

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

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- Arleth School has continued its generosity not only to our community but to other towns as well. Miss Grossman's second grade class participated in the Classrooms Care Program through Scholastic. By reading 100 books in their class, Scholastic donated 100 books to less fortunate schools.
- The Arleth School Nurse, Mrs. Susan Lanzafama, spearheaded a project called "Pennies for Patients" which was very successful! Students donated change during the month of February for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society.
- Arleth will also be hosting "Be a Star Gazer" for the TAG students and one parent. The event will promote astronomy through Project Astro Nova. This event will take place on March 10, 2006 from 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM.
- Through the month of January, the students of Truman School participated in a school-wide reading activity entitled "Hats Off to Reading." This program was done in conjunction with this year's school theme, "Make the Days Count," to emphasize recreational reading and focus upon how reading puts you "a-head." Upon completion of the project, each homeroom per grade level that read the most books were awarded "Flip Over Books" bookmarks, stickers and pencils as well as a storybook for their classroom. In addition, the children wore their favorite hat on the last day of the project because books help develop the mind under everyone's hat. "Hats off" to Truman School students for reading a total of 1,529 books for this activity.
- Congratulations to Truman School for being chosen as "School of the Week" by "Artsonia". "Artsonia" is an online art museum which features artwork from over 3000 schools in 100 countries. As the "School of the Week", Truman School was featured prominently on the museum page of "Artsonia" throughout the week of January 16, 2006. The school has showcased artwork on "Artsonia", all of which can be seen by visiting www.artsonia.com/schools/truman3.
- Congratulations to the Wilson School family for continuing to help their adopted elementary school in Baker, Louisiana. Park Ridge Elementary School has provided schooling for 75 children who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The Wilson children and parents have reached out to these unfortunate children with open hearts and hands. Thirty-six boxes of school items, clothing and holiday gifts have been shipped to the school. We have developed an email partnership and our children have seen pictures of their fellow school children. Kudos to our Grade 3 teacher, Mrs. Adrienne

Visone who reached out to Park Ridge and organized the entire activity and to Mrs. Mary Beth Drabik who has arranged to ship these boxes via her husband's business. The costly shipping fee has been the donation of this corporation.

- Congratulations to Mrs. Dana Giorgianni at the Samsel Upper Elementary School and to Mrs. MaryBeth Comerford of Arleth School nominated again in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." Also, congratulations to Mrs. Adele Goldenberg on being selected for the inclusion of the 10th Edition of "Who's Who Among America's Teachers 2005/06." Mrs. Goldenberg will be honored with only a select 5% of our nation's teachers. We are so proud of our Sayreville teachers!
- A very special "Thank You" goes out to the following people for helping the Samsel Upper Elementary School make it possible to provide our Parent Test Prep Workshop possible. These individuals volunteered their time to create and deliver these workshops. Through all three workshops throughout the day, more than 75 SUES parents had the opportunity to learn how they can help their children prepare for the NJASK at home. With parental support and the hard work of our teachers, we are confident that our children will excel once again this year. It is this type of dedication and talent that make the SUES team so unique. We thank them for everything they did for the children of Sayreville. Because of people like them, the SUES is a wonderful place to work and learn. They are:

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| Bonnie Brady | Dena Mazur |
| Alyssa Cantwell | Gineen Morosco |
| Barbara DeSantis | Eleanor Schneider |
| Annette Evanski | Dana Smith |
| Nicole Hohman | Linda Smith |
| Kim Langella | Janet Ust |
| Donna MacDonald | Patricia Zupko |
| Erica Maliszewski | Michael Gawron and all the custodians |
- Everything is coming up Dutch flower bulbs for the SUES! The SUES was one of eight schools selected in New Jersey as the 2005-06 winner of the 11th Annual Kids Growing with Dutch Bulbs Award. The Mailorder Gardening Association (MGA) developed the program to help youths of all ages to learn the benefits of gardening. The grant package includes 200 assorted Dutch flower bulbs.

- Congratulations to Margarita Caro, morning cook at the SUES, whose recipe "Heavenly Cloud" was selected to be published in a recipe book titled "60 Sensational Sweets". Ms. Caro entered her recipe in the Rich's Whip Topping School Dessert Recipe Contest. What a "sweet" success!
- Michael Weinert was featured in the high school sports section in the Home News Tribune for the excellent work he has done creating and leading our bowling team. Best wishes for a successful bowling season!
- Best wishes to Patrice Troutman, a teacher at the high school, who is assisting in organizing a missionary effort to the needy of Ghana in West Africa. Ms. Troutman is involved with the African Initiative Mission of Thessalonica Baptist Church in the Bronx. She has successfully collected an enormous amount of school supplies donated from the students and faculty at the high school to be sent to Ghana. The mission's next trip is scheduled for February 17, 2006.
- Congratulations to Elinam Tsogbe and Ashley Pereira who have been chosen to represent Sayreville War Memorial High School in the 2005-06 Student Recognition Program. Also, we are proud to announce that Oleg Yankovsky, a Sayreville resident who attends the Raritan Valley Academy, has been chosen to represent his school. Students like you make Sayreville proud!

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