

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Mr. Peter Barone

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- Congratulations to the following students who have been nominated to receive the Edward J. Bloustein distinguished Scholar Award:

Bhatti, Waqas
Bovery, Caitlin
Brown, Richard
Gandhi, Sonal
Giovenco, Daniel
Henry, Christopher
Kapadia, Dhawal
Marzullo, Daniel
Minervino, Alfonso
Palma, Angelo
Ratajczyk, Paul (rat-a-chick)
Talati, Bindy
Varghese, Tina

- The members of the Sayreville Care and Share Food Bank requested assistance from the community so that their pantry shelves could be stocked for people in need. On December 13th, the students of Sayreville answered their call in a big way...by donating 5,645 cans of non-perishable food.

The Middle School, under the direction of Mrs. Kathleen Mazur and Ms. Jen McGough, orchestrated an "Apprentice" style contest. The students were put into firms and were challenged to develop marketing strategies for food collection. Donald Trump should recruit some of the Middle School students because they were able to collect 3,354 cans!

The Elementary Schools also participated in the collection. Arleth School students, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Beth Comerford, collected 1,166 cans and Eisenhower School students, under the direction of Mrs. Barbara Coyle, collected over 300 cans. This proves that even the tiniest hands can make a big difference.

The UES made contributions in more ways than one. Team 5-1 held a competition between the Aztec men and the Iroquois women to see which tribe was better at "gathering." Together, both tribes contributed close to 400 cans, which was almost half of the total of 825 cans! The students of Team 4-6, under the direction of Mrs. Joan Pentek, used their classifying skills to sort the food and their graphing skills to create bar graphs comparing the amounts of food collected.

The students, after using their minds, used their muscles to carry every single item out of the schools, onto and off of the bus and into the food bank. This was no small task considering that the food bank is located on the third floor of the Senior Citizen's Center. When the students arrived, the shelves of the food bank were sparsely stocked. In the end, the floors, tables, shelves and walkways were covered with food for our neighbors and friends. The lessons learned by all that day not only involved math, social studies and science, but also the importance of community involvement, giving, sharing and love.

- Team 5-1 at the UES has joined the Global Sun Temperature Project with schools from around the world. From November 9th through December 9th this team participated with other students in determining how geographic location affects our average daily temperature and hours of sunlight.
- Arleth School has been actively working toward making the community of Sayreville a better place to live. Our students have collected over 1,120 batteries to be recycled. The children bring their batteries in and they are then brought to the Borough Hall for recycling.
- Congratulations to the SWMHS boys' soccer teams for collecting \$1,053 through a program that they are running called "Goals for Kids." The boys were asked to get donations for the number of goals scored during the season. Half of the money collected will be donated to BIC (Brain-Injured Children). Last year, the boys donated \$1,400 to The Institute for Children at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. Great job for scoring a big goal for the children in our community.
- Congratulations to the following teams for their accomplishments:
 - Football - Red Division Champions
 - Girls' Soccer - White Division Champions

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