

J. Harvey Rodgers School

BOARD REPORT

October 2024

Principal - Melanie Sweeney



PERSONNEL

- Appointments:
 - Teresa Brown (Preschool Aide) - TBD
- Resignation/Retirement:
 - N/A
- Staff Evaluations to Date:
 - Tenured: 3
 - Nontenured: 12
 - Non-Certificated Staff: 0

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Dept/Level
 - October 1st - District Character Council Meeting
 - October 1st - Multicultural Meeting
 - October 2nd - Character Champion Meeting
 - October 2nd - SciP Meeting
 - October 2nd - Staff Meeting
 - October 4th - Annual School Plan (ASP) Meeting
 - October 8th - Attendance Meeting
 - October 15th - Behavioral Threat Assessment Team Meeting
 - October 16th - School Based Leadership Team Meeting
 - October 17th - SciP Meeting
 - October 18th - I&RS
 - October 21st - JHR New Teacher Academy
 - October 22nd - Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) Meeting
 - October 23rd - Grade Level PLC
 - October 28th - School Leadership Team Meeting
- Safety & Security - N/A
- SciP - October 17th
- PD
 - October 11th - District-wide Strength Finder Assessment & Building Level Follow-up Activities

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (C&I)

- Pacing Guide for Wit & Wisdom (Module 2)
- Revisions to Pacing Guide for Eureka Math (MP 1)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Athletics - N/A



- Visual & Performing Arts - N/A
- Community Events
 - October 7th - Fire Prevention Week Presentation by Glassboro Fire Department
 - October 10th - Kindergarten students visited Mood's Farm
 - October 25th - Preschool End of Unit Study (Pumpkins) with parent activity

OPERATIONS

- Safety & Security Meeting
 - October 2nd
- Safety & Security Drills
 - October 7th - Fire Drill
 - October 24th - Lockdown

FACILITIES

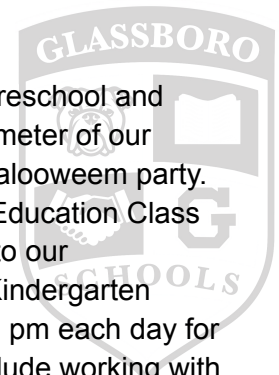
- Needs Assessment: See Miquel Olivo's Report, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES (Guidance/SAC/CST)

- Bulldog PRIDE lessons on integrity from Mrs. Jacobs, Preschool Intervention and Referral Services and Mrs. Brice, School Counselor. They utilized the text, *I Promise* by LeBron James and completed a follow-up Activity: *I Promise* Pledge drawing activity.

BULLDOG PRIDE

- On October 7th, the Glassboro Fire Department helped us celebrate Fire Prevention Week with a grade level assembly to review fire safety. Students even got to see one of the Glassboro Fire Department fire trucks!
- October 7th through October 11th, 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:
 - October 7th: Blue Up for Bullying Prevention Month – Wear blue.
 - October 8th: "You've Got a Friend In Me" - Wear a Disney themed shirt, dress, and/or hat.
 - October 9th: Bulldog Buddy PRIDE - Wear Maroon and Gold for Bulldog Buddy PRIDE and show off our district Core Values!
 - October 10th: Everyone is included in our "Patch". Wear orange to celebrate inclusion and our kindergarten field trip to the Mood's Farm Pumpkin Patch!
 - October 11th: Participate in a Random Act of Kindness in your home or community.
- On October 10th, 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.
- On October 25th, 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 with a family member and could then take them home.



- On October 31st, we held our annual Halloween Parade for all of our preschool and kindergarten classrooms. Students walked in a parade around the perimeter of our playground area for our families to see their child dressed up in their Halloween party.
- 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 from 12:05 to 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 individual students during "seat work" or reading a story to a group. We have 7 high school students who are divided 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 16th, we met to discuss professional development for the 2024-2025 school year, our role as a demonstration school, and protocols for site visits.
- 17 of our Special Education students in Kindergarten and Preschool are working once a week with Rowan University through their Adaptive Physical Education Program for 8 weeks during the fall semester. Each student is assigned to a Rowan University student under the direction of a Rowan Professor who administered a Test of Gross Motor Development and follow up lessons on the fundamental movement skill categories (locomotor, manipulative, stability).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1st - 2-hour Delay
- November 5th - Attendance Meeting
- November 6th - Staff Meeting
- November 7th, 8th & 11th - School Closed
- November 12th - District Character Council
- November 13th - MP1 Ends (Kindergarten)
- November 13th - Character Champion Meeting
- November 14th - Annual School Plan Committee Meeting
- November 14th - Preschool Parent Workshop #1
- November 15th - I&RS and PIRT Meetings
- November 18th - JHR New Teacher Academy
- November 19th - Behavioral Threat Assessment Team Meeting
- November 19th - Family Game Night
- November 20th - School Based Leadership Team Meeting
- November 21st - SciP Meeting
- November 25th - School Leadership Team Meeting
- November 26th - Make-up School Pictures (Individual)
- November 27th - Early Dismissal
- November 28th & 29th - School Closed