

# **J. Harvey Rodgers School**

## **BOARD REPORT**

September 2025

Principal - Melanie Sweeney



### **PERSONNEL**

- Appointments
  - Abigail Lopez - Preschool Paraprofessional (Tentative Start Date: 10/1/25)
  - Jack Raines - Security Aide (Tentative Start Date: 10/1/25)
  - Ana Popovic - ABA Paraprofessional (Tentative Start Date: 10/16/25)
- Resignation/Retirement
  - Tomyra Perren (Resignation) - October 23, 2025
  - Cori Grisi (Resignation) - November 14, 2025
- Staff Evaluations to Date:
  - Tenured: 4
  - Nontenured: 2
  - Non-Certificated Staff: 0

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Dept/Level
  - Staff Meeting - September 17, 2025
  - Grade Level PLC - September 24, 2025
    - Preschool - NJCCIS; Preschool Study Planning; ECERS; Ready Rosie; Lesson Planning Template
    - Kindergarten - Book Study, Differentiating Phonics Instruction for Maximum Impact (Wiley Blevins)
- ScIP - September 11th
- PD - N/A

### **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION (C&I)**

- Eureka Math Marking Period 1 Pacing Guide Review
- Eureka Math2 Marking Period 1 Pacing Guide Review
- Wit & Wisdom Module 1 Pacing Guide Review

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Athletics - N/A
- Visual & Performing Arts - N/A
- Community Events
  - Preschool and Kindergarten Orientation - September 2nd

### **OPERATIONS**

- Safety & Security Meeting - September 11th
- Safety & Security Drills
  - September 4th - Fire Drill
  - September 26th - Stage 2 Evacuation
  - September 30th - Lockdown



## **FACILITIES**

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

## **PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES (Guidance/SAC/CST)**

- In September, our school focused on the virtue of Wisdom. Wisdom means recognizing what is right, understanding what is truthful, and making good choices based on that knowledge. To help students connect with this idea, we used the owl as our symbol of wisdom and encouraged them to reflect each day by asking, *"How can you make a wise choice today?"*

## **BULLDOG PRIDE**

- Through our partnership with Glassboro High School's Early Childhood Education class, under the direction of Nancy Brown, high school students gain practical classroom experience by supporting our Kindergarten classes. Each Kindergarten classroom has been paired with a high school student who joins from 12:00–1:00 pm daily for the remainder of the school year. Their responsibilities include working with individuals or small groups, assisting with bulletin boards, observing instruction, setting up classroom materials, escorting students to the nurse or office, introducing a portion of a lesson, supporting students during independent work, or reading to a group. Currently, 5 high school students are assigned to our kindergarten classrooms every day. An additional 19 students visit twice a week and will begin attending daily in December.
- We are also continuing our collaboration with Montclair State University through the NJIETA Sustainability Grant. This five-year initiative is designed to expand access, participation, and support in inclusive early childhood education and to strengthen our preschool program. On September 24th, our team met to plan professional development for the 2025–2026 school year, discuss our role as a demonstration site, and establish goals for the year ahead.
- 32 of our preschool and kindergarten students in Special Education are participating in Rowan University's Adaptive Physical Education Program this fall. For eight weeks, students are paired with Rowan undergraduates under the guidance of a Rowan professor. Each child completes a Test of Gross Motor Development and receives follow-up lessons targeting fundamental movement skills in the areas of locomotor, manipulative, and stability.
- On September 25th, we welcomed preschool and kindergarten families to Back to School Night. Families were able to choose between two sessions to meet with their child's teacher for a 30-minute presentation. Each session began with a Back to School video featuring key staff and administrators from J. Harvey Rodgers School, setting the tone for a strong home-school partnership this year.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Week of Respect - October 6th to 10th
- Fire Prevention Week - October 6th to 10th
- School Leadership Team - October 6th
- Character Council - October 7th
- District NJTSS - October 7th

- JHR NJTSS - October 7th
- Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) - October 7th
- Character Champion Team - October 8th
- Threat Assessment Team - October 8th
- Attendance Team - October 8th
- Annual School Plan Team - October 8th
- Mood's Farm Field Trip (Kindergarten) - October 9th
- Teacher InService (No Students) - October 10th
- School Closed - October 13th
- Individual School Pictures - October 15th
- Staff Meeting - October 15th
- I&RS - October 17th
- School Based Leadership (SBL) Team - October 22nd
- Preschool Pumpkin Event - October 24th
- JHR New Teacher Academy - October 27th
- Character Champion Team - October 29th
- Grade Level PLC - October 29th
- Halloween Parade - October 31st



**25-26**

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| 30 | Blood pressure referrals (1b,4c) | 0 |
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## 25-26

## Total number of students services

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