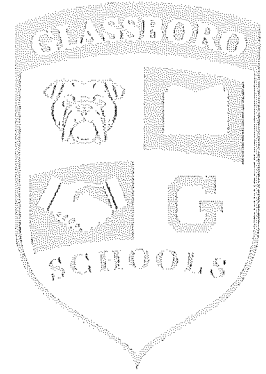


J. Harvey Rodgers School
BOARD REPORT
October 2023

Principal - Melanie Sweeney



PERSONNEL

- Appointments:
 - N/A
- Resignation/Retirement:
 - Zana Henley - October 25th
- Staff Evaluations to Date:
 - Tenured: 8
 - Nontenured: 4
 - Non-Certificated Staff: 0

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Dept/Level
 - October 2nd - Attendance Team Meeting
 - October 3rd - Character Council Team Meeting
 - October 4th - Character Council/Champion Meeting
 - October 16th - Student Leadership Team Meeting
 - October 17th - Behavioral Threat Assessment Team Meeting
 - October 18th - Student Based Leadership Team Meeting
 - October 18th - JHR Staff Meeting
 - October 23rd - JHR New Teacher Academy
- Safety & Security
 - N/A
- SciP
 - October 12th
- PD
 - October 6th - Full Day In-Service
 - Teaching Pyramid Model with Montclair State University (all staff)
 - October 27th - 2-Hour Delay
 - Preschool, Specials, and CST - Early Literacy and Pre-Literacy Development
 - Special Education - ABA Checklist Overview
 - Kindergarten, BSI, ESL, and Guidance - Play-Based Knowledge & Centers
 - Paraprofessionals & Substitutes - Teaching Pyramid Model with Montclair State University (Module 1)

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (C&I)

- Wit & Wisdom Module 2 Curriculum Modifications
- Eureka Math Module 2 Curriculum Assessment Modifications



SPECIAL EVENTS

- Athletics - N/A
- Visual & Performing Arts - N/A
- Community Events
 - October 11th - Fire Prevention Week Presentation by Glassboro Fire Department
 - October 24th - Rodgers Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

OPERATIONS

- Safety & Security Meeting
 - October 5th
- Safety & Security Drills
 - Fire Drill - October 11th
 - Evacuation Drill - October 3rd

FACILITIES

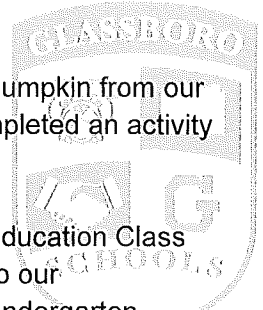
- Needs Assessment: See Rich Booth's Report, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES (Guidance/SAC/CST)

- Throughout the month of October, our Guidance Counselor and Community Parent Involvement Specialist facilitated lessons on Integrity utilizing the book, *The "I" in Integrity* by Julia Cook. We utilized the character Pinocchio to teach students about following the rules, being honest, and telling the truth. Our phrase for the month was, "When you wish upon a star, integrity shows just who you are."

BULLDOG PRIDE

- On October 2nd, kindergarten teachers met with basic skills and building administration to discuss MAP Data and Basic Skills selection.
- On October 11th, preschool teachers met with building administration and the preschool team (CPIS, PIC, PIRS, CST, etc.) to collaborate and discuss individual concerns and supports needed in their individual classrooms.
- On October 13th, kindergarten students visited Mood's Farm. Students were able to enjoy an apple cider donut, apple cider, go on a pumpkin ride, and get a pumpkin to take home.
- October 2nd through October 6th, 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 Bullying Prevention Month – wear blue.
 - Color Our World with Kindness – Wear the colors of the rainbow. How many colors can you wear?
 - Wednesday - "Bee" the "I" in Kind – Wear black and yellow and take a photo in front of the "KIND" poster where you will be the "I" in kind!
 - Thursday - Kindness ties us together – wear bow ties, neck ties, hair ties.
 - Friday: Participate in a Random Act of Kindness in your home or community.
- On October 18th, students and staff had individual pictures taken.



- On October 26th, 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.
- HALLOWEEN
- We have a partnership with Glassboro High School's Early Childhood Education Class under the direction of Nancy Brown that allows high school students 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 will have 8 high school students who are divided out into our Kindergarten classrooms daily.
- We have 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 18th, we met to review the Teaching Pyramid Model training and develop a professional development plan moving forward for PLCs and in class supports.
- 14 of our Special Education students in Kindergarten and Preschool are working once a week with Rowan University through their Adaptive Physical Education Program for 7 weeks. Each student is assigned two Rowan University students under the direction of a Rowan Professor administer a Test of Gross Motor Development and follow up lessons on the fundamental movement skill categories (locomotor, manipulative, stability).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1st - Grade Level PLC
- November 1st - Character Council/Character Champion Team Meeting
- November 6th - Attendance Meeting
- November 7th - District CITRS Meeting
- November 13th - Marking Period 1 Ends
- November 14th - Preschool Parent Workshop
- November 21st - Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting
- November 27th - Preschool Checkpoint #1
- November 28th to December 1st - Parent/Teacher Conferences & Book Fair
- November 28th - Individual Picture Make-ups
- November 28th - MERT Team Meeting
- November 30th - Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences

