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“The Cat in the Hat” visits our schools

Under the direction of Mrs. Mary Horst, Media Specialist, Wanaque and Haskell Schools celebrated Read Across America Day on February 28th and March 5th respectively. Both Media Centers were transformed into the magical “Mulberry Street Mall” where students enjoyed a variety of Seuss related educational activities. The students were treated to a guest appearance of “The Cat in the Hat” at their assembly. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Horst and both the Wanaque and Haskell School PTA’s for all of their efforts in making this day so special for the children.



Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC)

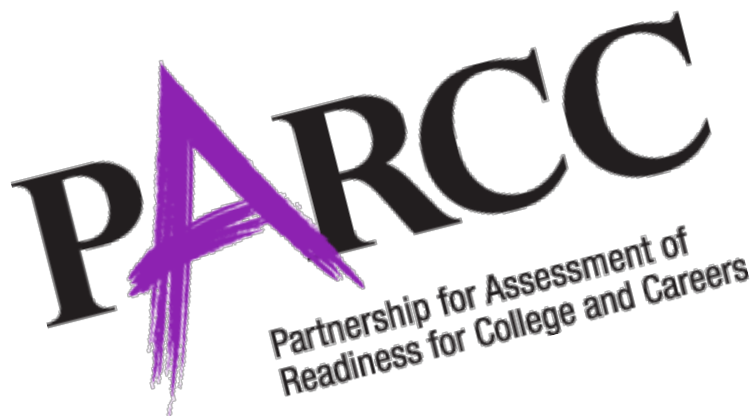
In June 2010, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) adopted the Common Core Standards (CCSS). The standards were developed to provide a well-defined outline to prepare our children for college and the workforce. They clearly define the knowledge and skills children should obtain throughout their K-12 education in order to graduate from high school prepared to succeed in entry-level careers, college, and workforce training programs.

In the spring of 2010, the NJDOE joined the Partnership for Assessment of readiness for College and Career (PARCC), which is a consortium of 23 states and Washington DC who are working together to develop a common set of K-12 assessments in language arts and math that are aligned to the Common Core Standards. The first time administration of these new assessments will be during the 2014-2015 school year.

The PARCC assessment will provide educators, and parents with the tools needed to identify whether students are on track for postsecondary success and, more importantly, where gaps may exist and how they can be addressed well before students enter college or the workforce.

Parents, please keep in mind that these new assessments will be scored differently than the NJASK. Therefore, it is not possible to directly compare the new scores with the old ones. The new assessment is designed to measure knowledge and skills in a much more rigorous manner. The National PTA has provided a great guide booklet for parents entitled "Parent's Guide to Student Success", <http://pta.org/files/Common%20Core%20State%20Standards%20Resources/2013%20Guide%20Bundle%5F082213.pdf>. In it, parents can gain an overview of what their child will learn by the end of each grade, K-12.

We will continue to provide you with updates regarding the transition to the PARCC Assessments as they become available.



News from the Board of Education

Final Days of School

As a result of using six (6) snow days, the last day of school and Graduation have been scheduled for Wednesday, June 25th. Please note that both Tuesday, June 24th and Wednesday, June 25th are single session days with a 1:16 dismissal.



2014-2015 Budget Hearing

The Wanaque Board of Education will hold their annual “Budget Hearing” on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 in the Wanaque School Media Center at 7 p.m. At this meeting, school officials will present a summary of the 2014-2015 proposed school budget. All are welcome!!



Introducing the 2014 Outstanding Service Award

The 2014 Outstanding Service Award has been instituted to recognize a teacher, paraprofessional, parent, or community member who goes above and beyond every day for a child in our district. If you would like to nominate someone for this award, please go to the school district’s website at www.wanaqueps.org to access the nomination form. Nominations are due by May 16, 2014 and the award will be presented at the June 17, 2014 BOE meeting.

School Happenings

Haskell

April 4, 2014
8:00 p.m. Drama Production of
Peter Pan

April 5, 2014
3:00 p.m. Drama Production of
Peter Pan

April 10, 2014
6:30 p.m. Art and Social Studies
Show

April 16, 2014
7 p.m. PTA Meeting

April 18-25 – Spring Recess

April 29-May 1 – NJASK Testing
Gr. 7 & 8

Wanaque

March 28, 2014
7:00 p.m. Drama Production of
Happy Days

March 29, 2014
2:00 p.m. Drama Production of
Happy Days

April 7
7:00 p.m. PTA Meeting

April 9
7:00 p.m. Encore Show Choir

April 10
7:00 p.m. Science Fair

April 18-25 – Spring Recess

April 29-May 1 – NJASK Testing
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