

Dr. Susan E. Compton, Superintendent of Schools

Tri-District News Bulletin

HES Veterans Day-

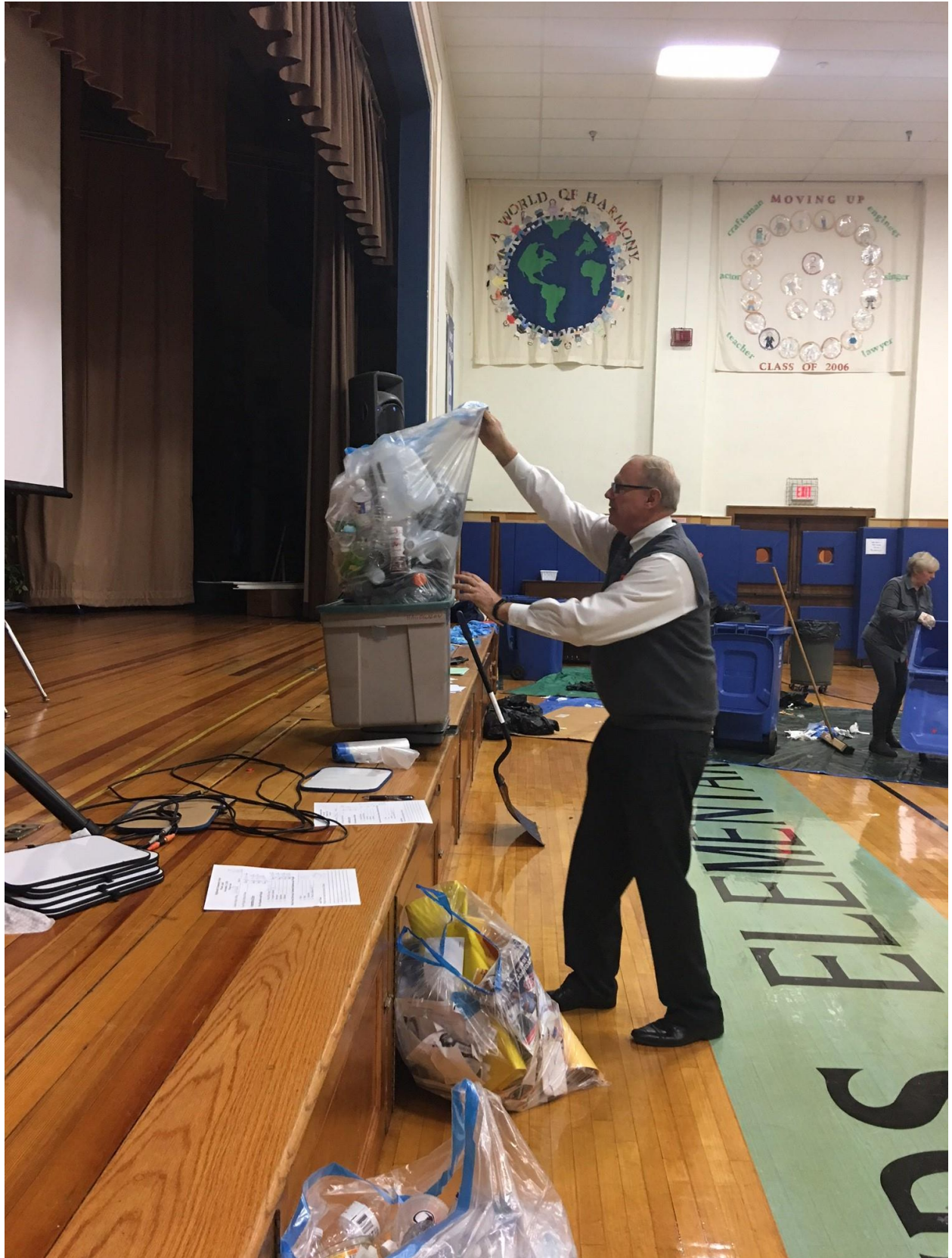
Highlands Elementary School hosted the 3rd annual Veterans Day Breakfast on Friday, November 4th. The event was open to local veterans and their families and was a morning filled with patriotic songs sung by HES students and original poetry and letters of thanks read to our veterans by the students. There was also a performance by the HRS Marching Band and bagpipes played by Highlands resident Christina Fitzpatrick. A breakfast buffet was provided by several restaurants from the Highlands community. Many thanks to Principal Schutz and Board Vice Chair Maryann Fiel for organizing such a wonderful event and to our local business and community leaders for their continued support.



HES Sustainable Jersey-

Highlands Elementary School and Bayshore Recycling conducted a waste audit of the school on November 2nd. The purpose of the audit was to determine how much of the school's "trash" can be reduced, reused or recycled vs just being thrown away. HES students took part in the sorting and weighing of different types of waste from the school's dumpsters and learned a lot about the school's impact on our environment. HES is working to become a Sustainable Jersey certified school and the waste audit was one of the first steps to achieve the certification. The school hopes to be awarded a Sustainable Jersey grant to install a sprinkler system for the school's garden. Thank you to HES Board Chair Mrs. Cynthia Fair and Mr. Gary Sondermeyer of Bayshore Recycling for coordinating the audit.





AHES National Elementary Honor Society

Atlantic Highlands Elementary School is pleased to enter a 2nd year of the National Elementary Honor Society (NEHS). The program focuses on encouraging student achievement, serving the community and bringing a tradition of excellence and distinction to the school. NEHS allows AHES to recognize its highest achieving students in grades 4-6, with new 4th graders being inducted in the Spring. NEHS is advised by Ms. Kim Voorhees. Congratulations to this year's members!



AHES Odyssey of the Mind

After a very successful first year, AHES is looking forward to another year of Odyssey of the Mind. The 5th and 6th grade teams are advised by Mrs. Dana Bellantoni and are made up of 7 students each. Students must work creatively and cooperatively to solve an open ended problem with no outside assistance. Meetings are held on a weekly basis. This year's Regional Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, March 11th, 2017. Congratulations and best of luck to this year's teams!



HHRS Middle School Play

Henry Hudson Regional School students in grades 7-9 performed in “Sleepy Hollow, a Musical Tale” on October 28th and 29th. High school and middle school students also worked together on the stage crew to put out a fantastic production.

The play was new musical version of the classic Washington Irving story, The Legend of Sleepy Hollow – with a modern-day spin. The show begins in the present day on Halloween night and is transformed into 18th Century Sleepy Hollow for the bulk of the show. Three modern-day children find themselves right in the middle of all the odd characters, traditions, ghosts and goblins of Sleepy Hollow, and even confront the infamous Headless Horseman himself in an attempt to return home.

The show was directed by Mrs. Maureen Sweeney, with Musical Direction by Mr. Jeffrey Starr. Many thanks to parent volunteers Mrs. Jean Springsteen and Mrs. Lora Pinhas for their help and dedication to the production, and to Auto Exotica and Atlantic Cinemas for their support.



HHRS Varsity Sports

The Henry Hudson Boys Varsity soccer team made great strides this season, finishing the year at 7-12. 3 of the 7 wins came against rival opponents Mater Dei and Keyport. Senior leadership was key to the boys' success this year, and all 4 seniors will be sorely missed. Brendan Carlstrom recorded 234 saves this year, and Ethan Kelley scored 13 goals. Thomas Colantino and Josh Pinhas also played key roles in solidifying the defense. The team has really taken to the game, and they continue to work during the off-season on improving their skills.

The Girls High School Varsity tennis team finished the season with a 7-10 record (1 more win than last year!). The team was comprised of 11 girls. All of the girls made a lot of progress each and every day on the courts. Coach Dawn DeSanto is so proud of these girls- and of how opposing coaches and players described our team throughout the season as "class acts", "kind-hearted on and off the courts", and "respectful and gracious whether in victory or in defeat", and remarking how it is always a "pleasure" to play the Hudson Tennis team. The team will miss their senior co-captains, Kate Manning and Annelise Hackett, who were great leaders and mentors to their teammates, and who were on the team since their freshman years.



Please congratulate Cross Country team member Corina Vidal! She finished in 4th place at the state sectional race and now qualifies for the state group 1 championship. She is the first female runner in over 25 years to make it this far.



HHRS Middle School Sports

Please congratulate our newly launched Girls Middle School Soccer team for having a tremendous season: they finished the season with a win on Friday, 11/4, against Ranney and competed in the semi-finals Monday, 11/7; unfortunately their season ended there, but all the girls played hard and gave it their best. They finished up the season with a 6-7 record with victories against Red Bank Charter School, Keyport, Ranney and Union Beach Memorial. It was a total team effort on the offensive and defensive ends of the field and the girls performed with a "never give-up" attitude, which went far in securing the wins. Congratulations to all for their amazing team effort!



Boys Middle School Soccer team also finished the season strong and competed in the semi-finals on Monday, 11/7 with a tough loss 1-0 vs. Ranney. Their record was 7-4-2 with wins against Keyport, Red Bank Charter School, and Union Beach Memorial. The boy's strong defense controlled their games, barely letting anything get through. The offense worked well together moving the ball around nicely, which got everyone involved. Congratulations all around!

Middle School Field Hockey, which included 5th graders for the first time, had an amazing season! They finished the season with a 5-6-1 record with wins against Keyport, Knollwood, Ranney, Frank Antonides. Awesome job Middle School Lady Admirals!

The Middle School Cross Country team ended their season with the boys at 3 for 4 and the girls at 2 for 5. At the Meet of Champions we had two top runners that came in the first 30 runners. Anna Dooley came in 28th place and Elijah Ward came in 30th place. It was a great season!

Again, congratulations to all our Middle School teams! Athletes are looking forward to the upcoming seasons and can't wait for next year's fall season. Go Admirals!

HHS Students to Sing at Monmouth County School Boards Conference

HHS students Niamh Sherlock and Julia Forsyth have been selected to sing at the Monmouth County School Boards Conference on December 1st at Neptune High School. Congratulations to both of you!



HHS STEM Coordinator

Mrs. Leigh Fitzsimmons has been selected as the HHS STEM Coordinator for the 2016-17 school year. Mrs. Fitzsimmons currently teaches Biology and AP Biology at HHS. She has a BS in Biology from Delaware Valley University, an MS in Biology from Georgian Court

University, and a Supervisor of K-12 Certificate from Seton Hall University. Mrs. Fitzsimmons will be coordinating and developing STEM lesson plans and will work with Math and Science teachers to implement them. She will also work closely with teachers in order to provide expanded learning opportunities for students that focus on STEM skill sets.

