

Thomas E. Bowe Elementary School

December Report

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ADMINISTRATION:

- Staff Evaluations (December)

Tenured Certified Staff	8
Non-Tenured Certified Staff	4
Non-Certified Staff	0

- Committee Meetings
 - PDS Committee met on December 17th
 - Safety Committee met on December 2nd
- PTO Meetings
 - January 2016 at 6:30 at the Bullock School (the December meeting was cancelled)
- Professional Development
 - The PDS Committee hosted a ‘meet and greet’ for teacher candidates (student teachers) and their mentors on December 8th. The candidates attended this session with our Professor in Residence, Maryl Randel, and heard new teacher advice. They were also introduced to their teacher mentors and were given a tour of our building.
 - On December 3rd teachers continued with their discussions of Don’t Kick Them Out by Dr. Jesse Jackson.
 - Mr. Steven Hempel presented guidelines for the use of the Writer’s Notebook December 3rd.
 - All teachers continue to participate in Common Planning Time.
 - Teachers are discussing instruction and planning for student achievement.
 - Literacy Coach and Math Supervisor met with each grade level to provide instructional support.

INSTRUCTION / STUDENT NOTES:

- PARCC scores were mailed home and distributed to each classroom teacher. Discussions about the PARCC assessments were held during grade level meetings.
- Students attended a Fossil workshop was presented by Dr. Ken Lacovara of the Rowan University Fossil Park on Thursday, December 10th at Thomas E. Bowe School. The students also completed a fossil workshop with two paleontology post-graduate students. Following that they had the opportunity to work in small groups to come up with questions for the researchers about what they learned.
- Several Classrooms have had Writer’s Celebrations to showcase the students work. Parents have been invited to celebrate in their children’s success with writing.

OPERATIONS:

- Fire and Security Drills are planned for late December.

FACILITIES:

- The building is in working order.
- Heating irregularities occur occasionally.

NURSES:

- Mrs. Begolly has participated in several I&RS and 504 meetings.
- She and Mr. Brattelli are currently teaching the Family Life health units.

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COMMUNITY:

- Parent were invited to attend an Academic Awards Ceremony on December 7th. Three separate assemblies were held, one for each grade level. Over 150 parents and family members attended the ceremonies.
- Students were honored at a Student of the Month Breakfast on November 24th. The breakfast was donated by the Glassboro Taco Bell.
- Positive Behavior Support program continues to be a focus At Bowe School. The students and teachers use a common language and understand the expectations for “Bringing their A game”. Pictures of PBS award winners have been featured on several bulletin boards throughout the school.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 24th -January 4th Winter Break