

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

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- We are proud of the following students who are considered “Commended Students” by the National Merit Scholarship Program. They are:

Caitlyn Boverly
Richard Brown
Christopher Henry

Angelo Palma
Binoy Talati

- Congratulations to Dana Giorgianni and Adele Goldenberg, teachers from the upper elementary school, who were nominated by a student and were chosen to be in the nationally recognized “Who’s Who Among American Teachers.” They were selected for their excellence and dedication to their profession.
- On November 1, 2005, the Sayreville Upper Elementary School’s own Team 4-6, presented a special interdisciplinary program, “Astronomy across the Curriculum”, to the upper elementary school students. Team members Bonnie Brady, Dena Mazur, Joan Pentek, Jennifer Scarpa and Kelly Shortis went all out in the planning, development and presentation of this motivational and educational program that integrated the various disciplines of science, math, history, language arts, physical education and art with the overall theme of Astronomy. For this program, NASA was called in to provide moon rock samples for viewing and a huge star lab enclosure was inflated in the gym area. Students crawled into the star lab to view and learn about constellations. All this and much more helped to make the program successful. The community was invited to participate in the program the night of November 2nd. Congratulations Team 4-6 on the great job. It was an astronomical success!
- Kudos to Lisa Lewis and Allison Cenci, teachers at the Truman Elementary School for their involvement in “Make a Difference Day” and the implementation of the Hop-a-Thon for Muscular Dystrophy on October 21, 2005. Because of their involvement, the students have, thus far, \$4,000 in pledges. The hard work of these teachers really made a difference for the Muscular Dystrophy Association.
- Congratulations to the girls’ varsity field hockey team and their coach Lynn Taylor for winning the **Conference**. Good job, ladies. You make us proud!

- Our Selover School teachers, Jacqueline Esposito, Brooke Grzywacz (griz-waz), Laura Jessen and Judith Perone won a blue ribbon in the communications category at the 2005-06 NJSBA Annual Convention in Atlantic City for their Project Before exhibit. Mr. Harry Bell and Mrs. Sandi Paul were also present and assisted them. Congratulations to all on maintaining Sayreville's winning tradition at the NJSBA convention.
- The Sayreville War Memorial High School Student Council had the pleasure of attending the NJASC Annual Fall Business meeting held at the College of New Jersey. The attendees were inspired to use fun activities to make new relationships in the school community and to use those skills to inspire their peers to get more actively involved in school and life. The student leaders who attended this conference walked away with a renewed sense of responsibility.
- We would like to take this opportunity to recognize Doreen Cosenza, SAC counselor at the middle school for her involvement in the New Jersey Character Education Program (NJCEP). Ms. Cosenza is the coordinator of this program for the District. The impact of the NJCEP in the Sayreville Middle School, Harry S. Truman School, Dwight D. Eisenhower School, Emma Arleth School and Woodrow Wilson School has been quite significant. Based on the essays we received from the students, the behavior of the students, the "acts of kindness" recognized and feedback received from parents and teachers, it is quite obvious that the students believed that Character Education is important. And more importantly, the students recognize that being people of character is crucial for a positive school and home environment. Our students participated in many charity activities during the year such as food drives and clothing collections, which support the fact that they are caring people and good citizens and that Character Education made a difference in their lives. This shows that not only do the "say" they are persons of character but they "act" like persons of character. These behaviors and changes in attitude indicate that Character Education is making a significant impact on our children. Our Character Education Program has been recognized as one of the best in the state. Congratulations to Ms. Cosenza and all the Character Education coordinators.