nik Lasso, Scott Zymet

Goal #1: Foster social and emotional well-being and an academically engaged classroom environment through integration of research based character education and social/emotional interventions within the RtI framework

- Physical Education - Students are focusing on how to be successful at throwing and catching. Students understand that they cannot be successful if their partner does not complete a good throw. They are learning teamwork and focusing on how to give positive feedback to their partners.
- Art students are learning about the importance of reusing materials to create new projects.

Goal #2: Close academic achievement gaps through implementing RtI practices and promote inclusionary educational practices for all students school-wide

- Physical Education - Mrs. Hoffman's MD classroom comes to the gym twice a week for Adapted Physical Education. Students in her class also come to their homeroom specials and participate with their classmates and are able to work together with their classmates in a number of activities.
- World Language class students are learning about the weather cycles in Spanish speaking countries as they also continue to learn about geography.

Goal #3: Integrate digital learning and literacy into classroom instruction in order to enhance and individualize student learning

- Physical Education - Classes were using the Nintendo Wii to promote physical activity during the week of teacher's convention. All classes were participating in Wii Dance, where students follow along as the dances are projected onto the gym wall.

Goal # 4: Increase family and community involvement in school programs

- The 4th grade chorus is gearing up for their trips to Bristol Glen, Newton Medical Center and their appearance on WSUS 102.3 FM for the holidays.
- Art students are creating decorations for the Newton Tree Lighting out of recycled materials.
- Students are encouraged to bring in older pairs of sneakers that they no longer use so that students can use them in PE.

Newton High School - Brian Bennington, Michael Grifone, Ana Maniago, Karen Mazur, Jake Mull, Brendan Scullin, Karen Seely-Nelson, Leesha Torppey

Career & Technical Education

Agriculture:

- The floral program is completing the Thanksgiving cornucopias and starting the holiday orders for poinsettia arrangements.
- The FFA took five teams to the national competition in Indianapolis, IN. The team did very well winning awards at various levels.
- The FFA is currently working with the community to process deer. This provides a valuable learning experience for the students as well as provide a service for the community.

Foods:

- Students are continuing to prepare and sell different pies for a fundraiser.

- The department continue to look for ways to cater and provide services for the community and school.

Business:

- Sports & Entertainment Management class is planning a trip to Metlife Stadium in November for Business in Sports Day
- Sports & Entertainment Management class is forming a relationship with Centenary University in order to work together to run a live event sometime in the spring which will be used as the students' final exam grade

Technology:

- The department is wrapping up work on the Santa Claus house for the town of Newton.
- The STEM Lab held a very successful "meet and greet" open house with our community partners. Many of our vendors, board members, legislators were represented.
- Our students are continuing to get ready for the Hydrogen Fuel car state challenge in early December at New Providence HS.
- TSA held a successful volleyball tournament that was aimed at raising student morale and promoting socialization.

English

Other News

- The students and teachers who attended the Dodge Poetry Festival had a wonderful learning experience. At different times, all students were able to see Sandra Cisneros, an author they had read recently or in middle school.
- The department continues to work together to align the same courses taught by different teachers.
- The pen pals activities between the Honors 2 and second grade classes at Merriam are going well.

Guidance

Student Accomplishments

- Congratulations to Riley Catalano who has been accepted under early decision to Baylor University. Other early college acceptances include East Stroudsburg University, Shippensburg University, East Carolina University, University of Pittsburgh, Arizona State University, Coastal Carolina University, University of Arizona, Old Dominion University, and West Virginia University.
- Congratulations to Carly Delorio who was selected as the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizenship Award.

Professional Development

- Lisa Bechtel attended a mental health seminar on Oct 24th sponsored by NAMI: "Ending the Silence," held at Project Self-Sufficiency.
- Lisa Bechtel and Lisa Casamassina attended the School Support Network meeting on Empowering Youth.
- Lisa Casamassina and Michelle Herring attended the HESAA Financial Aid Workshop at Sussex County Community College.

Other News

- Over the past three weeks we held small group meetings with seniors to make sure all of the Naviance information was correct in each student's account.
- The counseling staff and administrative team is reviewing Quarter 1 grades in order to determine RTI supports that might benefit students, especially in grade 9, as we move into the next grading quarter.
- Karen Mazur has been working with the ELL Math class to ensure that Apex is up and running for each student. Students are all logged on to Apex, and they are progressing through Unit 1 on Problem Solving. Students are using headphones to listen to translated instruction on each part of Unit 1.

Health & Physical Education

Student Accomplishments

- Period 9 Drivers Ed (Pakutka) all passed state test on first try.
- Pass It Along spoke to all the freshman classes for three days where they discussed gratitude.

Staff Accomplishments

- Speaker from NJM spoke to all Drivers Ed classes (Pakutka and Muller). Topics included were the importance of seat belt usage, distracted driving, and speeding.
- Pakutka and Jacobellis will be attending glucose training on November 16th.

Professional Development:

- Jess Jacobellis will be attending the "Connecting the Continuum" Conference on November 29th at Perona Farms.

Mathematics

Professional Development

- Teachers continue to work on the Algebra 2 curriculum and scope and sequence, and Atlas Phase 2 development.

Other News

- Mr. Yeager's AP Calculus and Honors PreCalculus students have begun the NJ Math League Contest.

Science

Staff accomplishments

- Collaboration between Yvonne LaForge and Jesse Clark has been ongoing to successfully implement the new Anatomy and Physiology course.
- Chris Wannemacher has been successfully implementing the new Astrophysics course.

Other news

- Supervisors for the Science League teams have been finalized.
- Preparation for Science League has begun and scores from last year were analyzed and assessed to address how to improve student scores.
- The Chemistry classes celebrated Mole Day on October 23. Many creative, original, and unusual projects were submitted.

Social Studies / Visual & Performing Arts

Student accomplishments

- The Art Club submitted Pumpkins to the Annual Crystal Springs Pumpkin Carving Contest this year. Student Kyla Aviles received special mention for her pumpkin called "Cerberus".

Staff Accomplishments

- Mr. Filan had a baby girl, Charleigh Mary Filan
- Mrs. Coffey - Distributed and worked with Student Council and National Honor Society to publicize the volunteer info regarding the upcoming Wizard-Con event. Developed copy for a Newton newsletter, copy was approved and passed on to the Tech classes (Bennington) for further development. Worked to promote spirit through the Newton webpage and the Spirit Board (cafeteria) currently switching over to Winter Sports events.

Other News

- Filan
 - The Criminal Justice class had guest speaker Wendy Cooney come in and discuss women in policing. We also had the Newton Police Department led by Officer Tom Tosti come into the Criminal Justice class to talk about the topic of search and seizure.
- Cuozzo
 - Photo 2 classes will be going to Father John's Animal Rescue to photograph pets for adoption.
 - The new kiln is ready for its first firing.
- Scullin
 - After two performance cancellations due to inclement weather, Radium Girls finally opened on November 18. Students in the cast performed a challenging artistic piece.

World Languages

Student Accomplishments

- Mrs. Adam's Spanish 2 ACP students created Adobe Spark presentations to demonstrate restaurant dialogues. Shortly they will be starting a family project using Google Slides.
- Mrs. Adam's Spanish 2 CP students are starting Google Slides presentations about Spanish speaking countries.
- Mrs. Adam's Spanish 1 ACP students are texting in Spanish.
- All of Mrs. Adam's classes watched the movie *Coco* and completed webquests about cultural references and nuances exhibited in the movie and about Día de los Muertos.

- Spanish 2 CP used their choice of Adobe Spark or Powtoon to make a video presenting their activities during a typical week.
- Spanish 2 CP completed story #1 “El Mono Marron” (comprehensible input) to review vocabulary and grammar concepts in meaningful context.
- Spanish 1 ACP gave their first presentation entirely in Spanish using Google Slides. They introduced themselves, discussed which activities they enjoy and do not enjoy, listed 5 personality traits they possess and 5 traits they do not, and the more advanced answered some spontaneous questions in Spanish.
- Spanish 1 CP, Spanish 1 ACP and Spanish 2 CP are using Google Forms interactive worksheets, Quizlet, and Kahoot it, and Jeopardy Labs to reinforce vocabulary and grammar concepts.
- Mrs. Maniago’s Spanish 3 students were able to have a short conversation with their partners about their school day.

Staff Accomplishments

- Mrs. Adam is continuing to work with the Class of 2021 parents to plan a purse bingo for February. The class also had a successful fundraiser at Perona Farms on November 11. The class is currently working on planning the concessions for the PowderPuff football game.

Professional Development

- On November 14th, Ana Maniago attended the ELL Program Supervisor and Coordinator Roundtable. This platform provided participants with an opportunity to delve deeper into hot topics related to ELL education in NJ schools and clarify key points.
- Mrs. Leone participated in a teacher’s convention in Mexico. She made some great connections with teachers and plans to do some interdisciplinary work with them in the future.

Other News

- French classes participated in a canned food drive benefiting the Sussex County Division of Social Services food pantry.
- German Rueda has the most feathers on the turkey fundraiser for Class of 2022.
- All teachers are preparing for the World Language Induction Ceremony in December.