

J. Harvey Rodgers School

BOARD REPORT

May 2025

Principal - Melanie Sweeney



PERSONNEL

- Appointments:
 - Patricia Scappa (Nurse) - 5/1/25
- Resignation/Retirement - N/A
- Staff Evaluations to Date:
 - Tenured: 30
 - Nontenured: 48
 - Non-Certificated Staff: 26

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Dept/Level
 - May 2nd - MERT Team Meeting
 - May 6th - District Character Council Meeting
 - May 7th - JHR Character Champions Team Meeting
 - May 7th - Staff Meeting
 - May 8th - Early Childhood Advisory Council Meeting
 - May 13th - Attendance Meeting
 - May 14th - Grade Level PLC
 - May 15th - I&RS/PIRT Meetings
 - May 19th - JHR New Teacher Academy
 - May 20th - Behavioral Threat Assessment Meeting
 - May 27th - School Leadership Team Meeting
- Safety & Security - N/A
- SciP - May 22nd
- PD - N/A

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (C&I)

- Pacing Guide for Wit & Wisdom (School Year 2024-2025)
- Revisions to Pacing Guide for Eureka Math (School Year 2024-2025)

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Athletics - N/A
- Visual & Performing Arts - N/A
 - May 21st - PreK and Kindergarten Spring Concerts
- Community Events
 - May 27th - PreK Multicultural Bread Festival

OPERATIONS

- Safety & Security Meeting
 - May 1st

- Safety & Security Drills
 - May 27th - Fire Drill
 - May 30th - Hold

FACILITIES

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

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES (Guidance/SAC/CST)

- As we approach the final stretch of the school year, our school community has been embracing two meaningful themes that reflect the spirit of our students and staff: *Love* in May and *Charity* in June. Throughout May, students focused on showing love through simple yet powerful actions such as offering a helping hand, sharing kind words, and being a true friend who supports others unconditionally. Guided by the phrase "Love yourself, your friends, and your school" and the visual symbol of a heart, students explored how love can be expressed in everyday moments. As we move into June, our focus shifts to charity, putting that love into action. Represented by a heart with hands and the phrase "Show us how you can help your school and community," students will be encouraged to care for others through acts of giving and service. Preschoolers, who previously participated in a Coin Drive, will use the funds raised to purchase summer items for the Glassboro Boys and Girls Club. Kindergarten students will read *A Friend Like You* by Frank Murphy and take part in a donation drive to support the same organization. Through these ongoing efforts, we continue to nurture compassion and community-mindedness, helping our students grow into thoughtful, kind, and responsible individuals.

BULLDOG PRIDE

- Rodgers School held its annual Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 21st. This year's theme was "*Pajama Party*" and featured music and art centered around nighttime and bedtime. Students worked hard to prepare a memorable performance, showcasing their creativity and talent. The event also included a special appearance by the Glassboro High School Select Choir, who opened the concert with the national anthem and performed an additional musical selection, adding a meaningful touch to the celebration.
- We are pleased to continue our successful partnership with Glassboro High School's Early Childhood Education Class, under the direction of Nancy Brown. This collaboration provides high school students with valuable, hands-on classroom experience in our Kindergarten classrooms. Each Kindergarten classroom has been assigned a high school student to assist from 12:05 to 1:05 pm daily for the remainder of the school year. The students are involved in a variety of responsibilities, including:
 - Working with individuals or small groups of students.
 - Assisting with bulletin boards and classroom organization.
 - Observing classroom instruction to gain practical insights into teaching.
 - Setting up classroom equipment and materials.
 - Escorting students to the nurse or office as needed.
 - Introducing segments of lessons.
 - Supporting individual students during "seat work."





- Reading stories to groups of students.
- Currently, we have 18 high school students divided across the Kindergarten classrooms, providing valuable support to our teachers and enriching the learning experience for our students. This partnership is a wonderful opportunity for both our Kindergarten students and the high school students to engage in a meaningful educational exchange.
- We are excited to continue our partnership with Rowan University through their Adaptive Physical Education Program. Thirty of our Special Education students in Kindergarten and Preschool are participating in this program, working once a week for 7 weeks during the fall semester. Each student has been paired with a Rowan University student, under the direction of a Rowan professor, who administered the Test of Gross Motor Development (TGMD). This assessment is followed by tailored lessons focused on the fundamental movement skill categories: locomotor, manipulative, and stability. This program provides our Special Education students with valuable opportunities to develop essential motor skills in a supportive and structured environment, enhancing their overall physical development. We are grateful for the continued collaboration with Rowan University, which enriches the educational experience for our students.
- We are continuing our valuable partnership with Montclair State University and the NJIETA Sustainability Grant, which promotes access, participation, and support in early childhood inclusive education. This is a four-year project aimed at strengthening our preschool classes and enhancing inclusive education practices. On March 19th, we held a productive meeting to discuss important initiatives related to the grant. Topics covered included:
 - Review of 2024-2025 goals
 - Professional Development for the 2025-2026 school year

This ongoing collaboration is a critical part of our efforts to “level up” our early childhood education programs, ensuring we continue to provide inclusive, high-quality learning environments for all students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 3rd - District Character Council Meeting
- June 4th - JHR Character Champion Team Meeting
- June 4th - Staff Meeting
- June 9th - Attendance Meeting
- June 10th - Kindergarten Visit to Bullock School
- June 13th - MVP Day
- June 16th - PreK Field Day
- June 17th - Kindergarten Field Day
- June 17th - PAL Event
- June 18th - GHS Bulldog Buddy Farewell Celebration