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A Message From the Superintendent

The annual fall edition of the *"Excellence in Our Schools"* newsletter features our Teacher of the Year and Excellence in Service award recipients, as well as our new faculty and staff. This year, we welcome 14 new teachers to our faculty, 6 permanent "tenure track" teachers and 8 long term substitute teachers, who bring a variety of skills and experiences to our schools. As they join our existing staff, they will be surrounded by dedicated educators who embrace, and aspire to be part of *"A Community That Inspires Excellence."*

We are also very happy to announce the successful launch of our new "user friendly" district website. We are all very proud of this ongoing initiative and continue to take steps to improve district communication with our community. We encourage you to visit our website (www.hanovertpschools.com) and become better acquainted with the Hanover Township Public School District. You will gain insight as to why we are so proud of our school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Hanover Township Public Schools.

Michael J. Wasko, Superintendent of Schools

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2016-2017 Teachers of the Year

• Pictured on the cover (clockwise from the top):

1. A Mountview Road School fifth grader, was selected as one of four state winners in her grade level of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's annual recycling poetry contest, designed to inspire and motivate citizens to recycle. Her poem will be featured in future DEP media. She was honored at a recent Board of Education meeting, and is pictured with Mrs. Christina Kalavrouziotis, her fourth grade teacher who supported the project, and Principal Carmen Bellino.



2. The Memorial Junior School Lady Vikings Soccer Team won the Greater Morris County Junior Schools Coaches Association Group III Girls Soccer Championship 1-0 over Kinnelon. The team is pictured on the cover with their coach, Christopher Becker.



Computer Teacher, Edward Cashen was selected as Salem Drive School's 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year. He received an engraved golden apple at a Board of Education Meeting. He is seen here with Rob Camean, Principal of Salem Drive School.



Jamie Enoch, Science Teacher, was chosen as Memorial Junior School's 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year. She is pictured with Michael Anderson, Principal, and Justin Toomey, Assistant Principal of Memorial Junior School.



School Psychologist, Maryellen Adams was selected as 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year at Bee Meadow School. She is shown here with Darrin Stark, Principal, and Gregory Margolis, Director of Special Education.

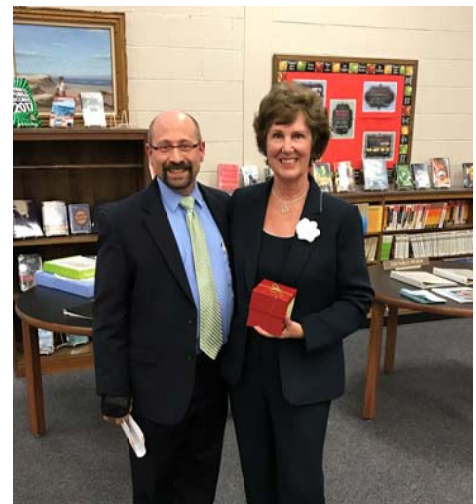


Caitlin Vassoler, 3rd Grade Teacher, was chosen as Mountview Road School's 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year. She is pictured here with Principal Carmen Bellino.

2016-2017 Excellence in Service Award



All of the 2016-2017 Teachers of the Year were honored at a Board of Education Meeting and received engraved golden apples.



Win Ehrich, Pupil Services Secretary, was chosen as a recipient of the 2016-2017 Excellence in Service Award. She is pictured above with Greg Margolis, Director of Special Education.



Janice Forfar, Transportation Secretary, was a recipient of the 2016-2017 Excellence in Service Award. She is pictured above with Michael Anderson, Principal of Memorial Junior School.



All of the 2016-2017 Excellence in Service Award recipients were honored at a Board of Education Meeting and received engraved golden apples.



Computer Technician, Greg Matyola was selected as a recipient of the 2016-2017 Excellence in Service Award. He is pictured above with Carmen Bellino, Principal of Mountview Road School.



Salem Drive School Custodian, Adam Papa was a recipient of the 2016-2017 Excellence in Service Award. He is pictured here with Principal Rob Camean.

Meet Our Excellent New Staff



- Jacqueline Begyn is the new 6th grade Math Teacher at Memorial Junior School. She graduated with a BA from Caldwell College with a double major of Mathematics and Education, along with a Middle School Endorse-

ment. Jacqueline has taught 6th grade Math at the Wood-Ridge School district for five years prior to coming to Hanover Township. Jacqueline enjoys watching hockey with her husband and daughter. Her favorite team is the NJ Devils. She is excited to be joining the Hanover Township Public Schools.

- Deja Perpignan is the new Elementary School Counselor at Mountview Road School. She graduated from Montclair State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Family and Child Studies



with a concentration in Family Services in 2013, and a Masters of Arts in Counseling in May of 2017. She is now a certified School Counselor. During her studies at MSU she completed a year and a half internship in the Saddle Brook School District where she enjoyed working with the students in furthering their social and emotional development. Her interests include playing volleyball, being outdoors, and spending time with her family and friends.



- Lauren Giordano is excited to be joining the staff at Hanover Township Schools as the new 6th and 7th grade Math Teacher at Memorial Junior School this year! She is a graduate of Ramapo College with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Educational Technology. Prior to being hired in the Hanover Township Public Schools, she spent seven years in another district teaching middle school Math. Outside of teaching, she loves to travel and bake.

- Amy Lockshin is a long term substitute replacement 6th grade Language Arts Teacher at Memorial Junior School. She graduated from William Paterson University with a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education and English Writing and then a Masters of Education. She taught pre-school for over 4 years. This



past year, she worked as a substitute in the Hanover Township Schools. In her free time, Amy enjoys reading, writing, raising monarch caterpillars and butterflies, and spending time with her 9 nieces and nephews. She lives in Parsippany with her husband, Joe, and their pet betta fish, Marlin Brando.

- Jill MacConnell is a 5th grade long term substitute replacement teacher at Salem Drive School. She graduated from Monmouth University with a BA



in Communication. She completed a Post-Baccalaureate Program in K-6 Education and is working towards earning her MA in Education at the College of Saint Elizabeth. Prior to joining Hanover Township Public Schools, she student taught in Watchung. One of her favorite pastimes is taking and teaching dance classes. She has taught ballet classes for the past 11 years. In her free time, she loves going to Long Beach Island with family and friends. Miss MacConnell is looking forward to an amazing school year!

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- Wendy Amsterdam is the long term substitute replacement PACT/Reading Teacher at Memorial Junior School. Ms. Amsterdam has been teaching Gifted and Talented and English for twelve years. She

comes to Hanover Township with a B.A. in English from Tulane University and a Masters Degree in Educational Psychology/Gifted and Talented from the University of Connecticut. She enjoys sailing, the theater, and walking in the woods and on the beach. Teaching and living in India for some of her career was a great experience. Being available to her students and empowering them to feel creative and challenged is important to Ms. Amsterdam. She is excited to be part of our Hanover Township community.

- Susan Russo is the long term substitute Elementary School Counselor at Salem Drive School. She graduated from Montclair State University with a BA in Speech Communication and Theater, and Kean University with K-8 Teaching Certification. She earned her Master's degree in School Counseling from William Paterson University. She was a 5th grade teacher for 9 years and a Middle School Guidance Counselor for 3 years in Wayne. She has 3 children and is a huge NY Giants fan. In her free time she loves spending time in NYC and going to the theater, and was excited to learn paddle boarding in LBI this summer. She is happy to be working in Hanover Township Schools.



Amanda Araneo (pictured on the right) is the new Speech Language Specialist at Salem Drive and Memorial Junior schools. She is an alumnus of the Hanover Township Public Schools. Amanda graduated from East Stroudsburg University with her BA and MA in Speech Language Pathology. Prior to joining the staff at Hanover Township Public Schools, she was the Speech Language Specialist in the Jefferson Township School District. She enjoys doing yoga, going to the beach, and reading books. Amanda is very excited to begin working in her hometown.



- Christine Kerins is the new Speech Language Specialist at Bee Meadow School. She graduated from University of Richmond with a BA in International Stud-

ies and Spanish. She then completed an MS in Speech and Language Pathology at Teachers College, Columbia University. Prior to coming to Hanover Township, she worked in a public elementary school in the Bronx for six years. Christine loves to swim and was part of a traveling club water polo team in college. She continues to enjoy swimming, yoga, walking her dog, and hiking. She is very excited to join Hanover Township.

- Jodi Ciampa is the long term substitute replacement 7th grade Language Arts and Reading Teacher at Memorial Junior School. She has a BA in Elementary Education and Psychology and an MA in Teaching. She lives in Jefferson Township with her husband and two children. While home with her children, she worked part time as a Home Instructor, Substitute and an Aide in her hometown. Prior to having children, Jodi taught a 7th grade Reading and Writing Workshop class in Parsippany which is where her love for writing was born. Jodi loves to express herself through writing. Along with volunteering and prior to working part time, Jodi began a mini crusade to empower women. She maintained two websites, blogged



for numerous online newspapers, such as the Huffington Post and Patch, and created and owned a parenting magazine called *From One Mother to Another*.



Meet Our Excellent New Staff



John Mattaliano is the long term substitute replacement Science Teacher at Memorial Junior School. He graduated from Fairleigh Dickinson with a B.S. in Marketing. He later completed a Post-Baccalaureate Program in Education at Caldwell University. John has been working in the Hanover Township School District as a Substitute for the last seven years. He has coached youth sports including football, wrestling, baseball and basketball in Montville Township for the last twelve years. In his free time, John loves to travel with his wife and their two children. He is very excited to be teaching at Memorial Junior School this year!



Barbara Varcadipane is the long term substitute replacement 4th grade teacher at Salem Drive School. She received her BA in Elementary Education and Psychology from Caldwell University, and taught Kindergarten and second grade in Hanover Township for 9 years, before leaving to raise her family. She was a long term substitute 3rd grade teacher at Bee Meadow School last year. She loves spending time with her family, and visiting the Jersey shore.



Memorial Junior School Art Club students recently collaborated on and planned a Character Education-themed mural with a twist. Based on the "Sunday Funnies" colorful comic strips, they created a comic strip titled "The Viking" in which an MJS student demonstrates each of the 6 pillars of character in a lighthearted and accessible way. 8th graders provided the comics concept while MJS Art Teacher Mr. Rockland supervised this project.

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