

DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

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- Kudos to Mary Charmello, Art Teacher at the Samsel Upper Elementary School, for being honored by the Art Education of New Jersey (AENJ) for her commitment to quality art education in the State of New Jersey.
- Congratulations to Truman School for demonstrating an outstanding commitment to Art Education in the 2005-06 school year. Special congratulations to art teacher, Marianne Cobell, who has been selected to receive Artsonia's Annual Leadership Award, an honor extended to only ten schools per state across the United States. The Artsonia Leadership Award honors teachers who go beyond the classroom walls to encourage family and community involvement in Art Education. The award also recognizes significant achievement in the area of technology integration within the school art program.

Thanks to Mrs. Cobell's efforts, Truman School's online art gallery ranks #2 in the state and #14 in the nation. During the 2005-06 school year, the Truman School gallery showcased 2,140 pieces of student artwork. This popular collection of art has been visited more than 21,000 times and has received 875 comments from family and friends. Way to go!!

- On October 6, 2006, Sayreville War Memorial High School aired its very first television broadcast program during homeroom. The ten minute program, which is called "Newz & Viewz", is produced by the students in Ms. Pellegrini's Communication Arts Through Television courses. It features high interest community, school and national news stories. The first broadcast included a welcome to the freshman, summer movie reviews, interviews with teachers and a segment on the demotion of Pluto to a dwarf planet. The administration, the staff and the students are very excited about this new program that allows students to develop their technological expertise and showcase their creativity. The program will air every other Friday during homeroom.
- The Sayreville War Memorial High School Marching Unit is off to one of its best starts in recent history. The months of September and October have proven to be very busy and successful. After taking third place in its first competition at Brick Memorial, the band has gone on to finish in first place in each of the next two competitions at Roselle Park and South Brunswick. Along with placing in the top three in each competition, the band received several special awards. The color guard has won the "Best Color Guard" award twice, while the entire ensemble has taken the "Best Overall Effect" award in two out of the three shows. The Marching Unit also performed in the Pulaski Day Parade in New York City as guests of the Grand Marshall, Assemblyman Wisniewski. The students realized what an honor this was and were thrilled to perform.
- Our October 9, 2006 Staff Development Day was a resounding success. The keynote speaker, Dr. Steve Sobol, set a most positive tone for the day. The focus on data driven instruction and the FISH philosophy actively involved the individual school staffs in working with the application of the precepts of FISH and how data drives instruction. Both workshops were presented by our teachers who were well prepared and gave stimulating programs. Participants were very voluble about how they enjoyed having the presentations in their home schools. Also, a special thank you to the Staff Development Committee who, through their hard work made this all possible. They are: Mrs. Georgia Baumann, Mrs. Linda Coffey, Mr. William Skowronski, Ms. Donna Jakubik, Mrs. Marie Malara, Ms. Jennifer McGough and Mr. David Vogel.