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Piscataway Township Schools Opens New Children's Corner Campus

On September 8, the first day of the 2021-2022 school year, Piscataway Township Schools welcomed 263 three- and fouryear-old students to its new Children's Corner Preschool campus, located at 275 Old New Brunswick Road, and an additional 115 students at it Children's Corner River campus. Children's Corner has offered high quality preschool to Piscataway families for more than twenty years, and now, due to preschool expansion aid from the State of New Jersey, this full day program is free of charge. In addition to the bright and inviting classrooms, the new building contains a multipurpose room, music room, and a new playground. Later this month, the Office of Community Education will relocate to this building.





Piscataway Welcomes New Teachers

On August 23 and 24, Piscataway welcomed 39 new teachers for two days of orientation and professional development. Absorbing information from general presentations along with small breakout groups, our new teachers left the residency armed with technology tips, a thorough understanding of our special education services, our focus on social emotional learning, and having made personal connections with new and veteran staff members. Special thanks to our Curriculum and Instruction Team, led by Dr. Baskerville, and our Human Resources Team, led by Cathie Sousa, for putting this important event together.

Schools Open with New Head Custodians

Some of the most important staff members in any school are its custodians. This year, Piscataway was pleased to appoint several of our valued custodial staff to supervisory positions in our schools. Congratulations to Kenny Dzurilla, who is at Arbor School, Brian Gordon, at Piscataway High School, Veronica Bates, at King School, and William Sverada, who moves to Quibbletown.

Fall Sports Are Back!

Following a year off the fields due to COVID precautions, Piscataway Fall Sports are back! After Tropical Storm Ida necessitated the cancellation of the season's first game, the Chiefs take on South Brunswick on home turf on Friday, September 10 at 6:00pm for the new game one of their season. Both the team and the Superchiefs Marching Band are ready to take the field! They join student athletes in tennis, cross country, soccer, and field hockey, in representing their school through sports.

The 2021-2022 School Calendar and Guide Is Back with Events Throughout the Year

Tropical Storm Ida may have held up mail delivery of the 2021-2022 School Calendar and Guide, but parents will be happy to see the return of planned events throughout the year! The calendar can be found on the district website and should be delivered to homes this week.





PBL Assay Science-PHS Annual Scholarship Luncheon Held Virtually

The sixteenth annual PBL-PHS Biomedical Research Scholarship was awarded to PHS student Ashley Igbokwe. Past awardees were invited to attend the virtual luncheon event, which took place in early August. With college and career taking past award winners to many areas of the country, this Zoom event enabled many of them to attend. It was a wonderful event celebrating young scientists who got their start in Piscataway. Congratulations to Ashley and all PHS PBL Assay Science award winners!

PHS AP Science Students Averaged 3.5 on their Spring 2021 Exams

This spring, Piscataway High School Science Students took 139 AP exams in the sciences and did very well. Scores included 84% of students in AP Biology and AP Chemistry passing their exams and becoming eligible to receive college credits for their efforts. Students taking the AP Physics C: Mechanics exam averaged a score of 4, with 94% of those students passing their exams. This is a great effort in difficult subject areas. We are proud of our students who work at a



college level and receive credit both through the AP program, as well as our partnerships with Rutgers, other state colleges and universities, and County Colleges.

Piscataway Earns Certificate of Excellence from the Association of Small Business Officials

The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) awarded Piscataway Schools with the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting (COE).



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ASBO International's COE recognizes districts that have met the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability. The school district earned the Certificate of Excellence for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending 2020. This is the fourth consecutive year the district has been honored with this award. Congratulations to Business Administrator David Oliveira and his Business Office Team.