

MULLICA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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Board Report – October 2016

I. SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

1. **School Volunteer Trainings – October 6th and 7th** – The School Volunteer Orientation was held on October 6th and 7th in the library. The discussion points included the following areas:
 - Vision and Mission of the School District
 - Review of Expectations, Policies, and Procedures
 - School Safety and Security Plan
 - HIB Policy Policy and Procedures
 - Dress Code
 - School Volunteer Policy
2. **BCIT Visitation – October 11th** – A representative from BCIT spoke with some of our 8th graders who are eligible to attend the school in the fall.
3. **Fire Prevention Week – October 12th** – Fire Prevention Week was recognized on Wednesday, October 12th. We asked for all students and staff to wear Red in support of our local Firemen.

As part of Fire Prevention Week, Atlantic City Electric teamed up with local firemen for a special assembly for students in grades 3 -8. Students in grades pre-k-2 traveled to the bus loop for a tour of the fire trucks and equipment, a chance to meet Smokey Bear, and shoot water through the fire hose.

The students made thank you cards for the volunteer firemen to show our appreciation. In addition, we organized a luncheon for the firemen.

II. CURRICULUM/INSTRUCTION

MELT Meeting – September 28th - The Mullica Educator Leadership Team met to identify the direction of professional development in regards to PLC work. The MELT members developed a syllabus to guide teachers professional work in the areas of unpacking standards.

- III. **Grade Level Meetings – September 28th** - The principal met with the 5th and 6th grade teams in regards to the trip to the Fossil Park. The students have the ability to attend a school fossil dig event at the Rowan University Fossil Park in Mantua Township, New Jersey. The students will participate in two interactive educational workstations along with an opportunity to dig for 65 million year-old fossils!

- IV. **NAEP Testing** - 4th grade students were selected to take the mathematics and reading assessments on Thursday 2/9/2017. More information to follow.

- V. **Veteran's Day Committee Meeting – October 5th** – A committee led Mrs. Nellie Aponte met to brainstorm ideas for a Veteran's Day celebration at the school. Thank you to Mrs. Aponte and committee members for taking part in the annual event at the school.

VI. **SGO Training / Genesis GradeBook / Love and Logic Inservice – October 7th** - All professional staff will be trained in the 2016-2017 Student Growth Objectives tomorrow from 9-11am. A few important points when developing SGO's:

- 1) SGO's are to be uploaded to the Employee Portal by **Monday, October 24th**
- 2) All teachers/professional staff are to complete Student Growth Objectives/Professional Growth Objectives regardless if you receive an SGP or not.

It should be noted that SGO's are required for all teachers under AchieveNJ, but only recommended by the Department for those who provide educational services such as school counselors, nurses, media specialists, CST members, and others. Mullica Township School is requiring these educators to set two (2) SGOs and in some cases, including scores in their evaluations.

VII. **Blended Online Learning Module Grant** - PLC Coach Susan Gilbert was at the school to observe grade level PLC's in action.

VIII. **Study Island Benchmarks** – Teachers in grades 3-8 are began implementing the benchmarks in math and English language arts via the computer. According to Study Island, “The benchmarks help teachers to get a snapshot of student proficiencies in relation to the CCSS. The assessments provide valuable diagnostic information that can be used to drive classroom instruction, assess student progress toward mastering end-of-year assessments, and inform instruction. By exposing students to the content and item types that they will experience on state summative tests, teachers will be able to use their time with your students efficiently and effectively.”

IX. **Respect Week – Oct. 3rd – 7th** - Mullica's Respect Week Theme this year is - DIVERSITY. It's easy to be connected when we are all RESPECTed.

Monday, October 3rd - Be Connected...Link up!

- Students will write on a slip of paper answering the question, “What does diversity mean to me?” - Slips will be placed in your mailboxes.
- Discuss with your students what diversity is, and why it is important to be respectful of differences.
- Discuss what it looks like to respect yourself, respect one another, and how to respect our school.
- These slips of paper will be collected once completed, and will be made into a chain to connect all students and all grades together to display school wide.
- World Day of Bullying Prevention- [Wear Blue](#) to unify against bullying!

Tuesday, October 4th - Let's Talk about it!

- Selected 7th and 8th grade students will be participating in a round-table discussion about various topics that our society today is experiencing. This will be shared and displayed on the morning howl.
- *If there are any students in particular who you think would be a great candidate to participate in our in depth discussions, please send names to Matt Mazzoni. We would like to have the final students selected by September 30th.

Thursday, October 6th - Diversity Day!

- Students bring in an item or artifact to show and share with classmates. Why and/or how does this item express how the student is diverse/multicultural?
- Each grade will determine what time to host this 30-45 minute session.
- These artifacts that students present may reflect ethnicity, culture, places or origin, family history, family heritage, and more.
- Here are some ideas:
 - Posters

- Presentations/Power point
- Pictures
- Artifacts, such as clothing, books, religious items, (no weapons)
- Please NO food- Names and examples are acceptable

Monday, October 19th - Assembly

In addition to our Respect Week and Red Ribbon week, we are hosting an assembly for students to meet and interact with our guest, Jake Ballentine, a musical motivational speaker. Check out his website!

<http://jakespeaks.com/>

X. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

STUDENT ID / GRADE	DAYS	ISS	OSS	INFRACTION	DATE
000000831 / 1	2		X	Disorderly Conduct	10/5 & 10/6
000000144 / 4	2		X	Aggressive Physical Conduct	9/27 & 9/28
000000258 / 4	2		X	Aggressive Physical Conduct	9/27 & 9/28
000000805 / 1	1	X		Aggressive Physical Conduct	10/6
000000981 / 4	1	X		Aggressive Physical Conduct	10/11

XI. BULLYING REPORT

DATE	VICTIM'S ID	GRADE	OFFENDER'S ID	GRADE	FINDINGS	CONSEQUENCE(S)
9/27	000000373	4	000000144	4	Confirmed	OSS /PC/ P Conference
9/27	000000373	4	000000258	4	Confirmed	OSS /PC/ P Conference

Consequence Key		
SD - School Detention	C - Counseling	CR - Conflict Resolution
PM - Peer Mediation	Com - Signed Complaint	PN - Police Notification
ISS - In-School Suspension	OSS - Out of School Suspension	PC - Parent Contact

XII. FIRE /SAFETY DRILLS

Fire Drill – 10/12/16

Safety Drill – Evacuation – 9/20/2016

XIII. UPCOMING DATE