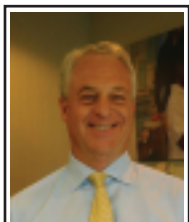




SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER



Superintendent
Christopher Cerf

Important Events for 2018-2019 Enrollment

Dear Friends,

The time is here to enroll students for the 2018-2019 school year. Several efforts are underway to help you prepare your student(s) for the next school year. There are a number of resources to help you navigate your next steps; including video, important dates to help you in your decision-making and goal setting, and other collateral materials.

NEWARK ENROLLS

<http://newarkenrolls.org>

NEWARK ENROLLS will host a number of events to provide an opportunity for parents and guardians to register students at the school of their choice. To help you prepare to participate, please note the following dates:

The application opens on **December 4** and the School Fair is being held on **December 9** at Barringer High School. **The application period closes on Friday, February 16.** Match letters will be released at the end of April and the family enrollment portal will become available shortly after.

IMPORTANT DATES

12/4-8	Inclusive Schools Week Office of Special Ed (Stand Up Sit Tall)
12/6	College Fair Springfield Branch Library
12/9	Newark Enrolls Citywide School Fair
12/12	My Very Own Library
12/12	NPS BOE Meeting (Business)
12/13	Professional Development for Parents by NPS Office of Early Childhood: Challenging Behaviors
12/14	Newark Girl Power (Empowering Career Day)
12/19	Special Needs Poetry In Motion Event
12/19	NPS BOE Public Meeting (Regular)
12/21	SEPAC Monthly Meeting
12/22	Christmas Observance
12/25	Christmas Day
12/29	New Year's Day Observance

For more dates and details visit
<http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/district-calendar/>

MORE NEWS

Sprint's 1Million Project Connects High School Students



Weequahic Principal Andre Hollis joins the Superintendent, Mayor Baraka, Sprint Executive Karen Paletta and Weequahic Valedictorian Zehaib Kone to kick off the Spring \$1Million Project at Weequahic High School.



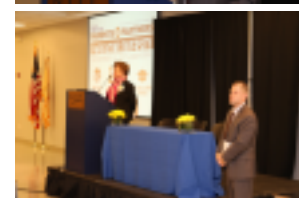
Superintendent Cerf and Mayor Baraka recently announced that more than 4,000 high school students will receive the equipment and connectivity they need to complete their schoolwork from home as part of the 1Million Project. **"The Sprint devices will expand the opportunity for more than 4,000 Newark Public Schools students to be connected to learning anytime, anywhere,"** said Superintendent Cerf.

"Thank you Sprint for your investment in our students. **Newark has become one of the country's most important centers of technology.** In keeping with that, I am pleased that Sprint has chosen to provide Newark students with the connectivity they need to do their school work and prepare themselves for a bright future," said Mayor Baraka.

TITLE 1 CONFERENCE

The office of Family and Community Engagement (FACE) recently hosted the **31st Annual Title 1 Citywide Parent Conference** at NJIT. The theme for this year, **"Parents as Partners - Embracing Diversity,"** explored parent engagement as a way to nurture and promote student education. Nearly 400 people attended the conference which included a number of topics, including; early childhood education, student transition to high school, understanding financial aid, bilingual education and more. One of the goals of the conference was to engage parents in every aspect of their child's education. Margarita Muniz, Executive Director of the Office of Family and Community Engagement said, **"Parental voice has value and power, our children and our schools need parent input to be successful, which is why parent participation in the conference is essential."** For more information about the Title 1 Conference, Parents as Partners, Embracing Diversity," please contact your Community Engagement Specialist at your child's respective school.

PARENTS AS PARTNERS EMBRACING DIVERSITY



Margarita Muniz and Brad Haggerty, Chief Academic Officer, present at the conference.



GRAMMAR SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS



Elliott Street School recently opened its doors for a first ever, Family Math Night to celebrate learning and to encourage students to understand the importance of Math in their daily lives. More than 450 parents and students attended.



Lafayette Street School students play on the new playground equipment.



Actor and Author John Amos reads to students at B.R.I.C.K. Avon Academy.



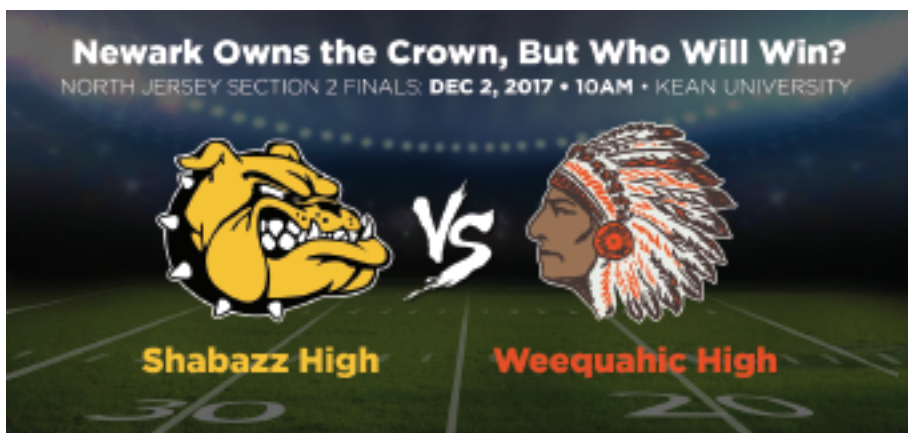
A Message from Deputy Superintendent Robert Gregory



Deputy Superintendent Robert Gregory

I continue to be inspired by the extraordinary, transformational, researched based practices I see teachers implementing in classrooms throughout our district. Teachers, especially those in the Newark Public Schools, remain the backbone of American society. We are reminded of this each day we stand with pride and see one of our graduates defying odds and contributing to the vitality of our community, state, and nation. Without great teachers and administrators, the democracy we cherish diminishes and savage inequalities emerge. **Teachers have and always will continue to make a difference**, as Newark's future success is defined by the people inspiring and shaping minds in classrooms throughout our city.

SPORTS AT NPS



Who will be the champions? Come out to Saturday's game to cheer them on and find out!

BOARD UPDATE

Board Members recently attended a Workshop - 2017 Education for a Common Purpose sponsored by the NJSBA. The annual conference was held in Atlantic City and Newark Board of Education Members participated in various workshops focused on governance, policy, ethics, etc., networked with fellow board members from different counties and exchanged best practices.



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