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The Hawk

Dates to Remember:

October 8, 2012

Columbus Day – School Closed

October 9, 2012

Progress Reports Distributed

October 17, 2012

Staff Development Day – School Closed

October 23, 2012

Advisory Board Meeting

October 31, 2012

Halloween Parade

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A Message from our Principal

Our mission, this school year, is to ensure high academic achievement for all students. We prepare students for success in college, future careers, and citizenship. We implement best practices and innovative approaches to help students achieve and reach goals. We make learning meaningful. Our approach is data-driven and systemic to ensure continuous improvement in reading for every student despite all obstacles. With quality teaching and 100% time on task, we will raise student achievement in our school and will make progress in closing the achievement gap.



First Annual Meet and Greet

On September 13, 2012, Hawkins Street School opened its doors to the community and welcomed those in attendance to a "Meet and Greet" in the newly renovated educational media center.

At this meeting, parents and community members were introduced to the new school administrators as well as the new members of the School Leadership Council.

In attendance were: Mr. Mitch Center, Assistant Superintendent for the Newark Public Schools, Advisory Board Member Ms. Eliana Pintor, Officer Joe Rebelo, Mr. Joseph De La Fave – Ironbound Community Corp., members of the Newark Fire Department, as well as retired principal of Hawkins Street School, Mr. Joseph Rendeiro.





Meet Ms. Sandra Marques, Principal



Ms. Sandra Marques began her career in education as a student teacher under Ms. Louise Tracey at Hawkins Street School in 1999. After successfully completing this internship, she was hired as an elementary teacher. During her years at Hawkins Street, Ms. Marques taught third and fourth grade.

In 2005, Ms. Marques was promoted to Vice Principal at Wilson Avenue School. She spent seven years in this position.

In August 2012, Ms. Marques was promoted to Hawkins Street School, returning to the school where her career started.

Ms. Marques' educational philosophy is, "By creating a safe and orderly educational environment, our students will flourish and with the end goal of becoming college and career ready, along with generating productive citizens."

Meet Ms. Theresa Empirio, Vice Principal



Ms. Theresa Empirio began her career in education in a professional development school in the 1990s as an exchange teacher and then as a model teacher. Her career path continued as she became the Mathematics Staff Developer at Hawkins Street School.

During her tenure at Hawkins Street School, Ms. Empirio has held the following positions: Whole School Reform facilitator and Literacy Coach.

In 2011, Ms. Empirio was promoted to vice principal of Hawkins Street School.

Ms. Empirio's educational philosophy is, "Do the best and be the best."

Ms. Empirio was born and raised in Newark and is a product of the Newark Public Schools.

Meet Dr. Julio Olivo, Vice Principal



Dr. Julio Olivo began his career in education as a school psychologist for the Newark Public Schools. Dr. Olivo held this position from 2005 through 2012.

In September of 2012, Dr. Olivo was promoted to vice principal of Hawkins Street School.

Dr. Olivo's educational motto is, "It takes the whole community to educate each child."

Dr. Olivo graduated from Hawkins Street School in 1995. He was born and raised in the Hyatt Court projects.

Dr. Olivo attended Ohio State University and loves watching college football.

His favorite color is red.

September 11th Commemoration

On September 11, 2012, the students and staff of Hawkins Street School participated in the September 11th commemoration.

This year, the Newark Fire Department joined the Hawkins Street family and led the school in remembering this solemn occasion.

Students from grades Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade lined the playground and began the commemoration with the Pledge of Allegiance. At 9:59am, the students and faculty were led in a moment of silence through the city-wide announcement provided by the Newark Fire Department.

As a conclusion to the ceremony, Ms. Marques thanked the Newark Fire Department for joining the school in remembering those who lost their lives eleven years ago.



The Newark Fire Department Engine 14

School Leadership Council Elections

On Friday, September 7, 2012, the Hawkins Street School teachers came together to vote on the new members of the School Leadership Council (SLC). Prior to this election, each teacher was given the opportunity to submit their name to be considered as a candidate for one of the SLC positions.

Elections were held via a paper ballot process. The voting processing was overseen by Mr. James Stack, NTU Representative, and Ms. Patricia Boatwright, Parent Liaison.

The School Leadership Council Members are:

Patricia Boatwright, Parent Liaison – Chairperson: Parental/Family Involvement

Diana Da Silva, Tech. Coordinator – Chairperson: Technology Committee

Cristina DiTaranto, Teacher

Carmelot Dorcellus, Science Teacher – SLC Chairperson/Chairperson: Curriculum Instruction/Assessment

Adelaide Krutsick, Clerk - Timekeeper

Goldie Jones, Librarian – Chairperson: Incentives/Rewards

Sandra Marques, Principal

Michelina Pugliese, Teacher – Co-Chairperson/Chairperson: Professional Development

James Stack, Teacher/NTU Representative – Chairperson: Nutrition

Physical Education

This year will be a great opportunity for all students of Hawkins Street School to become physically fit, healthy, and develop a physically active lifestyle.

Physical education is just as important as reading, math, and science. Research has shown that increasing opportunities in physical activity, fitness, and sports may help support success in the classroom.

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Physical Education Clothes

All students were asked to wear the following on Physical Education days: plain blue sweatpants, a plain white or blue t-shirt and sneakers.

If a student does not have the proper gym attire, please wear your school uniform with sneakers. Please know your child's physical education days.

What is my child doing in Physical Education class?



Grades 4-8 have focused on soccer and all soccer drills and skills. We will start full court soccer games the second week of October. Students are also being introduced to the sport of floor/nerf hockey. All students are doing times tables during jumping jacks and working with numbers to prepare for the NJASK.

Students in grades 1-3 are focusing on balancing while performing various movements during tag games. We will also work with numbers, space awareness, and locomotor skills. Ms. Davis from Fan4Kids will be working with our 1st and 2nd graders on physical activities and many locomotor skills. I will also guide her with activities for our younger children. Ms. Davis will also be working on proper nutrition with myself and the entire school.

Morning Activities



Morning activities will start in October. Students will be selected from Physical Education class based on behavior, participation, and sportsmanship. The morning activities will be based on the activities we are doing in Physical Education class that week. We will have morning activities on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7:45-8:15m.

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to stop in and see me at our Open House on Thursday, October 4, 2012 or email me at jstack@nps.k12.nj.us

From your School Librarian....

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Yes...It's Early this year!!!!' ALL GRADES
Tuesday, October 2nd—Friday, October 5th, 2012
see attached schedule



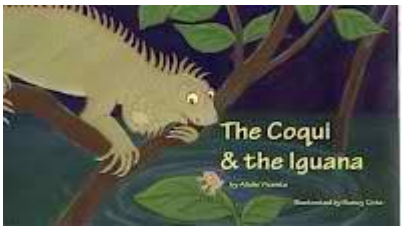
Thursday, October 4th, 2012....9:30AM
PreK, K, 1....Auditorium

jumpstart read for the record
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PEARSON FOUNDATION

Author Visit

Thursday, October 25th, 2012
PreK—4th Grade
Author Presentation followed by
Book Signing

Alidis Vicente



Election Connection

Voting Rights, The Electoral Process and Who are the Candidates?
November 5th, 2012....School Wide Mock Election
PreK—4 scheduled lessons and activities
5th—8th lessons and activities during library prep

