

J. Harvey Rodgers School
BOARD REPORT
October 2022

Principal - Melanie Sweeney



PERSONNEL

- Appointments:
 - Kyleigh Coulter (Preschool Special Education Aide) - 11/1/22
 - Lisa Janicki (Kindergarten Aide) - 11/15/22
- Resignation/Retirement: N/A
- Staff Evaluations to Date - 0, of which 0 were completed in September.
 - Tenured: 4
 - Nontenured: 4
 - Non-Certificated Staff: 1

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Dept/Level
 - October 5th - Grade Level PLCs
 - October 26th - Faculty Meeting
- Safety & Security
 - October 20th - Administration, SRO, and key building personnel met with the Pastor at Mercy Hill Presbyterian Church to review Evacuation Procedures to our Stage 2 location.
- ScIP - N/A
- PD
 - October 7th - Full Day Inservice
 - Preschool: Preschool Inclusive Practices; Units of Study; Gloucester County Special Services Presentation (Toiletry); Documentation and Lesson Planning through Teaching Strategies; SGOs; PDPs
 - Kindergarten: SGOs; PDPs; MP1 Standards; MP1 Portfolio Assessments; MAP Fluency Training
 - Full Staff: CITRS October Activities
 - October 28th - 2 Hour Delay
 - Preschool: Accommodations for 3 year olds; Pyramid Model; ECERS
 - Kindergarten: Finalize MP1 Standards and MP2 and Portfolio Assessments
 - Full Staff: CITRS November Activities

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (C&I)

- PDP Development
- SGO Development
- Social Studies Curriculum Finalized for Kindergarten
- Wit & Wisdom Module 1 Curriculum Assessment Modifications (The Five Senses)



SPECIAL EVENTS

- Athletics - N/A
- Visual & Performing Arts - N/A
- Community Events
 - October 12th - Fire Department Presentation for Fire Prevention Week
 - October 18th - Schoolwide Philadelphia Phillies Day.
 - October 31st - Hosted Professional Development District Ceremony for the district in conjunction with Rowan University.
 - October 31st - Halloween Parade and Classroom activities/parties with parent volunteers.

OPERATIONS

- Safety & Security Meeting
 - October 6th
- Safety & Security Drills
 - October 12th - Fire Drill
 - October 19th - Shelter In Place

FACILITIES

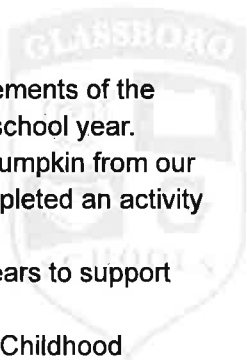
- Needs Assessment: See Rich Booth's Report, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES (Guidance/SAC/CST)

- Throughout the month of October our Guidance Counselor and Community Parent Involvement Specialist facilitated a lesson on integrity using the book, *The I in Integrity* by Julia Cook. The students then participated in an activity where they colored their own Integrity Badge to display around the school.
- October 3rd through October 7th, we celebrated the Week of Respect. This week is an annual celebration in New Jersey to raise awareness of bullying and to promote a positive school climate for students, faculty, and the community. We celebrated with some fun spirit days! They included:
 - Blue-Up for World Bullying Prevention Month: Wear blue.
 - Peace, Love, and Bulldog Buddies: Wear peace signs, hearts, or tie-dye to spread the love!
 - Unite Against Bullying: Wear red, white and blue to unite against bullying.
 - Giving Bullying the Boot: Wear boots - dress boots, work boots, rain boots, or snow boots!
 - Random Acts of Kindness Day: Commit a random act of kindness in your home or your community.

BULLDOG PRIDE

- On October 13th, Dr. Aileen Matias-Castro, our New Gifted and Talented District Coordinator visited each of our Kindergarten classrooms to read a story for Hispanic Heritage Month. She even came dressed as Frida Kahlo!
- On October 19th, students and staff had individual pictures taken.
- On October 25th, we held our first Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting (ECAC). We discussed the Community Needs Assessment, our preschool enrollment trends,



possible topics for Parent Workshops, the 2021-2022 goals and achievements of the Council, and brainstormed areas of focus and goals for the 2022-2023 school year.

- On October 28th, our Preschool students had an opportunity to pick a pumpkin from our "Pumpkin Patch" created by our Preschool staff. The students then completed an activity with the pumpkins in their classroom and could then take them home.
- On October 31st, we invited parent volunteers in for the first time in 3 years to support our classroom with Halloween activities and the schoolwide parade.
- We have continued our partnership with Glassboro High School's Early Childhood Education Class under the direction of Nancy Brown into our Kindergarten classrooms for a practical classroom experience. Each Kindergarten classroom has been assigned a high school student that comes from 12:05 – 1:05 pm each day for the remainder of the school year. The student responsibilities could include working with individuals or small groups, doing bulletin boards, observing classroom instruction, setting up classroom equipment, escorting students to the nurse or office, introducing a segment of a lesson, assisting in individual students during "seat work" or reading a story to a group.
- We have also continued our partnership with Montclair State & the NJIETA Sustainability Grant. The grant promotes access, participation, and support in early childhood inclusive education. This is a 4-year project to help us "level up", making our preschool classes even stronger. On October 25th, the team met to review the action plan and support needed through PD, coaching, and articles for the 2022-2023 school year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Kindergarten Marking Period 1 Ends - November 9th
- Preschool Parent Workshop - November 15th
- Individual Student Picture Make-ups
- Parent Teacher Conferences - November 29th through December 2nd

