

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

10/23/15 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Mahwish Mustafa; Caitlin Rutkay; Vandana Bhargava; Chitra Sabapathi; Helen Lee; Kala Hariharan; Achint Kaur; Tissiana Oliva; Joanne Hozeny; Kerry Linstra; Elaine Moorman

PARCC

- Completely new test and cannot be compared to NJASK. Different scoring systems
- First year (2014/2015) scores considered baseline
- Results of a new test will typically be lower due to pre-advanced academic expectations. Will improve in subsequent years w/more exposure to common core and becoming use to new format
- Overall results demonstrate that students meet expectations or are approaching expectations.
- Full results are expected by end of November – to parents first week of December
- PARCC will be administered in April 2016; MAP again in Spring & those scores will be sent home to parents (not scores from Fall)

Gifted & Talented Overview

- Gr 4 & 5 were identified by beginning of year math tests and MAP test in 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school year
- 2 tiers – tier 1 top 10% of beginning of year assessment; tier 2 top 5% of MAP
- CML open to all Gr 4 & 5 students
 - 1 test per month for 5 months
 - Meet monthly during lunch/recess for practice questions
 - The five tests will be administered monthly during period 0
- Open to all so there is an enrichment math opportunity
- Students identified for this year's third grade telescoped program were assessed in Grade 2 using the Non-Verbal and Quantitative Cogat Tests, the MAP mathematics test and Motivation and Mathematics Scales from Renzulli
- Students needed a score of 18 or higher to be identified for the 3rd Grade Enrichment Cluster Program
- Each class typically had six to seven levels, with cluster grouping it condenses to 3 levels
- At the February PTO meeting there will a presentation unveiling an opportunity for Gr 3 students to be reconsidered for the Telescoped 4th Grade Program.

Conferences

- November 19, 20, 23 & 24 (19th evening)
- March 23 & 24 conference- only if needed by teacher and/or parent – per result of superintendents survey
- PTO will host Book Fair – class previews on 11/18 & 11/19
- Class parents are indicated with an asterisk next to their name in the class lists included in the directory
- E-mail addresses are not to be shared. Ms. Hozeny will send out a reminder

Smiles of Happiness Tree

- Formerly Giving Tree – no longer using snowflakes
- List of agencies distributed by Mrs. Kaur
- Table will be set up at Monster Mash
- Ms. Hozeny to send out BLAST

Questions

- How to understand Common Core
 - Good starting places: NJDOE and Google
- Halloween parade begins at 2 PM on Friday, 10/30; class parties afterwards
- An Aramark cafeteria representative will present at the December PTO meeting